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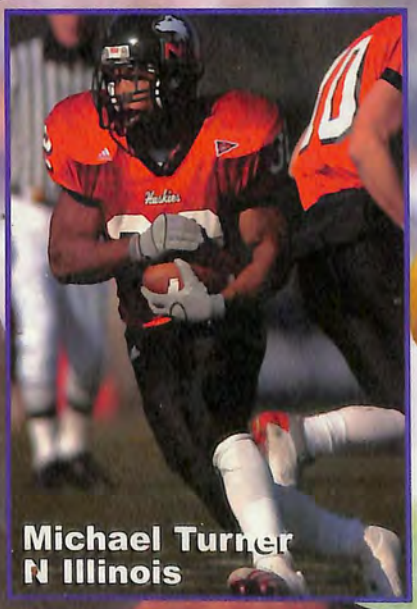

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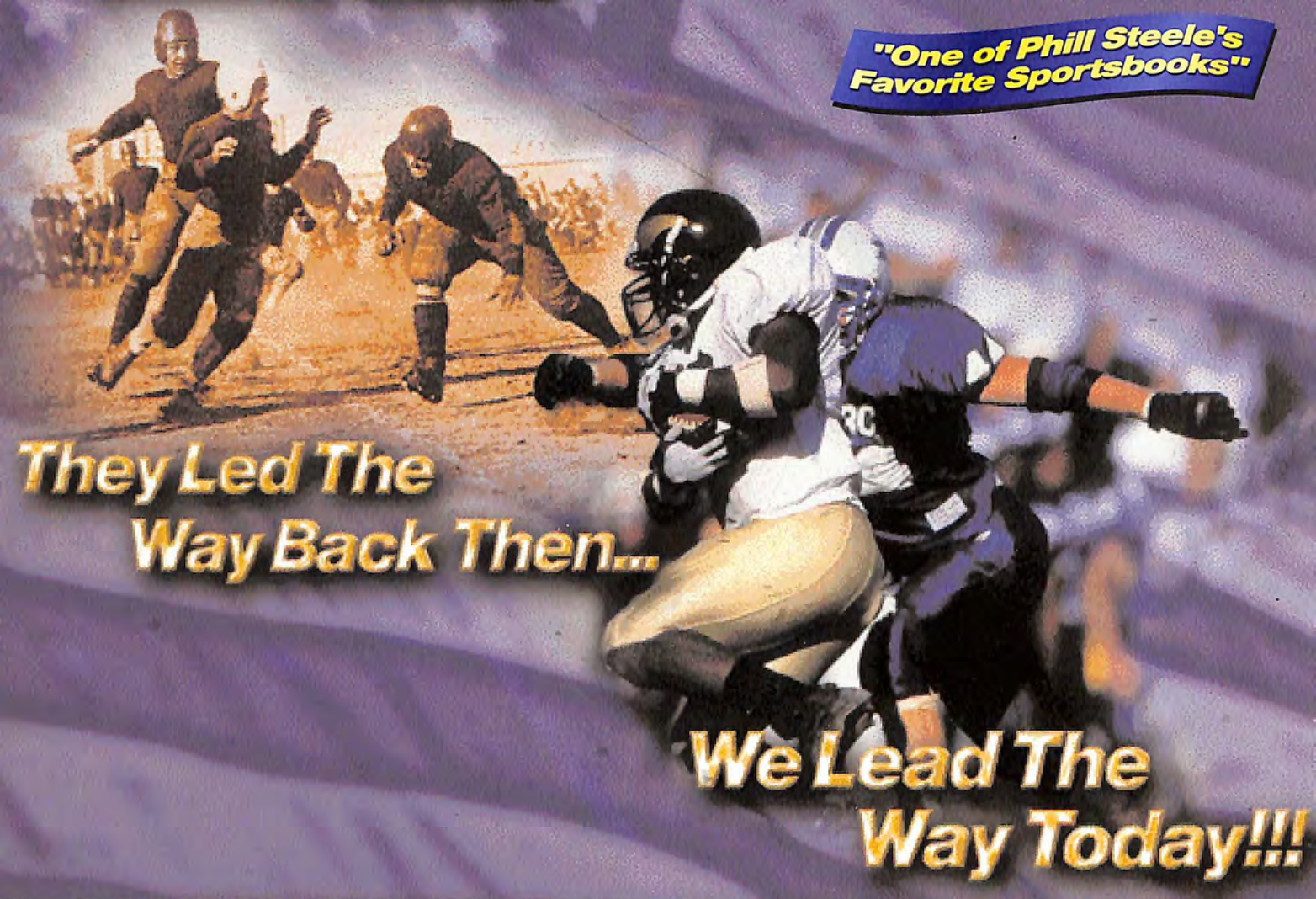

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There are some fine preseason magazines out there, like "The Sporting News," "Athlon," "Lindy's," "Sports Illustrated," "Game Plan," and "ESPN". Magazines in this class usually use numerous writers from around the country to analyze each school or conference. As always I have written EVERY single team preview myself. I do not know of any other magazine that has as MUCH information as my College Football Preview. Please check out the two full pages crammed with information on each team and see if you agree. If you like the information in this magazine, you will love Power Sweep. It is an eight page newsletter that is also loaded with information and comes out each week during the football season.

My Preseason Top 25's have had more teams make it to bowls in the past 9 years than any other preview. This past year 24 of my Top 25 teams were bowl eligible!! So take a look at 2003's Top 25 and hopefully the majority will make it to bowls once again this year. I am also pleased that we have been graded the most accurate preseason magazine over the past four years (see page 302). Also, this year here at Northcoast Sports we are once again writing an NFL Preview magazine. Make sure to check out page 325 for details on how you can receive it ABSOLUTELY FREE!!

You will notice there is a lot of small type and abbreviations in the write-ups. This is done so I can put as much information in this magazine as possible. Refer to the glossary on page 3 if you need assistance with some of the abbreviations. We have also added an index (see pg 3) so you can find your favorite team more quickly.

I would like to thank my dad, Hank, who passed away a little over a decade ago. He instilled in me a hard work ethic and a passion for football, which will always be my favorite sport. He is a true inspiration.

In closing, I hope you are as excited about this magazine as I am. I want the 2004 version to be even better. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how I can improve this magazine, please fill out the questionnaire on page 326. I will try to incorporate all of your good ideas into next year's magazine. You can order the 2004 version early, directly through our office. The Preview will sell for $7.95 and if you order before March 1, 2004, we will pick up the cost of the shipping. Call us at 1-800-654-3448 to order today.

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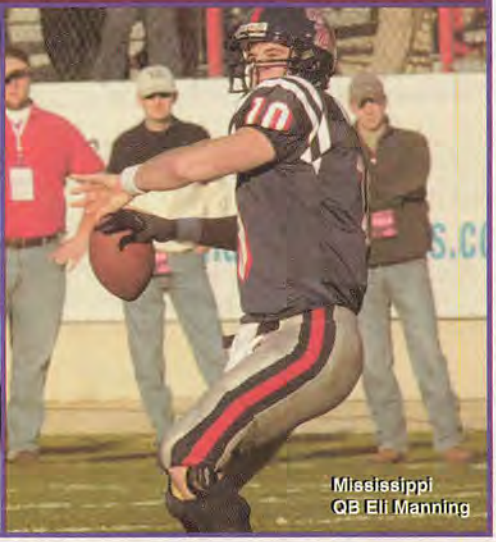
RB Maurice Clarett

Tennessee
QB Casey Clausen



Mississippi
QB Eli Manning

"I would like to acknowledge everyone who worked so hard on this magazine. Thank you for your time and effort. I could not have done it without you. I appreciate every one of the long hours that was put in." *Phil*

2003 PROJECTED BOWL MATCHUPS

For More Projected Bowl Matchups check out page 17.

GMAC BOWL

S Mississippi
vs
UCF

GMAC BOWL LAST YEAR

2002 Marshall (-2') 38 Louisville 15

HUMANITARIAN BOWL

Oregon
vs
Boise St

HUMANITARIAN BOWL LAST YEAR

2002 Boise St (-12) 34 Iowa St 16
2001 Clemson (-6') 49 La Tech 24
2000 Boise St (-9) 38 UTEP 23

SAN FRANCISCO BOWL

New Mexico
vs
Texas A&M

SAN FRANCISCO BOWL LAST YEAR

2002 Virginia Tech (-11') 20 Air Force 13

FORT WORTH BOWL

Oklahoma St
vs
Cincinnati

Inaugural Year

SILICON VALLEY CLASSIC

Fresno St
vs
Washington St

SILICON VALLEY CLASSIC LAST YEAR

2002 Fresno St (+6') 30 Georgia Tech 21
2001 Michigan St (+4') 44 Fresno St 35

HOUSTON BOWL

Texas Tech
vs
Arkansas

HOUSTON BOWL LAST YEAR

2002 Oklahoma St (-10) 33 S Miss 23

NEW ORLEANS BOWL

N Texas
vs
Tulane

NEW ORLEANS BOWL LAST YEAR

2002 N Texas (+7') 24 Cincinnati 19
2001 Colorado St (-11) 45 N Texas 20

CONTINENTAL TIRE BOWL

Georgia Tech
vs
Syracuse

CONTINENTAL BOWL LAST YEAR

2002 Virginia (+5') 48 W Virginia 22

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2003's Projected Championship Games:

Big 12 Nebraska vs Oklahoma
MAC UCF at N Illinois
SEC LSU vs Tennessee

Past Championship Games:

2002

Big 12 Oklahoma (-7') 29 Colorado 7
MAC Marshall (-4) 49 Toledo 45
SEC Georgia (-8) 30 Arkansas 3

2001

Big 12 Colorado (+7') 39 Texas 37
MAC Toledo (+3) 41 Marshall 36
SEC LSU (+7) 31 Tennessee 20

2000

Big 12 Oklahoma (-3) 27 Kansas St 24
MAC Marshall (+6') 19 W Michigan 14
SEC Florida (-9') 28 Auburn 6

1999

Big 12 Nebraska (-8) 22 Texas 6
MAC Marshall (-20) 34 W Michigan 30
SEC Alabama (+6') 34 Florida 7

1998

Big 12 Texas A&M (+17') 36 Kansas St 33
MAC Marshall (-11') 23 Toledo 17
SEC Tennessee (-14') 24 Miss St 14
WAC Air Force (-4) 20 BYU 13

1997

Big 12 Nebraska (-18) 54 Texas A&M 15
MAC Marshall (-10) 34 Toledo 14
SEC Tennessee (-6') 30 Auburn 29
WAC Colorado St (-9') 41 N Mex 13

1996

Big 12 Texas (-20') 37 Nebraska 27
SEC Florida (-15) 45 Alabama 30
WAC BYU (-10) 28 Wyoming 25

1995

SEC Florida (-24') 30 Arkansas 3

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SEC Florida (-7) 24 Alabama 23

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AA	All American	FF	Forced Fumble	JR	Junior	OLB	Outside Linebacker	ROV	Rover	TPG	Tackles Per Game
AC	All Conference	FG	Field Goal	JUCO	Junior College Transfer	OOB	Out of Bounds	RS	Return Specialist	TRANS	Transfer
ACL	Anterior Cruciate Ligament	FL	Flanker	JV	Junior Varsity	OT	OffensiveTackle/Overtime	RT	Right Tackle	TRUE	True Frosh
AD	Away Dog	FD	First Down	KD	Knockdown for an OL	PBU	Passes Broken Up	RZ	Red Zone	TTL	Total
AD	Athletic Director	FMBL	Fumble	K/P	Kicker/Punter	PD	Passes Defended (pbu+int)	S	Safety	TY	This Year
AF	Away Favorite	FR	Freshman/Fumble Rec	KR	Kick Returner	PT	Playing time	SB	Slotback	VL	Vertical Leap
ATS	Against the Spread	FS	Free Safety	L	1L,2L,3L,4L (letters earned)	PEN	Penalty	SE	Split End	VHT	Very Highly Touted (Top Recruit)
AG	Away Game	G	Guard	LB	Linebacker	POG	Player of the Game	SK	Sack/SKS-Sacks	WR	Wide Receiver
B2B	Back to Back	HB	Halfback/H-Back	LS	Long Snapper	POW	Player of the Week	SO	Sophomore	XP	Extra Point
BAN	Bandit	HC	Homecoming/Head Coach	LT	Left Tackle	POY	Player of the Year	SOD	Stopped on Downs	XPNG	Extra Point No Good
C	Center	HD	Home Dog	LW	Last Week	PPG	Points Per Game	SR	Senior	YD	Yard/YDS-Yards
CB	Cornerback	HF	Home Favorite	LY	Last Year	PQ	Partial Qualifier	SS	Strong Safety	YPC	Yards per Carry/Catch
CONV	Conversion	HG	Home Game	MCL	Medial Collateral Ligament	PR	Punt Returner	ST	Special Teams	YPP	Yards per Point/Punt
DC	Draft Choice	HM	Honorable Mention	MLB	Middle Linebacker	PS#	Phil's ranking out of HS	SU	Straight Up	YPG	Yards per Game
DC	Def Coordinator	HS	High School	MIP	Most Improved Player	QB	Quarterback	T	Offensive Tackle	YPR	Yards per Return
DD	Double Digit	HT	Highly Touted Athlete	NB	Nickel Back	QBH	Quarterback hurries	TB	Tailback	1H	1st Half, (2H) 2nd Half
DE	Defensive End	ILB	Inside Linebacker	NG	Nose Guard	RB	Running Back	TD	Touchdown	1Q	1st Quarter (2Q, 3Q, 4Q)
DL	Defensive Line/D-Line	INC	Incomplete	NL	No Line	REC	Receiver/Reception(s)	TE	Tight End	2PT	2 point conversion
DNQ	Did Not Qualify	INCL	Including	NT	Nose Tackle	REDS	Redshirt Frosh	TFL	Tackle For Loss	2PTNG	2 point conversion no good
DT	Defensive Tackle	INEL	Ineligible	OC	Offensive Coordinator	RET	Return	TKL	Tackles	†	Neutral Site
EZ	End Zone	INT	Interception	OG	Offensive Guard	RFR	Redshirt Frosh	TOP	Time of Possession	'	Half
FB	Fullback	JC	Junior College	OL	Offensive Line/O-Line	RG	Road Game(s)	TO	Turnovers/Timeout		

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 PRESEASON OFFENSIVE ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

	1ST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	2ND TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	3RD TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	4TH TEAM ALL-AMERICAN
QB	Eli Manning, Mississippi	Casey Clausen, Tennessee	Ben Roethlisberger, Miami, Oh	Cody Pickett, Washington
RB	Maurice Clarett, Ohio St	Kevin Jones, Virginia Tech	Cedric Benson, Texas	Mewelde Moore, Tulane
RB	Greg Jones, Florida St	Steven Jackson, Oregon St	Carnell Williams, Auburn	Michael Turner, N Illinois
WR	Larry Fitzgerald, Pittsburgh	Reggie Williams, Washington	Michael Jenkins, Ohio St	Mike Williams, USC
WR	Roy Williams, Texas	Rashaun Woods, Oklahoma St	Michael Clayton, LSU	Fred Gibson, Georgia
TE	Kellen Winslow Jr, Miami, Fl	Ben Utecht, Minnesota	Ben Watson, Georgia	Bo Scaife, Texas
C	Alex Stepanovich, Ohio St	Scott Wells, Tennessee	Brian Ottney, Michigan St	Ben Wilkerson, LSU
G	Shannon Snell, Florida	David Baas, Michigan	Adrien Clarke, Ohio St	Stephen Peterman, LSU
G	Bryce Bishop, Ohio St	Justin Smiley, Alabama	Elton Brown, Virginia	Lamar Bryant, Maryland
T	Robert Gallery, Iowa	Shawn Andrews, Arkansas	Max Starks, Florida	Carlos Joseph, Miami, Fl
T	Tony Pape, Michigan	Wesley Britt, Alabama	Travelle Wharton, S Carolina	Shane Olivea, Ohio St
K	Mike Nugent, Ohio St	Nate Kaeding, Iowa	Jared Siegel, Oregon	Nick Browne, TCU
KR	Vontez Duff, Notre Dame	Broderick Clark, Louisville	Derek Abney, Kentucky	Nathan Jones, Rutgers

PHIL'S TOP 60 QUARTERBACKS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Eli Manning	Mississippi	Sr	6-5	218
2.	Casey Clausen	Tennessee	Sr	6-4	225
3.	Ben Roethlisberger	Miami, Oh	Jr	6-5	242
4.	Cody Pickett	Washington	Sr	6-4	215
5.	Philip Rivers	NC State	Sr	6-5	236
6.	Andrew Walter	Arizona St	Jr	6-5	221
7.	Jared Lorenzen	Kentucky	Sr	6-4	275
8.	Brad Smith	Missouri	So	6-2	205
9.	John Navarre	Michigan	Sr	6-6	228
10.	David Greene	Georgia	Jr	6-3	230
11.	Derek Anderson	Oregon St	Jr	6-6	227
12.	Chris Rix	Florida St	Jr	6-4	205
13.	Matt Schaub	Virginia	Sr	6-5	240
14.	Luke McCown	Louisiana Tech	Sr	6-4	200
15.	Timmy Chang	Hawaii	Jr	6-2	191
16.	Rod Rutherford	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-3	220
17.	J.P. Losman	Tulane	Sr	6-3	215
18.	Ell Roberson	Kansas St	Sr	6-1	205
19.	Jammal Lord	Nebraska	Sr	6-2	220
20.	Zack Mills	Penn St	Jr	6-3	216
21.	Kyle Orton	Purdue	Jr	6-4	220
22.	Jon Beutjer	Illinois	Sr	6-5	211
23.	Gino Guidugli	Cincinnati	Jr	6-3	220
24.	Josh Fields	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-1	210
25.	Craig Krenzel	Ohio St	Sr	6-4	225
26.	Bradlee Van Pelt	Colorado St	Sr	6-2	225
27.	Jason Campbell	Auburn	Jr	6-4	223
28.	Adam Hall	San Diego St	Sr	6-3	220
29.	Bryan Randall	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-0	222
30.	Josh Harris	Bowling Green	Sr	6-3	225
31.	Ryan Schneider	UCF	Sr	6-2	230
32.	Casey Bramlet	Wyoming	Sr	6-4	231
33.	Dan Orlovsky	Connecticut	Jr	6-5	229
34.	Chance Harridge	Air Force	Sr	5-11	185
35.	Chris Lewis	Stanford	Sr	6-3	215
36.	Ryan Dinwiddie	Boise St	Sr	6-1	187
37.	Reggie McNeal	Texas A&M	So	6-2	191
38.	Joshua Cribbs	Kent St	Jr	6-0	195
39.	Paul Pinegar	Fresno St	So	6-5	220
40.	Darian Durant	N Carolina	Jr	5-11	218
41.	Brett Basanez	Northwestern	So	6-2	200
42.	Jason Fife	Oregon	Sr	6-4	222
43.	Paul Troth	E Carolina	Jr	6-5	233
44.	Brian Lindgren	Idaho	Sr	6-4	208
45.	Charlie Frye	Akron	Jr	6-4	213
46.	Rasheed Marshall	W Virginia	Jr	6-1	190
47.	Brock Berlin	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-1	209
48.	Charlie Whitehurst	Clemson	So	6-4	206
49.	Brodie Croyle	Alabama	So	6-2	199
50.	Carlyle Holiday	Notre Dame	Jr	6-3	221
51.	Matt Jones	Arkansas	Jr	6-5	225
52.	Jeff Smoker	Michigan St	Sr	6-3	215
53.	Danny Wimprine	Memphis	Jr	6-1	220
54.	Drew Olson	UCLA	So	6-2	223
55.	Tye Gunn	TCU	So	6-3	214
56.	Asad Abdul-Khaliq	Minnesota	Sr	6-1	215
57.	Jim Sorgi	Wisconsin	Sr	6-5	199
58.	Scott Rislov	San Jose St	Sr	5-10	218
59.	Jason White	Oklahoma	Sr	6-2	215
60.	Matt LoVecchio	Indiana	Jr	6-3	207

PHIL'S TOP 60 RUNNING BACKS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Maurice Clarett	Ohio St	So	6-0	230
2.	Greg Jones	Florida St	Sr	6-1	248
3.	Kevin Jones	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-0	209
4.	Steven Jackson	Oregon St	Jr	6-2	224
5.	Cedric Benson	Texas	Jr	6-0	205
6.	Carnell Williams	Auburn	Jr	5-11	204
7.	Mewelde Moore	Tulane	Sr	6-1	203
8.	Michael Turner	N Illinois	Sr	6-0	223
9.	Cedric Houston	Tennessee	Jr	6-0	215
10.	T.A. McLendon	NC State	So	5-11	215
11.	Anthony Davis	Wisconsin	Jr	5-8	194
12.	Fred Russell	Iowa	Jr	5-8	190
13.	Jermaine Green	Wash St	Sr	5-11	221
14.	Bruce Perry	Maryland	Sr	5-9	192
15.	Frank Gore	Miami, Fl	So	5-10	196
16.	Brandon Miree	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-0	235
17.	Cedric Cobbs	Arkansas	Sr	6-1	225
18.	Clarence Farmer	Arizona	Sr	6-0	224
19.	Joey Harris	Purdue	Sr	5-11	208
20.	Darren Sproles	Kansas St	Jr	5-7	170
21.	David Horne	Nebraska	So	6-0	190
22.	Tatum Bell	Oklahoma St	Sr	5-11	210
23.	Walter Reyes	Syracuse	Jr	5-10	205
24.	Derrick Knight	Boston Coll	Sr	5-9	205
25.	Chris Perry	Michigan	Sr	6-1	220
26.	Quincy Wilson	W Virginia	Sr	5-9	210
27.	Bobby Purify	Colorado	Sr	6-0	200
28.	Jason Wright	Northwestern	Sr	5-10	210
29.	Terry Jackson	Minnesota	Jr	5-11	190
30.	Shaud Williams	Alabama	Sr	5-8	182
31.	Ran Carthon	Florida	Sr	5-11	218
32.	Lorenzo Booker	Florida St	rFr	5-11	182
33.	Ryan Grant	Notre Dame	Jr	6-1	209
34.	Wali Lundy	Virginia	So	6-1	212
35.	Chris Douglas	Duke	Sr	6-0	190
36.	Zack Abron	Missouri	Sr	5-9	228
37.	Jerious Norwood	Miss St	So	6-0	185
38.	Derek Farmer	Texas A&M	Jr	5-11	202
39.	Brandon Jacobs	Auburn	Jr	6-4	257
40.	Eric Shelton	Louisville	So	6-3	245
41.	Alex Haynes	UCF	Jr	5-11	210
42.	Lonta Hobbs	TCU	So	5-10	218
43.	Marty Johnson	Utah	Sr	5-11	230
44.	Rich Alexis	Washington	Sr	6-0	220
45.	Tony Hollings	Georgia Tech	Sr	5-11	215
46.	Yusef Kelly	Clemson	Jr	6-0	225
47.	Tyler Ebell	UCLA	So	5-9	171
48.	Terry Caulley	Connecticut	So	5-7	180
49.	Jabari Davis	Tennessee	Jr	6-0	225
50.	Ronnie Brown	Auburn	Jr	6-1	223
51.	DonTrell Moore	New Mexico	So	5-11	211
52.	Kejuan Jones	Oklahoma	So	5-9	187
53.	Damien Rhodes	Syracuse	So	6-1	193
54.	Brian Calhoun	Colorado	So	5-10	195
55.	Thomas Tapeh	Minnesota	Sr	6-1	230
56.	Julius Jones	Notre Dame	Sr	5-10	200
57.	De'Arrius Howard	Arkansas	So	6-0	227
58.	Marcus Whalen	BYU	Jr	5-11	210
59.	David Mikell	Boise St	Sr	5-10	191
60.	Lydell Ross	Ohio St	Jr	6-0	210

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Tulane
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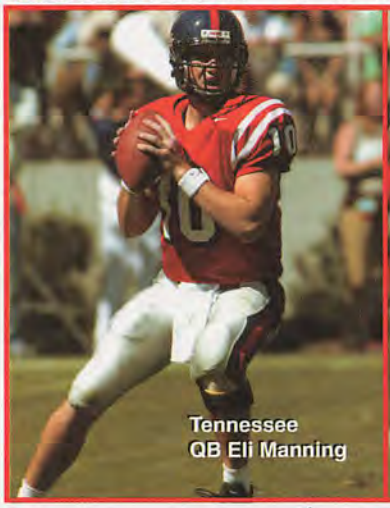
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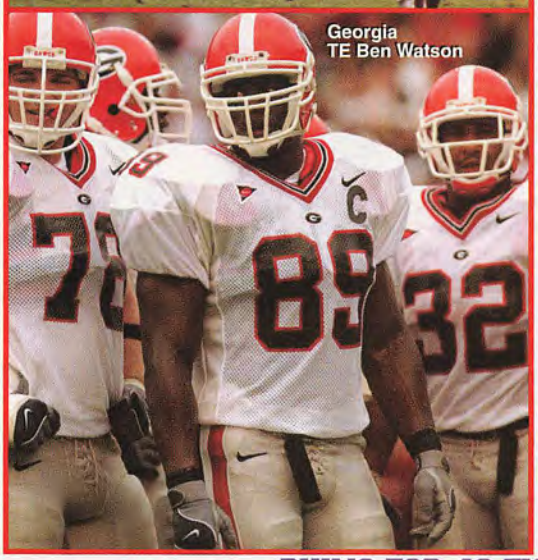
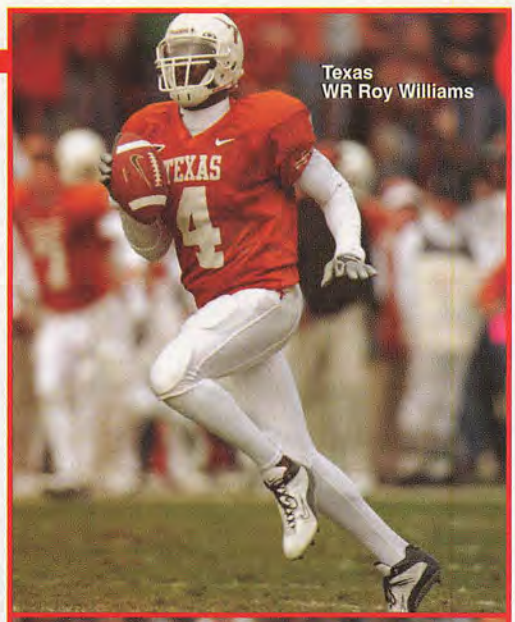

Georgia
TE Ben Watson

PHIL'S TOP 60 WIDE RECEIVERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Larry Fitzgerald	Pittsburgh	So	6-3	210
2.	Roy Williams	Texas	Sr	6-4	210
3.	Reggie Williams	Washington	Jr	6-4	220
4.	Rashaun Woods	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-2	190
5.	Michael Jenkins	Ohio St	Sr	6-5	215
6.	Michael Clayton	LSU	Jr	6-4	192
7.	Mike Williams	USC	So	6-5	210
8.	Fred Gibson	Georgia	Jr	6-4	196
9.	Braylon Edwards	Michigan	Jr	6-3	206
10.	Devard Darling	Wash St	Jr	6-3	205
11.	Maurice Brown	Iowa	Sr	6-2	216
12.	Lee Evans	Wisconsin	Sr	5-11	196
13.	B.J. Johnson	Texas	Sr	6-1	200
14.	Darius Watts	Marshall	Sr	6-2	181
15.	Ernest Wilford	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-4	221
16.	James Newson	Oregon St	Sr	6-1	208
17.	Bernard Berrian	Fresno St	Sr	6-2	190
18.	Derrick Hamilton	Clemson	Jr	6-4	200
19.	Tab Perry	UCLA	Sr	6-3	215
20.	John Standeford	Purdue	Sr	6-4	191
21.	Keary Colbert	USC	Sr	6-1	205
22.	Chris Collins	Mississippi	Sr	6-2	190
23.	Maurice Stovall	Notre Dame	So	6-5	221
24.	Jerricho Cotchery	NC State	Sr	6-1	200
25.	Kevin Youngblood	Clemson	Sr	6-5	219
26.	Ben Obomanu	Auburn	So	6-1	192
27.	Troy Williamson	S Carolina	So	6-2	200
28.	Jason Geathers	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-3	210
29.	Lane Danielsen	Iowa St	Sr	6-0	192
30.	Tony Johnson	Penn St	Sr	5-11	209
31.	Johnnie Morant	Syracuse	Sr	6-4	223
32.	Kevin Beard	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-2	180
33.	Earvin Johnson	UNLV	Jr	6-3	200
34.	Craphonso Thorpe	Florida St	Jr	6-2	175
35.	Tyrece Butler	Michigan	Sr	6-3	213
36.	Jafar Williams	Maryland	Sr	6-2	211
37.	Jamaar Taylor	Texas A&M	Sr	6-1	194
38.	Sloan Thomas	Texas	Sr	6-2	200
39.	Carlos Perez	Florida	Sr	5-11	193
40.	Devin Aromashodu	Auburn	So	6-2	196
41.	Charles Frederick	Washington	Jr	6-0	180
42.	Samie Parker	Oregon	Sr	5-11	177
43.	Tavares Gideon	Memphis	Sr	6-4	210
44.	Craig Bragg	UCLA	Jr	6-2	189
45.	Sterling Hicks	NC State	Jr	6-2	180
46.	Jason Anderson	Wake Forest	Jr	6-3	182
47.	Justin Jenkins	Miss St	Sr	6-1	210
48.	Paris Hamilton	Minnesota	Jr	6-1	190
49.	Jonathan Orr	Wisconsin	So	6-3	188
50.	Michael McGrew	Virginia	Sr	6-2	200
51.	Wes Welker	Texas Tech	Sr	5-9	190
52.	Josh Davis	Marshall	Jr	6-1	185
53.	Roydell Williams	Tulane	Jr	6-2	183
54.	Kendrick Starling	San Jose St	Sr	6-4	188
55.	Will Peoples	Oklahoma	Jr	6-1	190
56.	Mike Espy	Mississippi	So	6-0	187
57.	Aaron Hosack	Minnesota	Sr	6-5	210
58.	Devery Henderson	LSU	Sr	6-0	190
59.	Omar Jenkins	Notre Dame	Sr	6-1	205
60.	Marque Davis	Fresno St	Sr	6-0	190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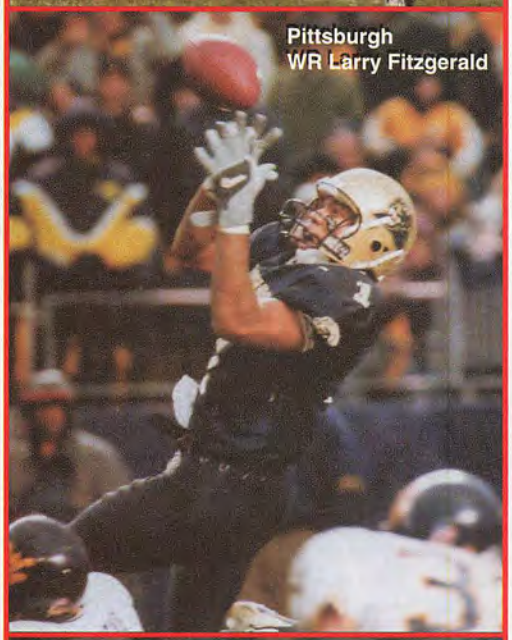

Pittsburgh
WR Larry Fitzgerald

Minnesota
TE Ben Utecht

PHIL'S TOP 40 TIGHT ENDS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Kellen Winslow Jr	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-5	233
2.	Ben Utecht	Minnesota	Sr	6-6	250
3.	Ben Watson	Georgia	Sr	6-3	255
4.	Bo Scaife	Texas	Sr	6-3	250
5.	Brock Edwards	Texas	Sr	6-5	250
6.	Ben Troupe	Florida	Sr	6-4	262
7.	Sean Ryan	Boston Coll	Sr	6-5	259
8.	Alex Holmes	USC	Sr	6-3	265
9.	Jason Rader	Marshall	Sr	6-4	260
10.	Michael Gaines	UCF	Sr	6-3	280
11.	Eric Knott	Michigan St	Jr	6-3	272
12.	Bobby Blizzard	N Carolina	Sr	6-3	273
13.	Joel Dreessen	Colorado St	Jr	6-4	253
14.	Kris Wilson	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-3	240
15.	Heath Miller	Virginia	So	6-5	254
16.	Jeff Dugan	Maryland	Sr	6-4	260
17.	Tim Euhus	Oregon St	Sr	6-5	251
18.	Ben Hall	Clemson	Jr	6-5	250
19.	Jason Peters	Arkansas	Jr	6-5	320
20.	Ronnie Ghent	Louisville	Sr	6-3	255
21.	Thomas Hill	Kansas St	Sr	6-5	260
22.	Troy Bienemann	Washington St	So	6-4	250
23.	Brett Pierce	Stanford	Sr	6-6	250
24.	Ben Hartsock	Ohio St	Sr	6-4	264
25.	Marcedes Lewis	UCLA	So	6-6	250
26.	Aaron Halterman	Indiana	Jr	6-4	256
27.	Billy Bajema	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-5	250
28.	Bob Docherty	Wisconsin	Jr	6-6	267
29.	Keith Willis	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-5	264
30.	Eric Edwards	LSU	Sr	6-5	264
31.	Gary Godsey	Notre Dame	Sr	6-6	250
32.	Jared Clark	Notre Dame	Jr	6-4	242
33.	Chris Cooley	Utah St	Sr	6-4	252
34.	Charles Davis	Purdue	So	6-6	265
35.	Matt Herian	Nebraska	So	6-5	240
36.	Adam Strecker	Air Force	Sr	6-6	240
37.	Stephen Cucci	Houston	Sr	6-4	264
38.	Quinn Sypniewski	Colorado	Sr	6-7	250
39.	Andy Roland	Duke	So	6-4	220
40.	Matt Brandt	Miami, Oh	Sr	6-5	248

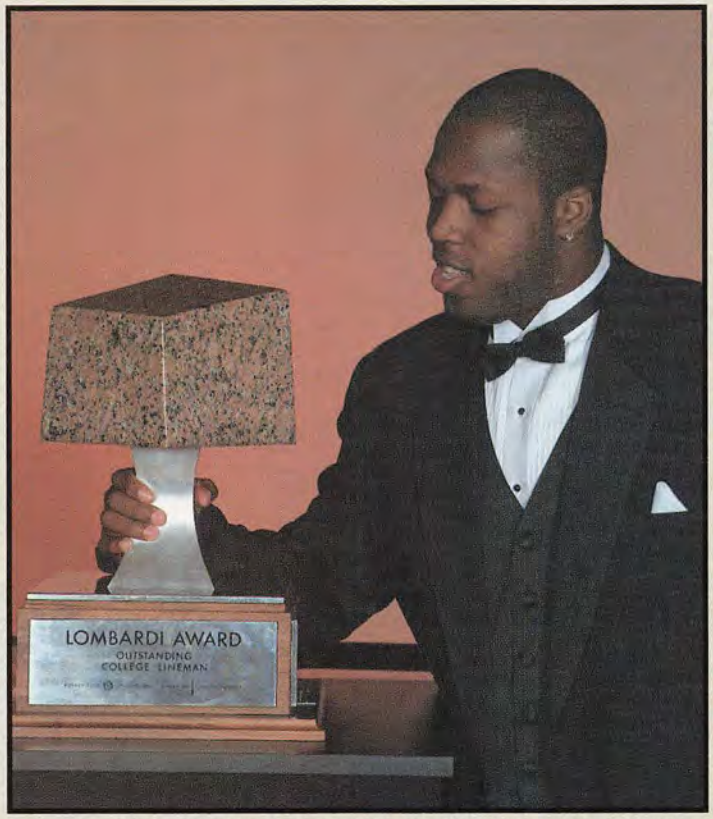
PHIL'S TOP 15 FULL BACKS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Judd Davies	Nebraska	Sr	6-0	250
2.	Mike Karney	Arizona St	Sr	6-0	255
3.	Alex Wade	Duke	Sr	6-1	255
4.	Sean McHugh	Penn St	Sr	6-6	225
5.	Carey Davis	Illinois	Sr	6-0	225
6.	Ivan Williams	Texas	Sr	6-1	240
7.	Manuel White, Jr	UCLA	Jr	6-3	247
8.	Brandon Johnson	Auburn	Sr	6-1	234
9.	Madison Hedgecock	N Carolina	Jr	6-3	260
10.	Troy Fleming	Tennessee	Sr	6-2	230
11.	Lousaka Polite	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-0	240
12.	Vonta Leach	E Carolina	Sr	6-0	248
13.	Matthew Tant	Vanderbilt	So	5-11	227
14.	Mark Pierce	Arkansas	Jr	6-0	242
15.	Travis Wilson	Kansas St	Sr	6-4	240

THE ROTARY LOMBARDI AWARD

Phil Steele is very proud to be a participant on the voting committee for the Rotary Lombardi Award.

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Houston, the Rotary Lombardi Award is an honor granted to football linemen – offense or defense – who, in addition to outstanding performance and ability, best exemplifies the discipline of Vince Lombardi. As the legendary coach of the Green Bay Packers, Lombardi first made a name for himself as the smallest but toughest member of Fordham University's "Seven Blocks of Granite", renowned in their day (1934-37) for being the most unyielding line in college football. Appropriately, the trophy is a 40-pound block of granite atop a silver pedestal built over a foundation of discipline. The symbolic design was created by Houston Rotarian and professional artist, the late Mark Storm. The Award was inititated by the Rotary Club shortly after the death of Mr. Lombardi in 1970. Thanks to the graciousness of Mrs. Vince Lombardi, the Club was authorized to establish the Award in Coach Lombardi's memory.



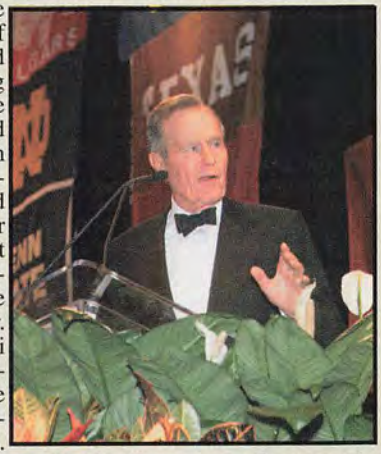
Defensive end Terrell Suggs of Arizona State was the winner of the 2002 Rotary Lombardi Award. Suggs is the first player from the Pac-10 to win the honor since Steve Emtman of Washington took home the granite statue in 1991.

As stipulated by Mrs. Lombardi, all net proceeds from the Award dinners and associated activities are contributed to the American Cancer Society in an effort to continue fighting a disease that has claimed the lives of so many including Vince Lombardi. Since 1970, over $2.7 million dollars has been raised and donated to the American Cancer Society to fund cancer research, public education and direct services to cancer patients.

America's most prominent college football coaches, football writers, sports broadcasters and previous Rotary Lombardi Award winners gather each year to make up a distinguished panel of over 400 that participate in a three-tiered balloting process. This year, Phil Steele was honored to be included in this panel. The committee selects twelve semi-finalists, four finalists and one overall winner. Arizona State DE Terrell Suggs was the winner of this year's award, making this a first ever win for an Arizona State player, and the first win since 1991 for the Pac-10 division. A high school running back who switched to defense as a freshman at Arizona State, Suggs more than doubled his career total for sacks in his record-setting junior season. His total of 24, an NCAA record, smashed the previous record of 17.5 set in 2001 by Rotary Lombardi Award finalist Dwight Freeney of Syracuse. He also set a school career mark with 44 sacks. Suggs was selected over fellow finalists E.J. Henderson of Maryland, Tommie Harris of Oklahoma City and Cory Redding of Texas. Recent Lombardi Award winners include Julius Peppers (2001), Jamal Reynolds (2000), Corey Moore (1999), Dat Nguyen (1998), Grant Wistrom (1997), Orlando Pace (1996, 1995) and Warren Sapp (1994).

University of Texas DE Cory Redding

Former President George Bush served as the honorary chairman for the event and was joined as a speaker by Bob McNair, the owner of the Houston Texans and former Green Bay Packer great Jerry Kramer. No stranger to charity events in Houston, Mr. Bush returned to the Awards stage having presented the Award to Rich Glover of Nebraska in 1973. Mr. Bush is one of three men to hold the office of President to attend the dinner and is the second to do so after leaving office. Gerald Ford served as the Honorary Chairman in 1976 and presented the trophy to Wilson Whitley of the University of Houston. Former President Ronald Regan spoke at the 1972 dinner while governor of California, eight years prior to his election as President. Hollywood legend Bob Hope has also served as a guest speaker.



The 2003 Rotary Lombardi Awards Dinner will return to Reliant Stadium again in 2003. The scheduled date for this years ceremony is December 10, 2003. Check the website often at www.rotarylombardiaward.com for upcoming ticket sales information and online ticketing options.

2002 Other Top Awards Winners

Heisman Trophy- QB Carson Palmer, USC
Maxwell Award- RB Larry Johnson, Penn St
Walter Camp Award- RB Larry Johnson, Penn St
Chuck Bednarik Trophy- LB EJ Henderson, Maryland
Davey O'Brien National QB Award- QB Brad Banks, Iowa
Doak Walker Award- RB Larry Johnson, Penn St
John Mackey Award- TE Dallas Clark, Iowa
Biletnikoff Award- WR Charles Rogers, Michigan St
Butkus Award- LB EJ Henderson, Maryland
Lou Groza Award- K Nate Kaeding, Iowa
Jim Thorpe Award- DB Terence Newman, Kansas St
Outland Trophy- DT Rien Long, Washington St
Ray Guy Award- P Mark Mariscal, Colorado
Rimington Trophy- C Brett Romberg, Miami

PHIL'S TOP 40 CENTERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Alex Stepanovich	Ohio St	Sr	6-4	310
2.	Scott Wells	Tennessee	Sr	6-2	300
3.	Brian Ottney	Michigan St	Sr	6-6	302
4.	Ben Wilkerson	LSU	Jr	6-4	300
5.	Nick Leckey	Kansas St	Sr	6-4	285
6.	A.J. Ricker	Missouri	Sr	6-4	295
7.	Jake Grove	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-3	300
8.	Dave Pearson	Michigan	Sr	6-3	291
9.	Nick Romeo	Syracuse	Sr	6-1	298
10.	Vince Carter	Oklahoma	Jr	6-3	284
11.	Todd Bachert	Washington	Sr	6-4	310
12.	Jason Brown	N Carolina	Jr	6-3	318
13.	Cedric Fields	Baylor	Sr	6-3	278
14.	Al James	Houston	Sr	6-0	300
15.	Hugh Reilly	Georgia Tech	Sr	6-4	285
16.	Mike Degory	Florida	So	6-5	309
17.	Keoki Fraser	Arizona	Jr	6-3	300
18.	Tony Aguilar	Arizona St	Sr	6-3	288
19.	Matt Martinez	Idaho	Sr	6-2	304
20.	Scott Jackson	BYU	Sr	6-5	300
21.	Todd Ghilani	N Illinois	Sr	6-4	295
22.	Ben Stephens	Rice	Sr	6-2	300
23.	Dan Weaver	Oregon	Sr	6-5	282
24.	Toby Cecil	Texas Tech	Sr	6-4	290
25.	Norm Katnik	USC	Sr	6-4	280
26.	Chase Johnson	TCU	Jr	6-3	310
27.	Doug White	E Carolina	Sr	6-0	310
28.	Mark Dreyer	Colorado St	Sr	6-4	275
29.	Ryan Cook	New Mexico	So	6-6	339
30.	Mike McCloskey	UCLA	So	6-5	272
31.	Matt Brock	Oregon St	Jr	6-2	301
32.	Aric Galliano	Utah St	Sr	6-3	297
33.	Jim Hicks	S Miss	Sr	6-4	277
34.	Jed Paulsen	NC State	Jr	6-2	290
35.	Steve Smith	Kent St	Sr	6-3	285
36.	Zachary Giles	Notre Dame	So	6-3	287
37.	Luke Bayer	Duke	Sr	6-5	290
38.	Ben Buie	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-2	305
39.	Marty Pyszczymuka	Rutgers	Sr	6-2	280
40.	Steve Reindl	SMU	Sr	6-3	285

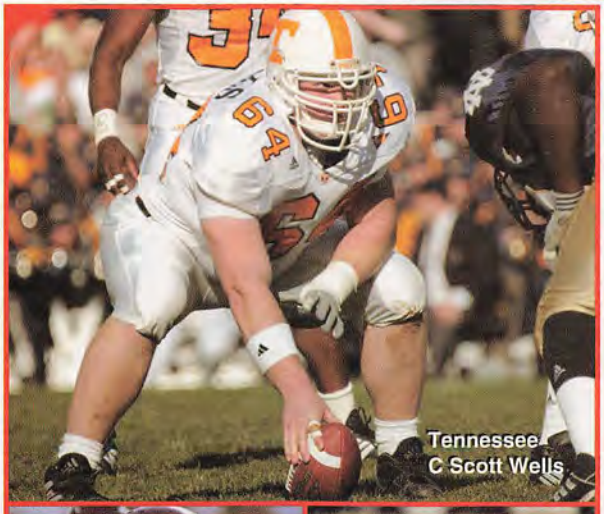
Arkansas
OT Shawn Andrews

PHIL'S TOP 20 KICKERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Mike Nugent	Ohio St	Jr	5-10	170
2.	Nate Kaeding	Iowa	Sr	6-0	177
3.	Jared Siegel	Oregon	Jr	5-10	193
4.	Nick Browne	TCU	Sr	5-10	172
5.	Nick Novak	Maryland	Jr	6-0	196
6.	Kirk Yliniemi	Oregon St	Sr	6-1	194
7.	Billy Bennett	Georgia	Sr	5-8	175
8.	Robbie Gould	Penn St	Jr	6-1	167
9.	Steve Azar	N Illinois	Sr	5-7	192
10.	Dario Aguiniga	N Mexico St	Sr	5-11	213
11.	Nick Hayes	UAB	Jr	6-1	180
12.	Sandro Sciortino	Boston Coll	Sr	5-10	201
13.	Jonathan Nichols	Mississippi	Jr	6-0	180
14.	Brent Smith	Miss St	Sr	5-10	203
15.	Xavier Beitia	Florida St	Jr	5-10	210
16.	Matt Payne	BYU	Jr	6-4	240
17.	Dan Orner	N Carolina	Sr	5-8	170
18.	Jeff Babcock	Colorado St	Jr	5-9	185
19.	Drew Dunning	Washington St	Sr	5-11	165
20.	Keith Robinson	UTEP	Jr	5-11	215

PHIL'S TOP 60 GUARDS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Shannon Snell	Florida	Sr	6-4	310
2.	Bryce Bishop	Ohio St	Jr	6-3	312
3.	David Baas	Michigan	Jr	6-5	320
4.	Justin Smiley	Alabama	Jr	6-4	302
5.	Adrien Clarke	Ohio St	Sr	6-5	355
6.	Elton Brown	Virginia	Jr	6-6	333
7.	Stephen Peterman	LSU	Sr	6-4	325
8.	Lamar Bryant	Maryland	Sr	6-3	308
9.	Chris Myers	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-5	276
10.	Doug Buckles	Mississippi	Jr	6-5	300
11.	Jason Respert	Tennessee	Jr	6-3	305
12.	Tyson Clabo	Wake Forest	Sr	6-6	314
13.	Chris Snee	Boston Coll	Jr	6-2	305
14.	Kanan Sanchez	Oregon St	Jr	6-3	344
15.	Chris McKelvy	Penn St	Sr	6-4	327
16.	Jeb Terry	N Carolina	Sr	6-6	308
17.	Eyoseph Efseaff	UCLA	Jr	6-3	305
18.	Joey Forster	Oregon	Sr	6-4	284
19.	Mark Bokermann	Arkansas	Sr	6-5	302
20.	Bob Montgomery	Iowa St	Sr	6-2	306
21.	C.J. Brooks	Maryland	Jr	6-6	323
22.	E.J. Whitley	Texas Tech	So	6-6	310
23.	Justin Blalock	Texas	rFr	6-4	340
24.	John Glud	TCU	Sr	6-7	333
25.	Steven Vieira	UCLA	Jr	6-6	305
26.	Derek McLaughlin	C Michigan	Sr	6-5	315
27.	Nick Zuniga	N Texas	Sr	6-3	295
28.	Mike Erickson	Nebraska	Jr	6-4	305
29.	Augie Hoffmann	Boston Coll	Sr	6-2	305
30.	Chris Kemoeatu	Utah	Jr	6-4	339
31.	Claude Terrell	New Mexico	Jr	6-3	330
32.	Brett Huyser	Air Force	Sr	6-4	295
33.	Steve Subia	N Mexico St	Jr	6-3	365
34.	Monreko Crittenden	Auburn	Sr	6-5	350
35.	Sean Milligan	Notre Dame	Sr	6-4	291
36.	Andy Galloway	UAB	Jr	6-5	310
37.	Uriah Moenoa	Hawaii	Jr	6-3	327
38.	Marcus Johnson	Mississippi	Jr	6-6	330
39.	Mo Mitchell	Florida	Jr	6-7	340
40.	Shane Sims	TCU	So	6-3	305
41.	Joe Laudano	Temple	Sr	6-2	290
42.	Dan Buenning	Wisconsin	Jr	6-4	303
43.	Cedric Johnson	Clemson	Jr	6-4	318
44.	Aaron Butler	Washington	Jr	6-4	320
45.	Marwan Hage	Colorado	Sr	6-3	295
46.	David Ashkinaz	UCF	Sr	6-4	305
47.	Darric Randolph	Toledo	Sr	6-4	318
48.	Rusty Wilson	Duke	Sr	6-3	330
49.	Joseph Hayes	San Jose St	Sr	6-5	304
50.	William Whitticker	Michigan St	Jr	6-6	315
51.	Shane Luna	UL Monroe	Sr	6-2	310
52.	Aldo De La Garza	Texas A&M	So	6-3	317
53.	Drew Hodgdon	Arizona St	Jr	6-3	285
54.	Lenny Vandermade	USC	Sr	6-3	275
55.	Rex Hadnot	Houston	Sr	6-2	310
56.	Mark LeVoir	Notre Dame	So	6-7	320
57.	Trevor Hutton	Utah St	Sr	6-2	308
58.	Larry Coachman	UAB	Sr	6-1	340
59.	Davin Joseph	Oklahoma	So	6-4	299
60.	Dan LaCarte	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-4	295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TCU
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Iowa
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PHIL'S TOP 60 TACKLES

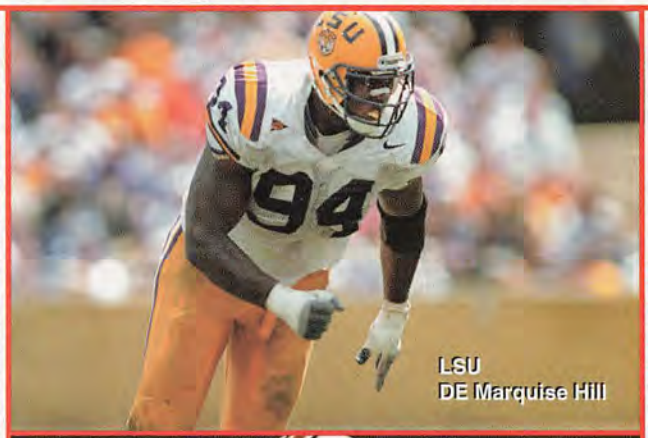
	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Robert Gallery	Iowa	Sr	6-7	317
2.	Tony Pape	Michigan	Sr	6-6	305
3.	Shawn Andrews	Arkansas	Jr	6-5	371
4.	Wesley Britt	Alabama	Jr	6-8	315
5.	Max Starks	Florida	Sr	6-7	349
6.	Travelle Wharton	S Carolina	Sr	6-4	300
7.	Carlos Joseph	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-6	334
8.	Shane Olivea	Ohio St	Sr	6-5	310
9.	Rob Petitti	Pittsburgh	Jr	6-6	330
10.	Vernon Carey	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-5	350
11.	Nat Dorsey	Georgia Tech	Jr	6-6	335
12.	Brian Rimpf	E Carolina	Sr	6-6	314
13.	Chris Colmer	NC State	Sr	6-6	305
14.	Nate McPeek	Marshall	Sr	6-4	317
15.	Michael Munoz	Tennessee	Jr	6-6	305
16.	Winston Justice	USC	So	6-6	305
17.	Antonio Hall	Kentucky	Sr	6-5	299
18.	Jammal Brown	Oklahoma	Jr	6-6	305
19.	Jacob Rogers	USC	Sr	6-6	305
20.	Sean Bubin	Illinois	Sr	6-7	300
21.	Kirk Chambers	Stanford	Sr	6-7	315
22.	Khalif Barnes	Washington	Jr	6-5	300
23.	Mark Wilson	California	Sr	6-6	295
24.	Rob Droege	Missouri	Sr	6-6	300
25.	Wes Sims	Oklahoma	Jr	6-5	317
26.	Ray Willis	Florida St	Jr	6-6	295
27.	Logan Mankins	Fresno St	Jr	6-4	305
28.	Calvin Armstrong	Washington St	Jr	6-8	315
29.	Bucky Babcock	Illinois	Jr	6-4	285
30.	D'Brickashaw Ferguson	Virginia	So	6-5	265
31.	Josh Parrish	Washington St	Sr	6-6	320
32.	Casey Shelton	Iowa St	Sr	6-5	295
33.	Quintin Outland	Baylor	Jr	6-4	333
34.	Jonathan Scott	Texas	So	6-7	297
35.	Jami Hightower	Texas A&M	Jr	6-4	327
36.	Richie Incognito	Nebraska	So	6-3	300
37.	Dan Vili Waldrop	Nebraska	Sr	6-5	350
38.	Jon Dunn	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-7	343
39.	Erik Pears	Colorado St	Jr	6-8	307
40.	Andrew Whitworth	LSU	So	6-7	320
41.	Alex Barron	Florida St	Jr	6-6	316
42.	Marcus McNeill	Auburn	So	6-9	329
43.	Evan Mathis	Alabama	Jr	6-5	295
44.	Nick Kaczur	Toledo	Jr	6-5	320
45.	Erik Faasen	Toledo	Sr	6-8	345
46.	Mark Pera	Auburn	Sr	6-6	312
47.	Jonathan Colon	Florida	Jr	6-7	310
48.	Jason Lenzmeier	New Mexico	Sr	6-5	312
49.	Brandon Westbrook	Middle Tennessee	Sr	6-6	301
50.	Brian Duffy	Rutgers	Sr	6-5	315
51.	Tim Brown	W Virginia	Sr	6-5	295
52.	Keith Leavitt	Boston Coll	Sr	6-6	345
53.	Justin Geisinger	Vanderbilt	Jr	6-4	320
54.	Nick Newton	Washington	Sr	6-5	330
55.	Jeremy Parquet	S Miss	Jr	6-7	318
56.	Drew Strojny	Duke	Sr	6-8	300
57.	Alan Parker	Nevada	Sr	6-5	310
58.	Rob Sims	Ohio St	So	6-4	305
59.	Sterling Harris	SMU	Sr	6-6	310
60.	Zach Strief	Northwestern	So	6-7	335

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 PRESEASON DEFENSIVE ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

	1ST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	2ND TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	3RD TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	4TH TEAM ALL-AMERICAN
DE	Antwan Odom, Alabama	Will Smith, Ohio St	Kenechi Udeze, USC	Claude Harriott, Pittsburgh
DT	Vince Wilfork, Miami, Fl	Rodrique Wright, Texas	Marcus Tubbs, Texas	DeMarco McNeil, Auburn
DT	Tommie Harris, Oklahoma	Randy Starks, Maryland	Shaun Cody, USC	Haloti Ngata, Oregon
DE	David Pollack, Georgia	Marquise Hill, LSU	Nathaniel Adibi, Virginia Tech	Marcus Spears, LSU
OLB	DJ Williams, Miami, Fl	Derrick Johnson, Texas	Kendyll Pope, Florida St	Daryl Smith, Georgia Tech
OLB	Karlos Dansby, Auburn	Dontarrious Thomas, Auburn	Teddy Lehman, Oklahoma	Kevin Burnett, Tennessee
ILB	Rod Davis, S Miss	Lance Mitchell, Oklahoma	Chad Mascoe, UCF	Barrett Ruud, Nebraska
ILB	Jonathan Vilma, Miami, Fl	Richard Siegler, Oregon St	Niko Koutouvides, Purdue	Sean Tufts, Colorado
CB	Marlin Jackson, Michigan	Nathan Vasher, Texas	Ahmad Carroll, Arkansas	DeAngelo Hall, Virginia Tech
CB	Matt Ware, UCLA	Derrick Strait, Oklahoma	Chris Gamble, Ohio St	Antrel Rolle, Miami, Fl
SS	Maurice Sikes, Miami, Fl	Jamaal Brimmer, UNLV	Kentrell Curry, Georgia	Bob Sanders, Iowa
FS	Stuart Schweigert, Purdue	Brandon Everage, Oklahoma	Sean Taylor, Miami, Fl	Dexter Reid, N Carolina
P	Kyle Larson, Nebraska	Donnie Jones, LSU	Dustin Colquitt, Tennessee	Adam Finley, Michigan
PR	Derek Abney, Kentucky	Steve Suter, Maryland	Dan Sheldon, N Illinois	Antonio Perkins, Oklahoma

PHIL'S TOP 60 DEFENSIVE ENDS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Antwan Odom	Alabama	Jr	6-5	273
2.	David Pollack	Georgia	Jr	6-3	278
3.	Will Smith	Ohio St	Sr	6-4	250
4.	Marquise Hill	LSU	Jr	6-7	294
5.	Kenechi Udeze	USC	Jr	6-4	280
6.	Nathaniel Adibi	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-3	255
7.	Claude Harriott	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-4	270
8.	Marcus Spears	LSU	Jr	6-4	295
9.	Tommy Kelly	Mississippi St	Sr	6-6	296
10.	Andrew Shull	Kansas St	Sr	6-5	260
11.	Tyson Smith	Iowa St	Sr	6-2	231
12.	Kalen Thornton	Texas	Sr	6-3	270
13.	Jonathan Jackson	Oklahoma	Jr	6-3	235
14.	Bo Schobel	TCU	Sr	6-5	268
15.	Darius Jones	Wisconsin	Jr	6-3	276
16.	Jason Kaufusi	Utah	Sr	6-3	250
17.	Josh Thomas	Syracuse	Sr	6-7	288
18.	Howard Hodges	Iowa	Sr	6-2	255
19.	Matt Roth	Iowa	Jr	6-4	258
20.	Loren Howard	Northwestern	So	6-4	270
21.	George Gause	S Carolina	Jr	6-5	255
22.	Bryan Pickryl	Texas	So	6-5	210
23.	Bill Swancutt	Oregon St	Jr	6-4	260
24.	Omar Nazel	USC	Sr	6-5	240
25.	Justin Tuck	Notre Dame	So	6-5	246
26.	Eric Moore	Florida St	Jr	6-4	245
27.	Kevin Emanuel	Florida St	Sr	6-4	255
28.	Chris Canty	Virginia	Jr	6-7	280
29.	D.D. Acholonu	Washington St	Sr	6-3	245
30.	Dave Ball	UCLA	Sr	6-6	268
31.	Greg Gathers	Georgia Tech	Sr	6-1	270
32.	Julian Jenkins	Stanford	So	6-4	250
33.	Terrell Paul	S Miss	Sr	6-3	246
34.	Derrick Strong	Illinois	Sr	6-4	245
35.	Erasmus James	Wisconsin	Sr	6-4	258
36.	Larry Stevens	Michigan	Sr	6-3	261
37.	Shaun Phillips	Purdue	Sr	6-3	260
38.	Jocques Dumas	N Carolina	Jr	6-6	264
39.	Travis LaBoy	Hawaii	Sr	6-4	249
40.	Trevor Johnson	Nebraska	Sr	6-4	255
41.	Vincent Burns	Kentucky	Jr	6-2	258
42.	Jeremy Caudill	Kentucky	Sr	6-3	297
43.	Brady Poppinga	BYU	Jr	6-3	260
44.	Jamus Martin	Marshall	Jr	6-2	224
45.	Terrance Chapman	NC State	Sr	6-3	250
46.	Eric Henderson	Georgia Tech	So	6-3	265
47.	Raheem Orr	Rutgers	Sr	6-4	260
48.	Jason Babin	W Michigan	Sr	6-4	265
49.	Linnis Smith	Texas A&M	Sr	6-4	288
50.	Adell Duckett	Texas Tech	Jr	6-4	250
51.	Gabe Nyenhuis	Colorado	Jr	6-4	265
52.	Moe Thompson	S Carolina	So	6-4	270
53.	Simon Fraser	Ohio St	Jr	6-6	250
54.	Uyi Osunde	Connecticut	Sr	6-3	243
55.	Mathias Kiwanuka	Boston Coll	So	6-6	248
56.	Manase Hopoi	Washington	Jr	6-4	255
57.	Isaac Brown	Washington St	Sr	6-3	226
58.	Trent Cole	Cincinnati	Jr	6-4	227
59.	Demarcus Ware	Troy St	Jr	6-5	220
60.	Greg Richmond	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-2	240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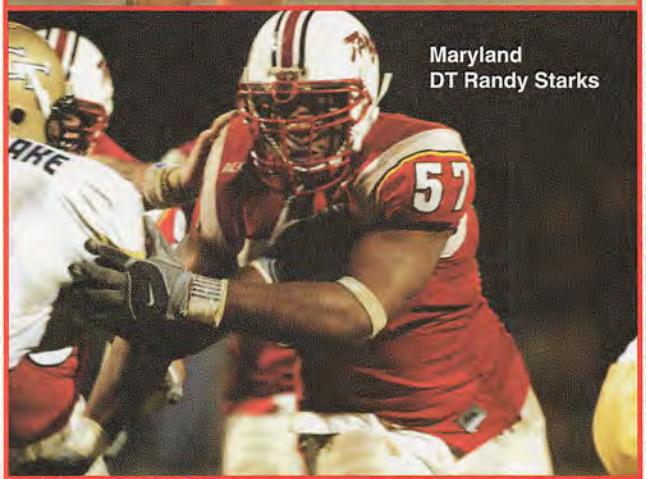
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DT Randy Starks

Virginia Tech
DE Nathaniel Adibi

PHIL'S TOP 60 DEFENSIVE TACKLES

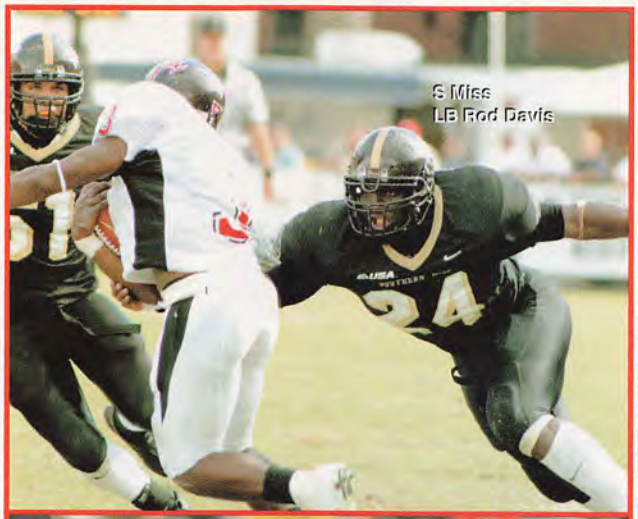
	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Vince Wilfork	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-2	350
2.	Tommie Harris	Oklahoma	Jr	6-3	284
3.	Rodrique Wright	Texas	So	6-5	320
4.	Randy Starks	Maryland	Jr	6-4	304
5.	Marcus Tubbs	Texas	Sr	6-4	305
6.	Shaun Cody	USC	Jr	6-4	275
7.	DeMarco McNeil	Auburn	Sr	6-2	300
8.	Haloti Ngata	Oregon	So	6-4	339
9.	Darnell Dockett	Florida St	Sr	6-4	280
10.	Darrion Scott	Ohio St	Sr	6-3	271
11.	Anttaj Hawthorne	Wisconsin	Jr	6-3	297
12.	Tim Anderson	Ohio St	Sr	6-4	289
13.	Rodney Leisle	UCLA	Sr	6-3	288
14.	Louis Gachelin	Syracuse	Sr	6-1	285
15.	Kedric Golston	Georgia	So	6-4	295
16.	Chad Lavalais	LSU	Sr	6-3	289
17.	Donnell Washington	Clemson	Jr	6-6	315
18.	Marcus Jasmin	Texas A&M	Jr	6-5	318
19.	Doug Goodwin	Boston Coll	Sr	6-1	285
20.	Jeremey Williams	Washington St	Sr	6-4	284
21.	Jordan Carstens	Iowa St	Sr	6-5	303
22.	Albert Means	Memphis	Sr	6-4	350
23.	Patrick Kabongo	Nebraska	Sr	6-6	320
24.	Travis Johnson	Florida St	Jr	6-5	281
25.	Jeff Womble	Florida St	Sr	6-3	306
26.	Chad Pugh	TCU	Sr	6-3	314
27.	Kwakou Robinson	Virginia	So	6-4	327
28.	Igor Olshansky	Oregon	Jr	6-6	305
29.	Mondre Dickerson	Tennessee	Sr	6-5	290
30.	Anthony Bryant	Alabama	Sr	6-3	348
31.	Mike Patterson	USC	Jr	6-0	285
32.	Tai Tupai	Washington St	Sr	6-5	343
33.	Brandon Kennedy	N Texas	Sr	5-10	310
34.	Orien Harris	Miami, Fl	So	6-4	294
35.	Jesse Mitchell	Mississippi	Sr	6-1	277
36.	Dwan Edwards	Oregon St	Sr	6-3	305
37.	Darrius Swain	Georgia	So	6-2	325
38.	Craig Terrill	Purdue	Sr	6-2	289
39.	Terry Johnson	Washington	Sr	6-4	265
40.	Jared Clauss	Iowa	Sr	6-5	280
41.	Isaac Sopoaga	Hawaii	Sr	6-3	315
42.	Vince Crochunis	Pittsburgh	Jr	6-4	285
43.	Shamar Abrams	UAB	Jr	6-2	330
44.	Lorenzo Alexander	California	Jr	6-3	295
45.	Damane Duckett	E Carolina	Sr	6-7	300
46.	Bobby Leffew	Louisville	Jr	6-5	281
47.	Kevin Lewis	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-1	292
48.	Christian Ferrara	Syracuse	Sr	6-4	302
49.	Jonathan Bradley	Arkansas St	Sr	6-2	292
50.	Mathias Askew	Michigan St	Jr	6-6	292
51.	DeMarcus Johnson	UCF	Sr	6-4	295
52.	Darrell Campbell	Notre Dame	Sr	6-4	296
53.	Kory Klein	Oklahoma	Sr	6-2	285
54.	Luis Castillo	Northwestern	Jr	6-4	290
55.	Grant Bowman	Michigan	Sr	6-1	290
56.	Norman Heuer	Michigan	Sr	6-5	288
57.	Chris Eagen	UNLV	Sr	6-4	265
58.	Cedric Hilliard	Notre Dame	Sr	6-2	295
59.	Matt Zielinski	Duke	Sr	6-3	290
60.	Marlan Hicks	Marshall	Sr	6-3	295

PHIL'S TOP 60 INSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Rod Davis	S Miss	Sr	6-3	245
2.	Jonathan Vilma	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-2	208
3.	Lance Mitchell	Oklahoma	Sr	6-3	246
4.	Richard Siegler	Oregon St	Sr	6-3	239
5.	Chad Mascoe	UCF	Sr	6-3	255
6.	Niko Koutouvides	Purdue	Sr	6-3	237
7.	Barrett Ruud	Nebraska	Jr	6-2	240
8.	Sean Tufts	Colorado	Sr	6-4	235
9.	Pat Durr	Northwestern	Sr	6-1	235
10.	Gino Capone	Penn St	Sr	6-2	238
11.	Carl Diggs	Michigan	Sr	6-1	247
12.	Mike D'Andrea	Ohio St	So	6-3	240
13.	Grant Wiley	W Virginia	Sr	6-1	230
14.	Keyaron Fox	Georgia Tech	Sr	6-3	220
15.	Ricardo Hurley	S Carolina	So	6-3	225
16.	Freddie Roach	Alabama	So	6-2	251
17.	Adam Seward	UNLV	Jr	6-2	250
18.	James Kinney	Missouri	Jr	6-1	233
19.	Ronald Stanley	Michigan St	Jr	6-0	225
20.	Kirk Morrison	San Diego St	Jr	6-2	240
21.	Mike Goolsby	Notre Dame	Sr	6-3	243
22.	Joe Siofele	Arizona	Sr	6-2	255
23.	Nick Duffy	N Illinois	Sr	6-2	232
24.	Ben West	Minnesota	Sr	6-2	240
25.	Lemarcus Rowell	Auburn	So	6-3	229
26.	Doug Justice	N Carolina	So	6-2	241
27.	Greg Carothers	Washington	Sr	6-2	230
28.	Chad Kalilimoku	Hawaii	Sr	5-11	243
29.	Brandon Hoyte	Notre Dame	So	6-0	228
30.	Marvin Simmons	Kansas St	So	6-0	230
31.	Lawrence Pinson	Oklahoma St	So	6-2	235
32.	Maurice Jones	S Florida	Sr	6-2	245
33.	Nigel Eldridge	UAB	Jr	6-2	230
34.	Mikal Baaqee	Virginia Tech	Jr	5-10	227
35.	Maurice Sonnier	UL Monroe	Sr	6-2	246
36.	Robert Peace	Tennessee	Sr	6-3	235
37.	Lance Laury	S Carolina	So	6-2	225
38.	Daryl Towns	Nevada	Sr	6-0	226
39.	Cody Spencer	N Texas	Sr	6-3	240
40.	Scott McClintock	Michigan	So	6-2	243
41.	Rich Scanlon	Syracuse	Sr	6-1	240
42.	Matt Sinclair	Illinois	Jr	6-3	230
43.	Ross Brupbacher	Louisiana-Lft	Sr	6-1	231
44.	Clarke Moore	Arkansas	So	6-2	245
45.	Terrell Jones	Miami, Oh	Sr	5-9	218
46.	Rod Day	Louisville	Sr	6-1	220
47.	Brandon Brown	Iowa St	Jr	5-10	229
48.	Garnet Smith	Texas	So	6-3	220
49.	Marchello Graddy	Air Force	Sr	6-1	235
50.	Drew Wood	Colorado St	Sr	6-2	235
51.	Marc Dailey	Fresno St	Sr	6-1	235
52.	Jamar Enzor	Cincinnati	Jr	6-1	222
53.	Justin London	UCLA	So	6-1	235
54.	Damien West	Houston	Sr	6-2	245
55.	Brandt Quick	Tulane	Sr	6-1	235
56.	David Lusky	E Michigan	Sr	6-1	245
57.	Lamar Wilcher	Buffalo	Sr	6-1	242
58.	Alfred Fincher	Connecticut	Jr	6-1	242
59.	Jared Morris	Texas A&M	Sr	6-3	256
60.	Eddie Carthan	Navy	Sr	5-11	218

PHIL'S TOP 20 PUNTERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Kyle Larson	Nebraska	Sr	6-0	205
2.	Donnie Jones	LSU	Sr	6-3	217
3.	Dustin Colquitt	Tennessee	Jr	6-2	196
4.	Adam Finley	Michigan	Jr	6-4	206
5.	Brian Huffman	Northwestern	Jr	6-1	220
6.	Matt Payne	BYU	Jr	6-4	240
7.	Cody Scates	Texas A&M	Sr	6-1	201
8.	Andy Lee	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-2	205
9.	Tom Malone	USC	So	6-0	185
10.	Tim Parker	Arizona St	Sr	6-0	192
11.	Brad Kadlubar	N Texas	Jr	5-11	205
12.	Vinnie Burns	Virginia Tech	Jr	5-11	202
13.	Greg Johnson	Vanderbilt	So	6-1	190
14.	Ryan Plackemeier	Wake Forest	So	6-3	230
15.	Robert Billings	Middle Tennessee	Sr	6-0	200
16.	John Skaggs	Navy	Sr	6-2	202
17.	Kyle Basler	Washington St	So	6-2	237
18.	David Bradley	Iowa	Jr	6-2	205
19.	B.J. Sander	Ohio St	Sr	6-3	212
20.	Brock Harvey	Missouri	Jr	6-1	197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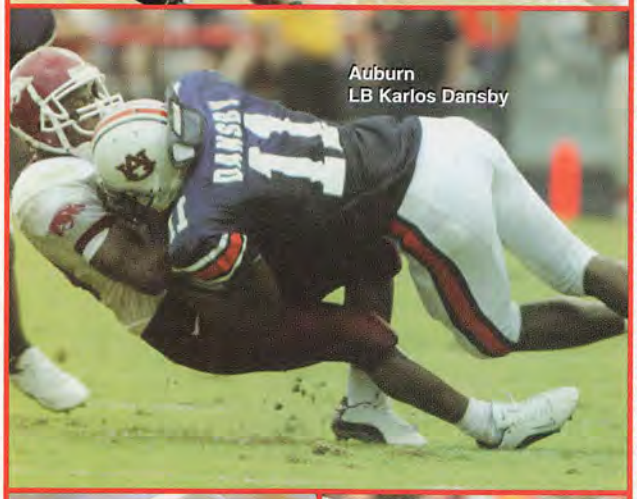
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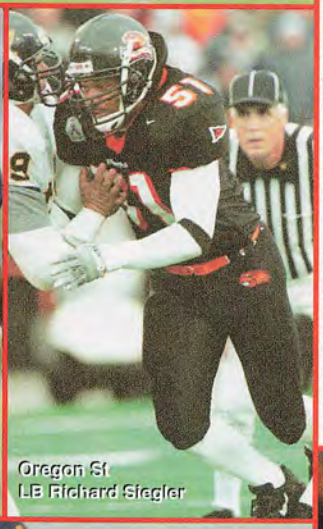
UCF
LB Chad Mascoe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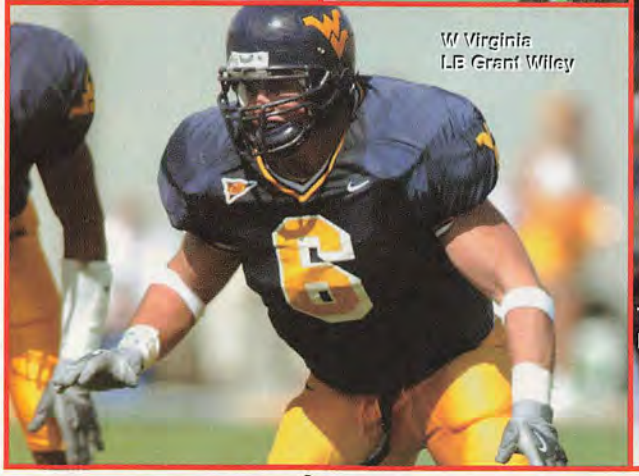

W Virginia
LB Grant Wiley

PHIL'S TOP 60 OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	D.J. Williams	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-2	247
2.	Karlos Dansby	Auburn	Sr	6-5	235
3.	Derrick Johnson	Texas	Jr	6-4	220
4.	Dontarrious Thomas	Auburn	Sr	6-4	238
5.	Kendyll Pope	Florida St	Sr	6-2	220
6.	Teddy Lehman	Oklahoma	Sr	6-2	241
7.	Daryl Smith	Georgia Tech	Sr	6-2	235
8.	Kevin Burnett	Tennessee	Jr	6-3	235
9.	John Leake	Clemson	Sr	6-1	225
10.	Michael Boulware	Florida St	Sr	6-3	220
11.	Darryl Blackstock	Virginia	So	6-4	230
12.	Pasha Jackson	Oklahoma	Sr	6-3	240
13.	Eric Pauly	Colorado St	Sr	6-4	223
14.	Josh Buhl	Kansas St	Sr	6-0	210
15.	Lewis Moore	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-2	245
16.	Derek Wake	Penn St	Jr	6-3	242
17.	Jason Clark	Miss St	Sr	6-1	240
18.	Kai Parham	Virginia	rFR	6-2	238
19.	Spencer Havner	UCLA	So	6-4	229
20.	Matt Grootegoed	USC	Jr	5-11	205
21.	Marquis Cooper	Washington	Sr	6-4	210
22.	John Garrett	Baylor	Sr	6-1	253
23.	Kevin Mitchell	Oregon	Sr	5-11	220
24.	Brandon Chillar	UCLA	Sr	6-3	233
25.	Ahmad Brooks	Virginia	tFr	6-4	249
26.	Robert Reynolds	Ohio St	Sr	6-3	234
27.	Josh Ott	Boston Coll	Sr	6-2	225
28.	Roger McIntosh	Miami, Fl	So	6-3	219
29.	Brooks Daniels	Alabama	Sr	6-2	198
30.	Tony Bua	Arkansas	Sr	5-11	218
31.	Jason Mitchell	Tennessee	So	6-1	220
32.	Kevin Simon	Tennessee	So	5-11	225
33.	Lionel Turner	LSU	Jr	6-2	255
34.	Nick Speegle	New Mexico	Jr	6-5	236
35.	Zach Woodfin	UAB	Jr	6-2	235
36.	Michael Boley	S Miss	Jr	6-3	218
37.	Ryan Fowler	Duke	Sr	6-4	235
38.	Leon Joe	Maryland	Sr	6-1	223
39.	Paul Walkenhorst	BYU	Sr	6-5	252
40.	A.J. Hawk	Ohio St	So	6-2	230
41.	Melvin Simmons	USC	Sr	6-1	215
42.	Troy Bennett	Temple	Sr	6-2	250
43.	Grant Steen	Iowa	Sr	6-3	242
44.	Cornelius Wortham	Alabama	Sr	6-1	241
45.	Vegas Robinson	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-0	244
46.	Nate Putnam	Utah St	Jr	6-7	239
47.	Bryce McGill	Fresno St	Sr	5-11	210
48.	Cameron Vaughn	LSU	So	6-4	225
49.	Demorrio Williams	Nebraska	Sr	6-1	210
50.	Mike Smith	Texas Tech	Jr	6-2	230
51.	Courtney Watson	Notre Dame	Sr	6-1	234
52.	LaMar Stewart	Penn St	Jr	6-0	241
53.	Landon Johnson	Purdue	Sr	6-2	221
54.	Derek Curry	Notre Dame	Jr	6-3	241
55.	Taylor Casey	N Texas	Sr	6-3	215
56.	Marvin Byrdsong	Miss St	So	6-2	240
57.	Tyler Gottschalk	Wyoming	Sr	6-4	236
58.	Chase Blackburn	Akron	Jr	6-3	245
59.	Mike Labinjo	Michigan St	Sr	6-1	270
60.	Elbert Craig	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-1	220

Tennessee
P Dustin Colquitt

PHIL'S TOP 60 CORNERBACKS

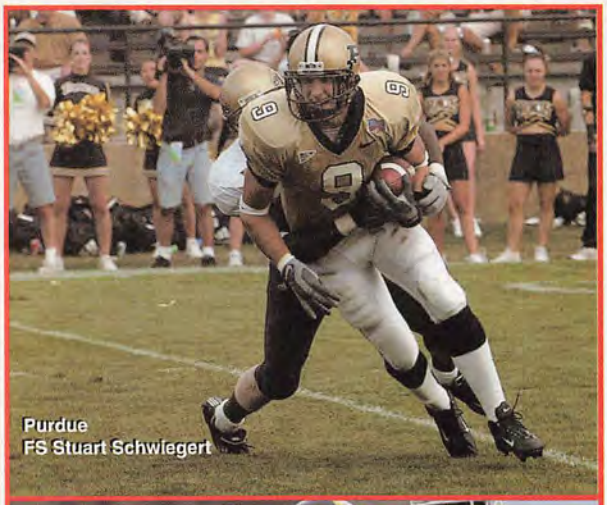
	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Marlin Jackson	Michigan	Jr	6-1	189
2.	Matt Ware	UCLA	Jr	6-3	201
3.	Nathan Vasher	Texas	Sr	5-11	180
4.	Derrick Strait	Oklahoma	Sr	5-11	194
5.	Ahmad Carroll	Arkansas	Jr	5-11	190
6.	Chris Gamble	Ohio St	Jr	6-2	180
7.	DeAngelo Hall	Virginia Tech	Jr	5-11	198
8.	Antrel Rolle	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-1	189
9.	Keiwan Ratliff	Florida	Sr	5-10	178
10.	Lawrence Richardson	Arkansas	Sr	5-10	183
11.	Jernaro Gilford	BYU	Sr	6-2	185
12.	Vontez Duff	Notre Dame	Sr	5-11	194
13.	Justin Miller	Clemson	So	5-11	180
14.	Michael Jolivette	Arizona	Sr	5-10	180
15.	Jeremy LeSueur	Michigan	Sr	6-1	199
16.	Fabian Washington	Nebraska	So	5-11	175
17.	Marcell Allmond	USC	Sr	6-0	200
18.	Antwuan Rogers	Purdue	Jr	6-2	167
19.	Corey Webster	LSU	Sr	6-0	197
20.	Decory Bryant	Georgia	Sr	5-11	195
21.	Cedric Griffin	Texas	So	6-2	190
22.	Domonique Foxworth	Maryland	Jr	5-11	173
23.	Derrick Johnson	Washington	Jr	6-0	185
24.	Randy Jordan	Kansas St	Sr	6-2	175
25.	Jonas Rutledge	SMU	Sr	6-0	190
26.	Arnold Parker	Utah	Sr	6-2	215
27.	Byron Jones	Texas A&M	Jr	5-10	178
28.	Rufus Brown	Florida St	Sr	5-9	185
29.	Will Blackmon	Boston Coll	So	6-0	175
30.	Dustin Fox	Ohio St	Jr	6-0	190
31.	Kevin Milhouse	Hawaii	Sr	6-1	205
32.	Christian Morton	Illinois	Sr	6-1	180
33.	Antonio Perkins	Oklahoma	Jr	6-0	186
34.	R.J. Oliver	Arizona St	Jr	5-9	171
35.	Curome Cox	Maryland	Sr	6-1	201
36.	Marcus Hudson	NC State	Jr	6-1	183
37.	Jacques Reeves	Purdue	Sr	6-1	195
38.	Scott Starks	Wisconsin	Jr	5-10	170
39.	Steve Gregory	Syracuse	So	5-11	178
40.	Shawntae Spencer	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-2	175
41.	Brandon Hefflin	Toledo	Sr	6-1	170
42.	William Buchanon	USC	So	6-4	175
43.	Jason David	Washington St	Sr	5-8	173
44.	Laroni Gallishaw	Louisville	Jr	6-0	215
45.	Dexter Wynn	Colorado St	Sr	5-10	175
46.	Dunta Robinson	S Carolina	Sr	6-0	183
47.	Eddie Jackson	Arkansas	Sr	6-0	190
48.	Jabari Greer	Tennessee	Sr	5-10	175
49.	Brandon Haw	Rutgers	Sr	6-0	185
50.	Kelly Jennings	Miami, Fl	So	6-0	170
51.	Michael Waddell	N Carolina	Sr	5-11	183
52.	Bruce Thornton	Georgia	Sr	5-11	195
53.	Cash Mouton	UL Monroe	Jr	6-1	193
54.	Greg Brooks	S Mississippi	Sr	5-11	180
55.	Jonathan Burke	Arkansas St	Sr	6-0	180
56.	Brett Bell	Wisconsin	Jr	6-0	191
57.	Carlos Rogers	Auburn	Jr	6-1	191
58.	Travis Johnson	Mississippi	So	6-1	191
59.	Bryant McFadden	Florida St	Jr	6-0	180
60.	Michael Harden	Missouri	Sr	5-11	190

PHIL'S TOP 5 PUNT RETURNERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Derek Abney	Kentucky	Sr	5-10	175
2.	Steve Suter	Maryland	Jr	5-9	188
3.	Dan Sheldon	N Illinois	Jr	5-11	175
4.	Antonio Perkins	Oklahoma	Jr	6-0	186
5.	DeAngelo Hall	Virginia Tech	Jr	5-11	198

PHIL'S TOP 5 KICK RETURNERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Vontez Duff	Notre Dame	Sr	5-11	194
2.	Broderick Clark	Louisville	So	6-0	191
3.	Derek Abney	Kentucky	Sr	5-10	175
4.	Nathan Jones	Rutgers	Sr	5-10	180
5.	Selvin Young	Texas	So	6-0	195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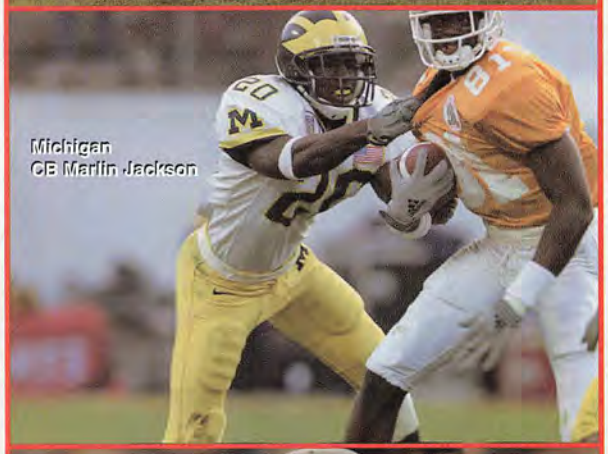
Michigan
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N Illinois
PR Dan Shelton

Notre Dame
KR Vontez Duff

UNLV
SS Jamaal Brimmer

PHIL'S TOP 20 FREE SAFETIES

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Stuart Schweigert	Purdue	Sr	6-3	213
2.	Brandon Everage	Oklahoma	Sr	6-0	190
3.	Sean Taylor	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-3	220
4.	Dexter Reid	N Carolina	Sr	6-0	189
5.	Jason Shivers	Arizona St	Jr	6-1	193
6.	Madieu Williams	Maryland	Sr	6-1	191
7.	Etric Pruitt	S Miss	Sr	6-1	188
8.	Mitch Meeuwsen	Oregon St	Jr	6-3	210
9.	Rashad Baker	Tennessee	Sr	5-11	185
10.	Darren Williams	Miss St	So	6-2	194
11.	Keith Lewis	Oregon	Sr	6-1	200
12.	Eric Oliver	Mississippi	Jr	6-2	210
13.	Ben Emanuel	UCLA	Jr	6-3	203
14.	Erik Coleman	Washington St	Sr	5-10	202
15.	Charles Jones	Alabama	Sr	6-0	183
16.	Jonas Buckles	N Texas	Jr	5-11	213
17.	Jim Leonhard	Wisconsin	Jr	5-8	180
18.	Peter Sands	UCF	Jr	6-2	215
19.	Jimmy F. Williams	Virginia Tech	So	6-3	213
20.	Eli Ward	Minnesota	Sr	6-0	205
21.	Chris Harrell	Penn St	Jr	6-2	202
22.	Will Allen	Ohio St	Sr	6-2	190
23.	B.J. Ward	Florida St	Jr	6-3	206
24.	Sean Jones	Georgia	Jr	6-2	212
25.	Medford Moorer	Colorado	Sr	6-2	195
26.	Glenn Earl	Notre Dame	Sr	6-1	204
27.	Darnell Bing	USC	tFr	6-2	220
28.	Nate Young	Wyoming	Sr	6-1	178
29.	Aaron Francisco	BYU	Jr	6-2	210
30.	Dakarai Pearson	Texas	Sr	5-10	185
31.	Jaxson Appel	Texas A&M	So	5-10	196
32.	James King	C Michigan	Jr	6-1	215
33.	Josh Smith	Navy	Jr	6-2	197
34.	J.R. Reed	S Florida	Sr	5-11	200
35.	Gerald Jones	San Jose St	Sr	6-1	196
36.	Elbert Craig	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-1	220
37.	O.C. Collins	Memphis	So	6-0	175
38.	Chris Harris	UL Monroe	Jr	6-1	200
39.	Lucius Weaver	Army	Jr	6-3	229
40.	Jahmile Addae	W Virginia	Jr	5-11	207

PHIL'S TOP 20 STRONG SAFETIES

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Maurice Sikes	Miami, Fl	Sr	5-11	193
2.	Jamaal Brimmer	UNLV	Jr	6-1	205
3.	Kentrell Curry	Georgia	Sr	6-1	198
4.	Bob Sanders	Iowa	Sr	5-8	202
5.	Jerome Carter	Florida St	Jr	6-0	217
6.	Guss Scott	Florida	Sr	5-11	195
7.	Brandon Ratcliff	New Mexico	Sr	6-0	206
8.	Rashad Washington	Kansas St	Sr	6-3	210
9.	Ernest Shazor	Michigan	So	6-4	218
10.	Jarrad Page	UCLA	So	6-1	200
11.	Riccardo Stewart	Arizona St	Jr	5-10	203
12.	Jason Leach	USC	Jr	5-11	210
13.	Doug Monaghan	Cincinnati	Jr	6-3	210
14.	Marvin Godbolt	TCU	Jr	6-0	195
15.	JaMaine Billups	Iowa St	Sr	5-8	202
16.	Ryan Aycock	Texas Tech	Sr	6-1	208
17.	Philip Bland	Nebraska	Jr	5-11	205
18.	Michael Huff	Texas	So	6-1	190
19.	Andre Maddox	NC State	Jr	6-1	191
20.	Ryan Aiello	Wisconsin	Sr	6-1	196
21.	Chris Meyer	Connecticut	Sr	6-0	207
22.	Dennard Wilson	Maryland	Sr	5-11	189
23.	Gibril Wilson	Tennessee	Sr	6-1	190
24.	Junior Rosegreen	Auburn	Jr	6-0	185
25.	Craig Jones	N Texas	Sr	6-0	211
26.	James Sanders	Fresno St	So	5-11	200
27.	Akil Grant	N Illinois	Sr	5-11	186
28.	Justin Beriault	Ball St	Jr	6-3	198
29.	Herana-Daze Jones	Indiana	Jr	5-11	205
30.	Marc Jackson	Illinois	Sr	6-1	205
31.	Evan Benjamin	Washington	So	6-0	205
32.	Dedrick Harrington	Missouri	rFr	6-3	223
33.	Josh Powell	San Jose St	So	5-11	194
34.	Diamond Ferri	Syracuse	Jr	5-10	206
35.	Tim Woodard	UTEP	Sr	5-11	190
36.	Joshua Dean	San Diego St	Jr	6-1	215
37.	Yaacov Yisrael	Penn St	Jr	6-0	195
38.	Jimmy Beasley	Arkansas	Sr	5-11	196
39.	Jamacia Jackson	S Carolina	Jr	6-1	210
40.	Rayshun Reed	Troy St	Sr	5-11	190

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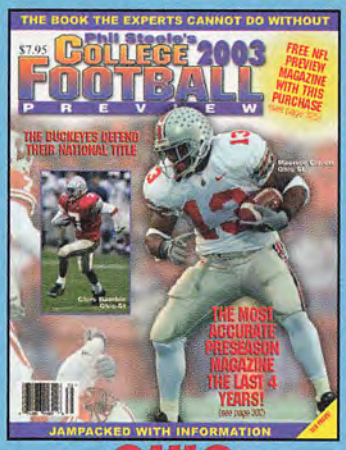
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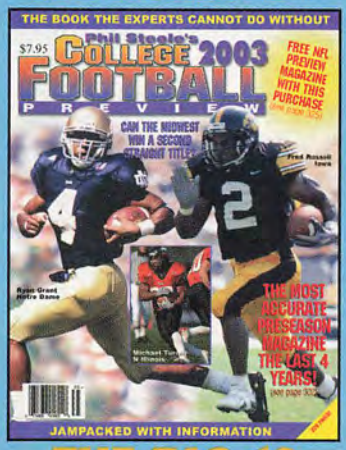
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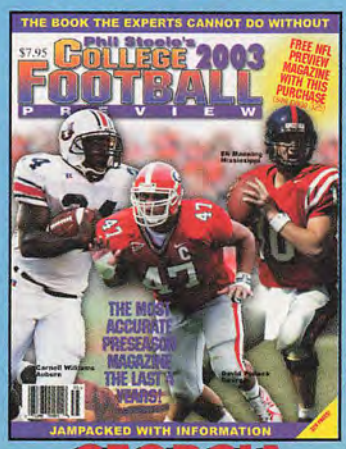
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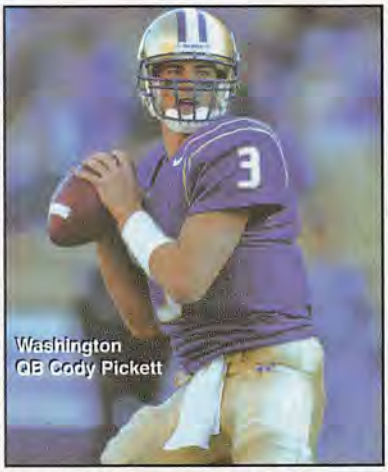
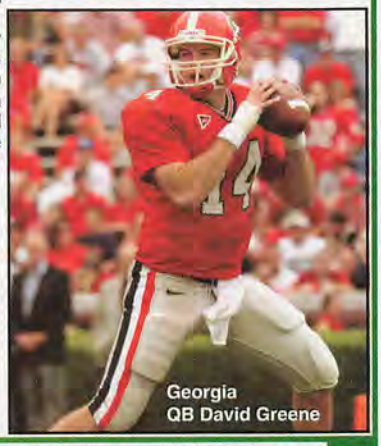
PHIL STEELE'S 2003 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

QUARTERBACKS 2003's Top QB Units

1. **Tennessee** Casey Clausen had an injury plagued year and his receiving corps and O-line were also hit hard by injuries. He has a top notch O-line in front of him this year and should even top 2001's numbers when he completed 65% with a 25-9 ratio. C.J. Leak (PS#8) and James Banks (PS#6) are the backups and both have starting experience.
2. **Mississippi** Eli Manning is the top QB prospect for next years NFL draft and would have been a first round pick this year. He has size (6-5 218), a solid arm and in 2001 hit 64% with a 31-9 ratio. The depth is solid with the addition of Robert Lane (PS#5) and backup Ethan Flatt (6-6 200) has potential.
3. **Washington** Cody Pickett has good size (6-4 215) and was the first ever Pac 10 QB to throw for over 4000 yards in a season. He is also mobile enough to be an effective option runner. The depth is solid with a pair of VHT backups, Casey Paus (PS#14) and Isaiah Stanback (PS#11).
4. **Georgia** David Greene is 8-0 as a starter on opposing home fields and threw for 2924 yards (58%) with a 22-8 ratio last year. This is a DEEP group with D.J. Shockley (PS#3) capable of starting on most other teams and Joe Tereshinski (PS#21) adding more depth.
5. **NC State** While Philip Rivers has an unorthodox delivery (as did Bernie Kosar), he has the size (6-5 236), arm strength, production (3353 yds, 63%, 20-10 ratio LY) and has led many a 4Q comeback. Jay Davis (PS#21) got in 6 games last year and adds solid depth.
6. **Miami, Oh** The Redhawks do not have the depth of the major schools but they do possess one of the top 3 NFL prospect QB's in Ben Roethlisberger. He is 6-5 242, threw for 3238 yards (63%) with a 22-11 ratio and has shown his mobility by rushing for 723 yards the last two years.
7. **Kentucky** Jared Lorenzen's career and weight have fluctuated greatly since his much anticipated arrival here at UK. I am concerned that he must learn a new offense this year but he had a super 24-5 ratio last year and is bigger than most DL's that try to tackle him! His backup Shane Boyd (PS#43) has started 5 games and true frosh Andre Woodson (PS#25) supply good depth.
8. **Arizona St** Andrew Walter (PS#16) is 6-5 217 with a cannon for an arm. He struggled in two starts in 2001 and did not win the starting job last season until the 5th game but threw for 3877 yards (57%) with a 28-15 ratio despite a porous O-line. He will have more time to throw this year with 5 OL starters back and there are 5 HT's behind him.


Washington
QB Cody Pickett

9. **Missouri** Brad Smith was not heavily recruited but HC Pinkel says he has developed faster than any other QB he has coached and 5 of them are in the NFL. This dangerous runner (1029 net yards) will improve upon his 54% completions (2333 yards) that he hit last year as he also has my #12 O-line.
10. **Michigan** John Navarre was much maligned by Wolverine fans last summer but threw for 2905 yards (55%) with a 21-7 ratio and is now a senior with Carson Palmer type size (6-6 228). Backup Spencer Brinton has 7 career starts and Matt Guiterrez (PS#12) adds depth.
11. **Florida St** Chris Rix (PS#10) is 6-4 205 with outstanding mobility and speed. He threw for 3060 yards (57%) with a 26-14 ratio in 2001 and should not have been benched last year. He has a couple of VHT backups and if he can stay out of trouble off the field (suspended for bowl last year) he should be one of the NCAA's best.
12. **Virginia** Matt Schaub was another much maligned QB over last summer after finishing #8 in the ACC in pass efficiency in 2001. He lost his starter's job early last year but blossomed and hit 69% of his passes and was #6 in the NCAA in pass efficiency last year. He is 6-5 240 with a strong arm and has Anthony Martinez (PS#15) as his backup.
13. **Oregon St** Derek Anderson is 6-6 227 and threw for 3313 yards in his first year as a starter. While he hit just 47% completions last year, he did have a 25-13 ratio and has a powerful arm. NFL scouts are noticing him and he played his best in the final two games last year.
14. **Hawaii** Timmy Chang has struggled with injuries in his career and last year only hit 56% with a 25-22 ratio but he knows the offense well and could leave as the NCAA's all time leading career passer if he stays healthy the next two years. Jason Whieldon is a decent backup and Kainoa Akina had 7 starts at Eastern Michigan two years ago.
15. **Purdue** Kyle Orton (PS#11) threw for 2257 yards in 2002 and was the MVP of the Sun Bowl. He is 6-4 220 with a strong arm. Brandon Kirsch (PS#27) threw for 1067 yards and rushed for 468 in 4 starts as a true frosh last year.

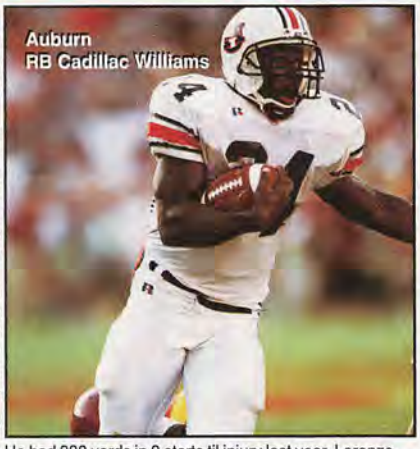

Georgia
QB David Greene

The rest of the Top 25:

16. Kansas St
17. Pittsburgh
18. Tulane
19. Louisiana Tech
20. Nebraska
21. Illinois
22. Oklahoma St
23. Ohio St
24. Virginia Tech
25. Penn St

RUNNING BACKS 2003's Top RB Units

1. **Auburn** This unit is so deep that last year's 1000 yard rusher Ronnie Brown could be third string and the 4th stringer is Tre Smith (PS#27) who had 454 yards. Cadillac Williams (PS#4) had 745 yards in just 7 games (injured) last year and PS#1 JUCO Brandon Jacobs is 257 lbs with 4.42 speed!
2. **Ohio St** Maurice Clarett probably would have won the Heisman last year had he not been injured. He rushed for 1237 yards despite starting just 9 games. Lydell Ross (PS#18) and Maurice Hall (PS#8) are backups that combined for 989 yards last year. Hall is 200 lbs, a sprinter on the track team and third string. FB Branden Joe (PS#19) is 245 lbs and a solid blocker.
3. **Texas** Cedric Benson (PS#5) has topped 1000 yards for two straight years and is a solid 205 lbs with good speed. Selvin Young (PS#19) had 408 yards as a true frosh and is their speed back. They add true frosh Erik Hardeman (PS#17) and also return FB Ivan Williams, who had 578 rush yards in 2001, and FB Albert Hardy (PS#18).
4. **Florida St** Greg Jones is 248 lbs with speed and could be the top RB taken in next year's draft. He had 938 yards in 9 starts til injury last year. Lorenzo Booker was simply PS#1 last year and redshirted. Leon Washington (PS#8) had 1067 all purpose yards as a true frosh and the fourth string is Willie Reid (PS#21).
5. **Tennessee** Cedric Houston (PS#11) had 5 straight 100 yard efforts last year when healthy. Jabari Davis (PS#2) rushed for 569 yards. Gerald Riggs (PS#3) looks to be fully healthy and is 220 lbs with 4.39 speed. Corey Larkins and his 4.27 speed is 4th string. FB Troy Fleming squats 665 lbs and was PS#28.
6. **Arkansas** Cedric Cobbs was PS#5 and has 1796 career yards rushing despite injury and off-field problems. He has trimmed off excess weight and was sprinting on the track team in the spring but is still 225 lbs. De'Arrius Howard (PS#7) had 595 yards as a rFr last year. Dedrick Poole (PS#29) and Kyle Dickerson (PS#55) add depth. FB Mark Pierce (PS#47) is solid.
7. **Notre Dame** Ryan Grant (PS#25) rushed for 1085 yards despite shoulder and ankle injuries. Julius Jones (PS#12) has 1780 career yards and was a Heisman candidate before missing last year due to suspension. He should return to school in the fall. The FB's are Rashon Powers-Neal (PS#36) and Nate Schiccatano (PS#25) and they add two VHT TB's this year.
8. **Kansas St** Darren Sproles (PS#33) rushed for 1465 yards with a 6.2 ypc and has increased his weight room numbers this year by about 10%. Daniel Davis (PS#4) had 224 yards in his first year here last season and should be more productive in his 2nd year of system. FB Travis Wilson (126 yds) also returns.
9. **Maryland** Bruce Perry was simply the ACC Offensive Player of the Year in 2001 and missed most of last year due to injury. Sam Maldonado (PS#3) sat out last year after transferring in from Ohio State. Josh Allen (PS#69), Mario Merrills (PS#43) and FB Jason Crawford (PS#43) combined for 605 yards last year.
10. **Miami Fla** Frank Gore (PS#10) averaged 8.8 ypc in 2001 and looked to be 100% healthy in last year's bowl practices after missing the year following knee surgery. Jarrett Peyton (PS#35) and true frosh Tyrone Moss (PS#2) add depth. Both FB's Quadtrine Hill and Kyle Cobia return.
11. **Virginia Tech** Kevin Jones (PS#6) is 212 lbs with 4.3 speed and benches 360. He had 1012 yards in 2001 and 871 yards last year despite injuries and sharing time with Lee Suggs. Cedric Humes is 218 lbs with 4.44 speed. They have two big strong FB's in Doug Easlick and Jeff King.


Auburn
RB Cadillac Williams

12. **Minnesota** Much like Auburn, the Gophers Terry Jackson who rushed for 1317 yards and 5.5 ypc last year could be third string. Marion Barber is fully recovered from injury and rushed for 742 yards (6.3) in '01. Thomas Tapeh (PS#7) is 230 lbs, benches 450 and had 906 yards as a backup last year.
13. **Iowa** Fred Russell rushed for 1264 yards (5.7) while leading Iowa to the Orange Bowl. Jermelle Lewis (PS#15) rushed for 709 yards as a backup. Rounding out the unit are Albert Young (PS#14) and AJ Johnson (PS#34) from this year's recruiting class and solid blocking FB Edgar Cervantes.
14. **UNLV** Larry Croom is an Arizona transfer that rushed for 605 yards (7.2) last year. Dominique Dorsey has blazing speed and gained 568 yards (7.3) last year. Deon Burnett set the Pac 10 freshman rushing record and transferred in from Washington St. Alvin Marshall is simply PS#4 JUCO and draws comparisons to Marshall Faulk.
15. **Syracuse** Walter Reyes (PS#20) had 1135 yards and a super 6.2 ypc last year. Damien Rhodes (PS#31) has 4.35 speed and was offered Syracuse's famed #44 Jersey. He had 568 yards as a true frosh. Thump Belton looks strong at FB.

The rest of the Top 25:

16. Nebraska
17. NC State
18. Oregon St
19. Virginia
20. Utah
21. Purdue
22. Pittsburgh
23. N Illinois
24. Oklahoma St
25. Washington St

Tennessee
RB Cedric Houston

Texas
RB Cedric Benson

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

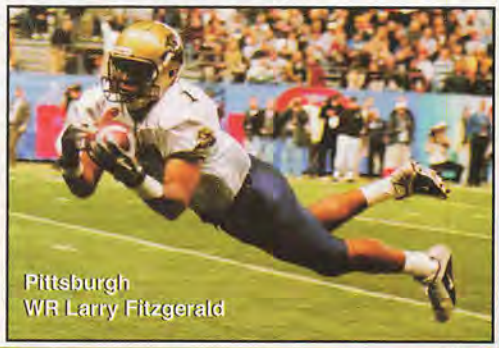
RECEIVERS 2003's Top Receiving Units

1. **Texas** Roy Williams would have been a Top 5 pick in this year's draft. BJ Johnson was (PS#1) and had 40 rec (15.1). Sloan Thomas (PS#12) had 30 rec. TE Brock Edwards (PS#7) had 16 rec and is backed by Bo Scaife (PS#2) who had 37 rec in 2001 and David Thomas (PS#6). Round out the group with 4 other VHT's and it is the best.
2. **USC** Mike Williams had 81 rec and 15.6 ypc as a true frosh and only started 2 games. Keary Colbert had 71 rec and is an NFL prospect. TE Alex Holmes (PS#5) had 29 rec and is backed by Gregg Guenther (PS#30) and Dominique Byrd (PS#3). Add true frosh WR's Steve Smith (PS#3) and Whitney Lewis (PS#2) and this is a dangerous group.

USC WR Mike Williams

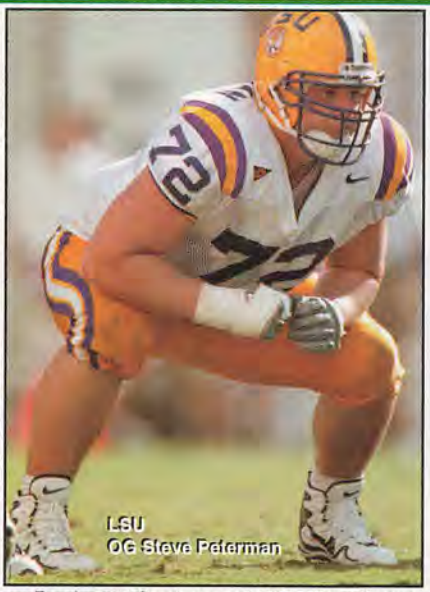
3. **Georgia** Fred Gibson, Damien Gary, Michael Johnson and Reggie Brown (PS#1) are all VHT WR's that each topped 23 rec last year and all are NFL prospects. Add Sean Bailey (PS#6) and Mario Raley (PS#18) and the WR's are deep. I rate Benjamin Watson as the 3rd best TE in the nation and he is backed by Leonard Pope (PS#7).
4. **Washington** Reggie Williams (PS#3) has size (6-4), speed (track team) and strength (320 bench) and had 94 rec in 2002. Charles Frederick (PS#5) is finally focused on football and had 45 rec last year. They signed 3 VHT true frosh this year and have good depth at TE with Jon Lyon, Joe Toledo and Andy Heater.
5. **Miami, Fl** While Andre Johnson was the 3rd overall pick in the NFL draft, the Hurricanes are loaded with VHT's at WR like Jason Geathers (PS#3), Kevin Beard (PS#18), Akieem Jolla (PS#5), Ryan Moore (PS#2) and Devin Hester (PS#13). They also happen to have the top TE in the NCAA in Kellen Winslow who is backed by 3 VHT's.
6. **UCLA** Craig Bragg (6-2 189) and Tab Perry (6-3 215 PS#7) both have NFL size and speed. The 3rd WR is Junior Taylor (PS#11). TE's Marcedes Lewis (PS#1), Keith Carter (PS#10) and JJ Hair (PS#11) are all solid.
7. **Wisconsin** The return of Lee Evans is huge as he was the top WR in college heading into last spring but got injured. Brandon Williams had 52 rec and is a pro prospect, backup WR's are Darrin Charles (PS#26) and Jonathan Orr (PS#41) who combined for 72 rec's. TE's Bob Docherty (PS#39) and Tony Paciotti (PS#23) are solid blockers and big targets.
8. **LSU** Michael Clayton made my Preseason 2nd Team All-American list and Devery Henderson (PS#32) is an ex-TB who should be even stronger in his 2nd year at WR. They have 3 VHT's adding depth at WR. TE Eric Edwards (PS#3) is an accomplished blocker and improving receiver and is backed by David Jones (PS#4).
9. **Pittsburgh** While Larry Fitzgerald was "just" PS#11, He is 6-3 210 with sub 4.4 speed. I watched him make amazing catches EACH week last year and I consider him the top WR in the NCAA. WR Princell Brockenbrough is a JUCO who redshirted last year. TE Kris Wilson is 240 lbs with good hands and is backed by Erik Gill (PS#3).
10. **Purdue** John Standeford is 6-4 and is the team's deep threat avg 17.4 ypc last year. Taylor Stubblefield missed 3 games last year and still had 77 rec. They have great depth at WR (see page 36). TE Charles Davis (PS#22) had 12 rec and is backed by Garret Bushong (PS#10)
11. **Michigan** Start with Braylon Edwards who was given UM's cherished #1 jersey this year. Tyrece Butler (PS#5), Jason Avant (PS#10), Steve Breaston (PS#43), Carl Tabb (PS#12) and ex-QB Jermaine Gonzalez all fill out the WR spots. TE's Andy Mignery (PS#24) and Tim Massaquoi (PS#8) are solid.
12. **Florida** Carlos Perez was (PS#4) and had 58 rec's last year. Kelvin Kight (PS#14) had 37 rec. Jemalle Cornelius (PS#14) and Reggie Vickers (PS#10) have experience at WR and they add true frosh Chad Jackson (PS#4) and Andre Caldwell (PS#1). Ben Troupe is my #6 rated TE in the NCAA this year and David Kenner is PS#10JC.
13. **Fresno St** The top 9 receivers from last year return and all had double digit receptions. Bernard Berrian returns and he would have been a first round pick in this year's draft if he hadn't been injured and missed all of last year.
14. **Ohio St** Michael Jenkins is 6-5 215 AND a sprinter on the track team. He also had 61 rec and a super 17.6 ypc last year. Chris Gamble is the best two-way player in the game and a dangerous WR. Drew Carter is 6-4 with 4.26 speed (also on track team). They have 6 other VHT's for depth at WR. TE Ben Hartsock had 17 rec and is 264 lbs.
15. **Mississippi** Mike Espy (PS#22) had 30 rec as a frosh and Chris Collins (6-2 with speed) had 55 rec (14.8). Bill Flowers (PS#38) had 53 rec and Taye Biddle (PS#30) had 14. TE Lawrence Lilly (PS#27) is 265 lbs with good speed and agility.

The rest of the Top 25:
16. Marshall
17. Oklahoma St
18. Texas Tech
19. Syracuse
20. Oregon St
21. Florida St
22. Tulane
23. NC State
24. Hawaii
25. Clemson


Pittsburgh
WR Larry Fitzgerald

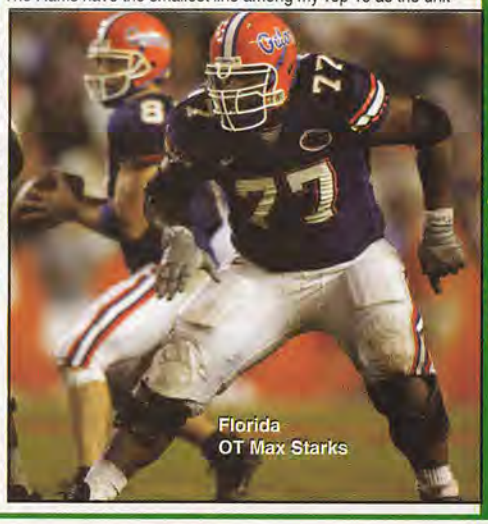
OFFENSIVE LINE 2003's Top OL Units

1. **Florida** The Gators front wall averages 6-6 324 and returns 4 starters from last year's group that allowed just 4.6% sacks. Shannon Snell is my #1 rated OG, Max Starks #5 OT and Mike Degory is my #16 C in the NCAA this year. The entire 2 deep consists of VHT's.
2. **LSU** The Tigers O-line paved the way for 4.6 ypc rushing last year and allowed just 4.9% sacks. They average 6-5 304 across the front and have 4 starters back including my #4 rated C in Ben Wilkerson and Steve Peterman who is my 7th rated OG in the country this year.


LSU
OG Steve Peterman

3. **Miami, Fl** The last two years the Hurricanes have had the best O-line in the country. Despite losing a 1st Team and a 3rd Team All American this year, they are solid again. They have two of the Top 7 tackles in the country and my #9 OG. Last year's unit paved the way for 5.5 ypc rushing and allowed just 3.5% sacks.
4. **Ohio St** The Buckeyes offensive front returns intact, averaging a hefty 6-5 315 lbs per man, and has 4 VHT starters in the group. They have the best set of OG's in the NCAA (both in my Top 5), my #1 C and some solid OT's. They will power a potent OSU offense.
5. **Michigan** Lloyd Carr feels that this year's line will resemble some powerful Wolverine O-lines of the past and I agree. Four starters return and last year's unit allowed just 4.7% sacks. This year's unit averages 6-5 304 and David Baas is my #3 OG, David Pearson my #8 C and Tony Pape my #2 rated OT.
6. **Auburn** It did not matter who the RB was last year, this unit opened holes for 4.7 ypc rushing even though Cadillac went down at midseason. This year 4 starters are back and the O-line averages a hefty 6-5 318 lbs per man. No superstars in the group but steady and talented throughout.
7. **Air Force** The Falcons rarely return a lot of starters but they have 4 starters back from an O-line that powered its way to 5.1 ypc rushing and allowed sacks just 1.9% of the time. This is already the biggest O-line in AF history at close to 280 lbs per man (huge for a service academy) and a talented one as well.
8. **USC** Last year almost everyone returned to the O-line and they led the Pac 10 in fewest amount of sacks allowed and helped Carson Palmer win the Heisman. Four starters are back once again and as usual, the group is loaded. VHT OT Winston Justice (PS#3) was dominant as a true frosh starter last year and now has a year's experience.
9. **Oklahoma** When I think of the Sooners as of late, I think Defense. This year the O-line could power them to a potent offense. Three full-time starters are back and 6 players with starting experience. C Vince Carter, T's Jammal Brown and Wes Sims are among the Top 25 at their positions.
10. **Tennessee** The Vols have two future NFL OL's coming off major injuries in OT Michael Munoz and G Jason Respert. Both started last year, but were not 100%, luckily they are this year. Six players are back that started 6 or more games last year and 3 rated among the Top 15 in the country at their positions.
11. **Arkansas** Shawn Andrews was voted the top OL in the SEC last year and is probably the top OT in the country this year. Four starters are back from a unit that helped the Hogs average a solid 4.8 ypc rushing last year.
12. **Missouri** Last year's O-line opened the holes for 4.5 ypc rushing and allowed just 21 sacks on the year despite facing some very tough Big 12 defenses. This year the unit returns intact and AJ Ricker is my #6 C. T Robert Droege makes my First Team All Big 12 squad.
13. **Washington** The Huskies' starters weigh in at an average of 6-5 315 across the front and have almost everyone back from last year's squad. While UW proved proficient at pass blocking last year (just 5.9% sacks), this year's unit will definitely improve upon the 2.1 ypc rushing from last year. C Todd Bachert and T Khalif Barnes rank among the Top 16 at their positions.
14. **Nebraska** Nebraska is famous for its "Pipeline" offensive front and last year they did pave the way for 5.2 ypc rushing. With 3 starters returning to the front, they average a hefty 6-4 311. With the Huskers excellent weight training program, they are always among the strongest in the NCAA.
15. **Colorado St** The Rams have the smallest line among my Top 15 as the unit averages just 288 lbs per man but are excellent tacticians with some NFL prospects in the group. Last year the offense averaged 4.6 ypc rushing and allowed just 4.2% sacks. Four starters are back.

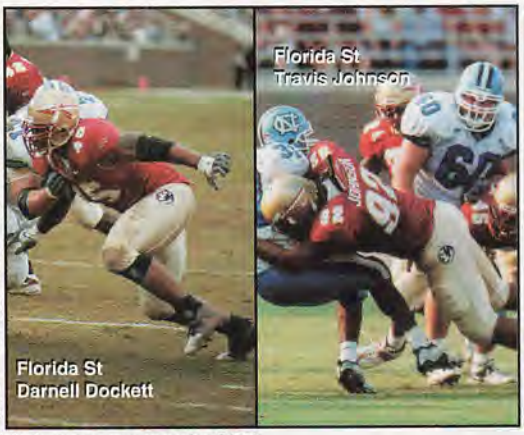
The rest of the Top 25:
16. Georgia Tech
17. Syracuse
18. New Mexico
19. Toledo
20. Virginia Tech
21. NC State
22. Duke
23. Mississippi
24. Virginia
25. Maryland


Florida
OT Max Starks

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

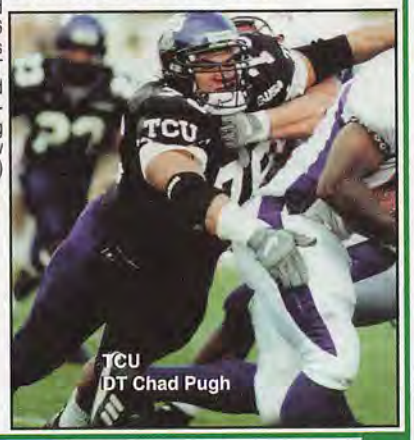
DEFENSIVE LINE 2003's Top DL Units

1. **Ohio St** The Buckeyes had one of the best D-lines in the country last year allowing just 2.6 ypc rushing and the team had 40 sacks. They return 3 of 4 starters and all 3 were either 1st or 2nd team Big 10 last year. Including this year's frosh, they have 9 VHT's giving them outstanding depth, and the new starting DE Simon Fraser (PS#13) had 5 sacks last year.
2. **Florida St** If Darnell Dockett is able to return to the team this year, the team has among its DL's not just VHT's but SEVEN players who ranked in the top 11 coming out of high school including two PS#1's and a #2. FSU used to send a couple of linemen to the NFL each year and this year's group will do that again.


Florida St
Travis Johnson

Florida St
Darnell Dockett

3. **Texas** Just like Florida St, the Horns are very talented with 10 VHT's in the group including 5 that were among the top 10 out of high school. Last year's defense did allow 3.9 ypc rushing which was surprisingly high. They have 6 players with starting experience back including the best DT combo in the country with both starters among my top 5 DT's.
4. **Georgia** DE David Pollack was the 1st defensive player picked as SEC POY since 1988 and had 14 sacks and 9 tfl. The other starting DE Will Thompson had 6 sacks and they have two VHT's behind them. Their top 4 DT's average 312 lbs and include 3 VHT's. Three starters are back from last year's top-notch unit.
5. **USC** The Trojans allowed just 83 ypg rushing last year and the defense had 43 sacks. The DL put most of that pressure on opposing QB's and the team did not have to blitz much because of it. This group is nicknamed the "Wild Bunch II" comparing it to the excellent D-line of 1969. Three starters return from last year's outstanding group and all are NFL prospects.
6. **Oklahoma** DT Tommie Harris may be the best in the NCAA if he can avoid an injury plagued year like he had last season. OU had their usual top notch defense last year, 3 starters are back and this group is two deep in NFL caliber DL's.
7. **Virginia Tech** The Hokies allowed 3.4 ypc rushing last year and had 42 sacks, good numbers for most schools, but bad for a VT team that always has a top notch D. This year basically everyone is back and they get some solid added talent. Last year's starting DE's combined for 18 sacks and this unit is 4 deep in quality players.
8. **Notre Dame** The Irish had a great defense last year allowing 2.8 ypc and only 95 ypg. Three starters return and not only does the unit have 10 VHT's in the group, but 6 were ranked in the top 16 at their position out of high school. This is a good sized line as well.
9. **TCU** Teams rushed for just 65 ypg and 2.0 ypc vs the tenacious Frog D last year. DT Chad Pugh (PS#36) is 314 lbs and very active in the middle with 15.5 tfl last year. DE Bo Schobel was 1st team CUSA with 7.5 sacks and another 11 tfl. Only one starter departs from last year's top notch group.
10. **LSU** The Tigers were young up front last year having to replace 3 starters and soph VHT's Thunder (Marquise Hill -PS#8) and Lightning (Marcus Spears -PS#3). Three starters are back this year and there are 8 other VHT's, so this unit should "storm" on opposing offensive lines.
11. **Washington** Last year the Huskies allowed just 97.7 ypg rushing (2.8) which was their lowest total since their national title year of 1991. Six of the top 8 DL's are back this year and they added a couple of VHT redshirt frosh and PS#9 JUCO.
12. **Georgia Tech** GT allowed just 3.3 ypc rushing in 2001 but last year lost their star DE Greg Gathers (25 sacks in '00 & '01) and two other key DL's early and slipped a little. If Gathers can return healthy they will actually have 5 full-time starters returning and DC Jon Tenuta is known for producing solid defensive fronts.
13. **Washington St** When I think of WSU, I think of hard charging D-lines and last year the team produced 55 sacks without having to blitz much due to the havoc this unit produced. They do lose two starters but have back DE's Acholonu and Brown who have combined for 34 sacks the last two years and they have three VHT DT's.
14. **Purdue** The Boilermakers had a rugged defense last year that tied Ohio St for best in the Big 10 and the D-line had a lot to do with that. This year basically all 4 starters return up front including a pair of VHT's and they add 3 more VHT's to the mix this year. I call this the best DL Tiller has fielded in 7 years here.
15. **Iowa** The Hawkeyes allowed just 82 ypg rushing and 2.6 ypc last year thanks to this unit. They do lose an AA DT but 3 starters are back and this year's starting group combined for 32 sacks among themselves last year! The new starter is Matt Roth (PS#25) who had 10 sacks in '02.

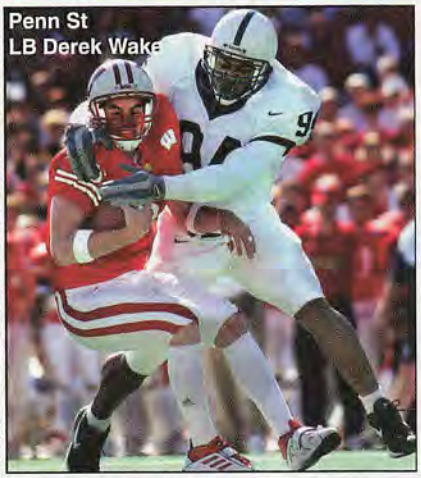

TCU
DT Chad Pugh

The rest of the Top 25:

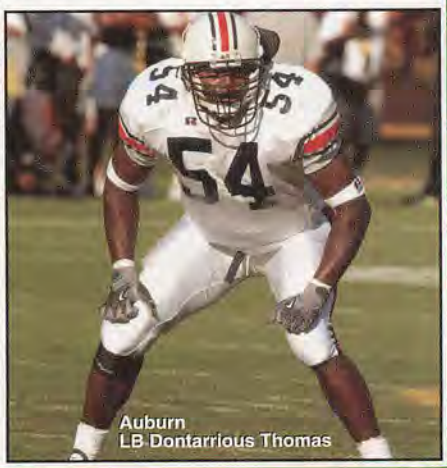
16. Boston College
17. Wisconsin
18. Nebraska
19. Oregon St
20. Michigan
21. Auburn
22. Pittsburgh
23. Miami, Fl
24. Alabama
25. Oregon

LINEBACKERS 2003's Top LB Units

1. **Oklahoma** All 3 players from this unit will be among the top 10 LB's selected in next year's draft!! Teddy Lehman had 112 tackles and 17 tfl, Lance Mitchell had 124 tackles and 19 tfl and Pasha Jackson may be the most athletic of the group. All 3 backups return and they add a couple of VHT's as well.
2. **Miami, Fl** OLB D.J. Williams (PS#1) could be the first LB taken in next year's draft and had 108 tackles and 16 tfl. Jonathan Vilma led the team with 133 tackles, was 1st team Big East and is also an NFL prospect. Roger McIntosh (PS#13) rounds out the starters and 5 VHT's add depth.
3. **Notre Dame** Naturally the Irish LB unit is loaded with VHT's (8) and all three starters from last year's top-notch crew are back in Courtney Watson (3rd team AA), Derek Curry (PS#25) and Mike Goolsby (PS#4) with Brandon Hoyte (PS#29) also having starting experience.
4. **Auburn** Dontarrious Thomas walked on here as a weak 183 lb DB and has transformed himself through hard work into 238 lbs with 4.4 speed. He also turned down the NFL draft this year along with Karlos Dansby, who would have been a 2nd round pick!! Lemarcus Rowell was PS#4 and played as a true frosh.


Penn St
LB Derek Wake

5. **Alabama** The Tide's top two tacklers are back in Brooks Daniels (PS#19), who had 110 tackles and 9 tfl, and Cornelius Wortham, who benches 480 lbs and had 95 tackles. Freddie Roach (PS#33) was a solid starter as a rFr and is backed by Derrick Pope (PS#1JC) from last year who had 65 tackles.
6. **Florida St** Michael Boulware (PS#12) will be an NFL pick at either LB or S. Kendyll Pope (PS#3) was the team's defensive MVP last year. Allen Augustin defied the odds by being a walk-on starter on a team loaded with VHT's and had 83 tackles last year. They have 6 VHT backups including A.J. Nicholson (PS#5), who had 24 tackles.
7. **Penn St** The Lions are known as "Linebacker U" for producing many great NFL LB's (LaVar Arrington most recently). In 2001 they actually had two walk-on starters! Last year things were back to normal with Gino Capone (PS#31), LaMar Stewart (PS#18) and Derek Wake (PS#17) as the starters and all 3 return.
8. **Kansas St** The Cats had a top-notch defense last year and return two starters from this unit in Bryan Hickman, who had 79 tackles and 13 tfl, and Josh Buhl (PS#28) who had 135 tackles and 10 tfl and was 2nd team Big 12. Now add to the mix Marvin Simmons (PS#5), who originally signed at USC and had 13 sacks at JC last year.
9. **USC** Matt Grootegoed (PS#3) was 1st team Pac 10 last year and Washington St transfer Melvin Simmons had 71 tackles in his first year here. The open starting spot and backup spots will be fought for by Oscar Lua (PS#66), Dallas Sartz (PS#23) and two VHT true frosh.
10. **S Mississippi** Rod Davis was simply 3rd team AA last year with 168 tackles and 10.5 sacks. Michael Boley had 142 tackles and 8 sacks. They move in FS Antoine Cash (78 tackles) and he will battle Kevis Coley (PS#46) for the open starting spot.
11. **Texas** Reed Boyd had 123 tackles and 8 sacks last year. Derrick Johnson (PS#6) is the star of the group and was 1st team Big 12 as a soph last year. Garnet Smith (PS#14), Aaron Harris (PS#7), Aurmon Satchell (PS#19), Lance McFarland (PS#36) and Marcus Myers, who is one of the team's best athletes, add depth.
12. **Michigan** Injuries hurt this group last year but both Carl Diggs (PS#26) and Zach Kaufman who both missed the end of last year return as do the players who replaced them in Scott McClintock (PS#9) and Joe Sarantos (PS#48). Pierre Woods (PS#9) fills the other spot and they add Shaun Crable (PS#2) and James Presley (PS#10) this year.
13. **Nebraska** The Blackshirt defense as a whole had an off year last season but the LB's are all solid. T.J. Hollowell (PS#50) will battle two other VHT's for the open spot. The returnees are Barrett Ruud (PS#16) and Demorrio Williams (PS#19 JC) who each topped 90 tackles last year.
14. **Virginia** The Cavs must replace 2 starters from this group so how can they be in the top 14? Darryl Blackstock (PS#30) is the lone returnee and he had 107 tkls and 10 sacks as a true frosh. True frosh Ahmad Brooks (PS#2) and rFr Kai Parham (PS#4) will have large impacts and 4 others return with starting experience.
15. **UCLA** Spencer Havner (PS#39) had 96 tackles and 12 tfl as a frosh last year. Brandon Chillar is a two year starter with 11 tfl last year. Justin London (PS#16) should take over the open spot.


Auburn
LB Dontarrious Thomas

The rest of the Top 25:

16. Tennessee
17. Arkansas
18. Texas A&M
19. Georgia Tech
20. Virginia Tech
21. Ohio St
22. Maryland
23. TCU
24. Wisconsin
25. Michigan St

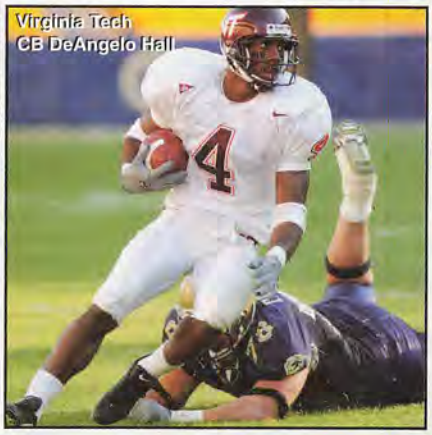
PHIL STEELE'S 2003 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

DEFENSIVE BACKS 2003's Top DB Units

1. **Oklahoma** The Sooners had my #4 rated pass defense last year and have 7 of the top 8 back plus add some JUCO's and VHT frosh. CB's Antonio Perkins, Derrick Strait and Eric Bassey are all among the best and FS Brandon Everage was 2nd Team AA last year. The 3rd and 4th teamers could start for many other teams.
2. **Texas** The Horns have now finished #1 in my pass D rankings for 3 straight years (take into account strength of opponents) and could keep the title for a 4th year. Seven of the top 8 DB's are back including CB Nathan Vasher, SS Michael Huff, CB Cedric Griffin and FS Dakarai Pearson.
3. **Miami, Fl** The Hurricanes were #2 in my pass defense rankings in 2001 but had to replace all 4 starters last year including THREE #1 draft picks. The young 2002 secondary simply finished #9 and this year all four starters return. The unit is also loaded with VHT's.
4. **Arkansas** The Hogs have FOUR CB's that are capable of starting for almost any team in the NCAA in Lawrence Richardson, Eddie Jackson, Ahmad Carroll and Marvin Jackson. SS Jimmy Beasley and FS Vickiel Vaughn are both All-SEC caliber.
5. **Michigan** The Wolverines have perhaps the top CB in the NCAA in Marlin Jackson and his cohort at CB is Jeremy LeSueur, who is 6-1 but might be the team's fastest player. SS Ernest Shazor was PS#1 and they signed PS#1 and PS#5 this year.
6. **Virginia Tech** DeAngelo Hall may see a lot of time at WR this year but he will still be one of the premier CB's in the country. Vincent Fuller is the other CB and is 6-1 with 4.34 speed. FS Jimmy F. Williams (PS#38) was the MIP Def Player in spring and they add PS#20 JUCO.
7. **UCLA** The Bruins are loaded with VHT's in this unit including all 4 starters. CB Matt Ware (PS#2), SS Jarrad Page (PS#19) and Ben Emanuel (PS#18) are all returning starters from a unit that was a solid #13 in my pass defense rankings last year.
8. **Purdue** I think the Boilers have the most underrated CB's in the NCAA as Jacques Reeves (6-1) and Antwaun Rogers (6-2) both have good size and blazing speed and Rogers made Reggie Williams a non-factor in the bowl. Toss in my top rated FS and this group is outstanding.
9. **Arizona St** Last year this unit finished #14 in my pass defense ratings and basically the entire group returns. They have a solid safety tandem in Riccardo Stewart and Jason Shivers both who made HM Pac 10 as sophs last year. CB R.J. Oliver had 4 ints and 18 pbu.

Oklahoma
CB Derrick Strait

10. **Florida St** FSU is always near the top in my pass D rankings but last year fell down to #40. Seven players are back that logged starts last year and naturally almost everyone in the two deep is a VHT. Two players who were PS#1 are listed as backups, and both have been here two plus years.
11. **Maryland** All 4 starters return from last year's unit including CB Domonique Foxworth who had 5 ints and led the ACC in PD. The other CB is Curome Cox who is 6-1 and very productive. I like both safeties. FS Madieu Williams has size and speed and is an NFL prospect.
12. **Nebraska** The Huskers usually finish near the top in my pass D rankings, but last year they were "only" #24. Both CB starters are VHT's including Fabian Washington who had 11 starts as a true frosh with 4 ints and 13 pbu. Eight players are back with starting experience.
13. **Tennessee** The Vols were #17 in my pass defense rankings last year despite an injury plagued defense. They do lose 2 starters but have 3 back with 7 or more starts last year including one of the top FS's in the country in Rashad Baker. Two backups are PS#4's so they have good depth.
14. **USC** While 3 starters depart from last year's #12 pass defense, I like the depth of talent at CB with 4 players having good size, speed and starting experience. The new FS will likely be Darnell Bing, PS#4 last year, who is good enough to receive Mike Garrett's retired number.
15. **Southern Miss** CB Greg Brooks would have been a 3rd round pick in this year's draft but opted to stay in school and Coach Bower is thankful. FS Etric Pruitt was 1st Team CUSA and had 139 tackles, 6 int and 13 pbu. This unit was #3 in my pass D rankings last year.


Virginia Tech
CB DeAngelo Hall

The rest of the Top 25:

16. Washington
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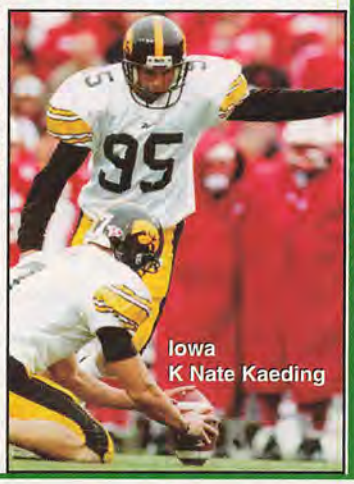
19. Florida
20. Notre Dame
21. LSU
22. Kansas St
23. BYU
24. Pittsburgh
25. Wisconsin

SPECIAL TEAMS 2003's Top Special Teams Units

1. **Iowa** Iowa finished #3 in my special teams rankings last year and has almost everyone back. P David Bradley had a super net of 37.0. K Nate Kaeding hit 21 of 24 FG's with a long of 55 and won the Lou Groza award. The Hawks scored 5 TD's on special teams and top PR Ed Hinkel (12.0) is also back.
2. **Maryland** Steve Suter has 4.35 speed and last year tied an NCAA record with 4 PR TD's in a single season. He avg'd 13.8 yds on PR's and 24.8 on KR's and is dangerous. K Nick Novak banged home 24 of 28 FG's including 3 of 4 from 50+. A new punter must be found but Adam Podlesh (PS#13) should do fine.
3. **Oklahoma** The Sooners had my #13 special teams last year including the kicker. P Blake Ferguson had a solid net of 35.8 in his first year. K Trey DiCarlo nailed 16 of 22 FG's with a long of 46. Antonio Perkins avg'd 15.0 on PR's and has 4.31 speed and basically everyone is back.
4. **Colorado St** K Jeff Babcock has a high percentage of TB's on KO's, and hit a school record 24 FG's last year including 7 of 10 from 40+. Prior to last year's #28 finish (incl K's) CSU had been #13, #3, #9 and #1 the previous 4 years. Dexter Wynn avg 16.2 on PR's and they only need to find a P to be back at the top again.
5. **Northern Illinois** K Steve Azar has simply hit 52 of 66 FG's in 3 years including three 50 yard FG's. Dan Sheldon led the NCAA in PR average last year with a super 22.7 ypr and both are back!! KR Randee Drew avg a solid 26.1 ypr and Novak usually does a good job of finding a new punter.
6. **Kentucky** Derek Abney had SIX TD's on returns last year averaging 15.1 on PR's and 26.8 on KR's and he was just the tenth UK player to be named 1st Team AA. K Taylor Begley hit 9 of 14 FG's with a long of 49. They do lose their super P from last year but still look like an impressive group.
7. **Georgia** K Billy Bennett hit 26 of 33 FG's including 11 of 14 from 40-49 last year and is back for his senior season. They bring in PS#26 and #28 K's to battle for the punting job. Damien Gary averaged 13.5 on PR's and Fred Gibson 24.2 on KR's.
8. **BYU** Matt Payne has this unit ranked in the top 10. Matt hit a super 13 of 16 FG's last year with a long of 52. He was simply the 1st Team Mt West P as well with a 47.6 gross and 42.7 net average. They should be able to find adequate return men (and have some good ones) to keep this unit in the top 10.

Kentucky
KR/PR Derek Abney

9. **Nebraska** P Kyle Larson was #5 in the NCAA in net punting with a 43.2 avg and 38.2 net! Josh Davis is a dangerous KR and avg'd 23.7 last year. The Huskers always block a lot of kicks and were +7 in the TD/Blk category last year. K Sandro DeAngelis (PS#4) has recovered from injury and they always find a top-notch PR.
10. **Virginia Tech** VT has blocked more kicks than any team since 1990 and Beamer coaches this unit himself. Last year they finished a shockingly low #20 in my special teams ratings and #29 when including the K! Everyone is back as are the kickers, who were banged up last year. DeAngelo Hall avg'd 16.0 on PR's.
11. **Ohio St** The Buckeyes' special teams were a key element in their road to the National Title. K Mike Nugent hit 25 of 28 FG's including 10 of 12 from 40+. They must replace their punter but B.J. Sander (PS#3) who averaged 41.9 in 2000 returns. All of the top returnmen are back and they have a lot of speed available.
12. **Texas** With all the tremendous recruiting classes Mack Brown signs, they have tons of VHT's on this unit. The return game should be solid with PR Nathan Vasher (14.2), KR's Selvin Young (PS#19 - 23.8) and Ivan Williams (25.8). K Dusty Mangum hit 34 of 52 FG's in 2 years and new P Justin Smith is PS#29.
13. **Tennessee** P Dustin Colquitt fixed some mechanical flaws in his punting late in the 2001 season and last year was a Ray Guy finalist averaging 43.6 with a net of 36.8. Top PR Mark Jones (PS#15) avg'd 9.2 and KR Corey Larkins (4.3 speed) avg'd 23.5. New K James Wilhoit (PS#2) hit a 58 yard FG in HS and had 78% TB's on KO's.
14. **Missouri** Brock Harvey showed a lot of improvement last year with a 42.5 avg and a net of 36.9. The team also blocked 3 punts last year. K Michael Matheny hit 9 of 13 FG's. The top PR was Marcus James (13.6) and the top KR was Shirdonya Mitchell (24.1). Basically everyone returns for this unit.
15. **Notre Dame** Vontez Duff was #8 in the NCAA in KR's (27.7) and also avg'd a solid 9.6 on PR's. Julius Jones was a dangerous return man in 2001 and should return. K Nick Setta (PS#1) has hit 38 of 57 FG's in 3 years and will probably also handle the punting.


Iowa
K Nate Kaeding

The rest of the Top 25:

16. Boise St
17. Kansas St
18. Arkansas
19. Syracuse
20. Oklahoma St
21. Oregon
22. Western Michigan
23. Hawaii
24. North Texas St
25. Penn St

2003 PROJECTED BOWL MATCHUPS

Here are Phil Steele's PROJECTED bowl matchups for 2003. Remaining Bowls On Page 2.

SUGAR BOWL

Oklahoma vs Ohio State

BCS Title Game

SUGAR BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2002 Georgia (-8) 26 Florida St 13
2001 LSU (-2) 47 Illinois 34
2000 Miami, Fl (-7) 37 Florida 20

ROSE BOWL

Washington vs Michigan

ROSE BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2002 Oklahoma (-6') 34 Washington St 14
2001 Miami, Fl (-8') 37 Nebraska 14
2000 Washington (+2') 34 Purdue 24

ORANGE BOWL

Florida St vs Pittsburgh

ORANGE BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2002 USC (-4') 38 Iowa 17
2001 Florida (-14) 56 Maryland 23
2000 Oklahoma (+10) 13 Florida St 2

FIESTA BOWL

Virginia Tech vs Tennessee

FIESTA BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2002 Ohio St (+11') 31 Miami, Fl 24
2001 Oregon (+3) 38 Colorado 16
2000 Oregon St (-3') 41 Notre Dame 9

CAPITAL ONE BOWL

LSU vs Wisconsin

CITRUS BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2002 Auburn (+7) 13 Penn St 9
2001 Tennessee (-3) 45 Michigan 17
2000 Michigan (-7') 31 Auburn 28

COTTON BOWL

Texas vs Notre Dame

COTTON BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2002 Texas (-10') 35 LSU 20
2001 Oklahoma (-13) 10 Arkansas 3
2000 Kansas St (-3') 35 Tennessee 21

GATOR BOWL

Maryland vs Miami, Fl

GATOR BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2002 N Carolina St (-1) 28 Notre Dame 6
2001 Florida St (+2) 30 Virginia Tech 17
2000 Virginia Tech (-6) 41 Clemson 20

OUTBACK BOWL

Purdue vs Auburn

OUTBACK BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2002 Michigan (-1) 38 Florida 30
2001 S Carolina (-1) 31 Ohio St 28
2000 S Carolina (+7) 24 Ohio St 7

HOLIDAY BOWL

USC vs Kansas St

HOLIDAY BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2002 Kansas St 34 (-18') Arizona St 27
2001 Texas (-13) 47 Washington 43
2000 Oregon (+7') 35 Texas 30

PEACH BOWL

Georgia vs NC State

PEACH BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2002 Maryland (-1) 30 Tennessee 3
2001 N Carolina (-2) 16 Auburn 10
2000 LSU (-8') 28 Georgia Tech 14

ALAMO BOWL

Penn St vs Nebraska

ALAMO BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2002 Wisconsin (+7') 31 Colorado 28
2001 Iowa (-1) 19 Texas Tech 16
2000 Nebraska (-14') 66 Northwestern 17

SUN BOWL

Iowa vs UCLA

SUN BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2002 Purdue (+3) 34 Washington 24
2001 Washington St (-6') 33 Purdue 27
2000 Wisconsin (-5') 21 UCLA 20

LIBERTY BOWL

TCU vs Colorado St

LIBERTY BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2002 TCU (+5) 17 Colorado St 3
2001 Louisville (-3) 28 BYU 10
2000 Colorado St (-1') 22 Louisville 17

MUSIC CITY BOWL

Mississippi vs Illinois

MUSIC CITY BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2002 Minnesota (+7') 29 Arkansas 14
2001 Boston College (+4) 20 Georgia 16
2000 W Virginia (+3') 49 Mississippi 38

INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Florida vs Missouri

INDEPENDENCE BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2002 Mississippi (+7) 27 Nebraska 23
2001 Alabama (-6) 14 Iowa St 13
2000 Mississippi St (+1') 43 Texas A&M 41

HAWAII BOWL

Memphis vs Hawaii

HAWAII (ALOHA) BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2002 Tulane (+14) 36 Hawaii 28
2001 No Game Played
2000 Georgia (-9') 37 Virginia 14

LAS VEGAS BOWL

Air Force vs Oregon St

LAS VEGAS BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2002 UCLA (-10') 27 New Mexico 13
2001 Utah (+3') 10 USC 6
2000 UNLV (-1) 31 Arkansas 14

MOTOR CITY BOWL

Miami (OH) vs Minnesota

MOTOR CITY BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2002 Boston College (-4) 51 Toledo 25
2001 Toledo (-4) 23 Cincinnati 16
2000 Marshall (+2') 25 Cincinnati 14

INSIGHT BOWL

Arizona St vs Boston College

INSIGHT.COM BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2002 Pittsburgh (+2') 38 Oregon St 13
2001 Syracuse (+6) 26 Kansas St 3
2000 Iowa St (+2) 37 Pittsburgh 29

TANGERINE BOWL

Virginia vs Colorado

TANGERINE BOWL LAST YEAR

2002 Texas Tech (-5') 55 Clemson 15

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR READERS...

I do read every single questionnaire that comes back each year, and I want to thank all of you for filling out the 2002 questionnaire. YOUR responses and input help me to make Phil Steele's College Football Preview better every year. At this time I would like to share with you some of the comments that we have received from our Power Sweep readers last year. . . . . .

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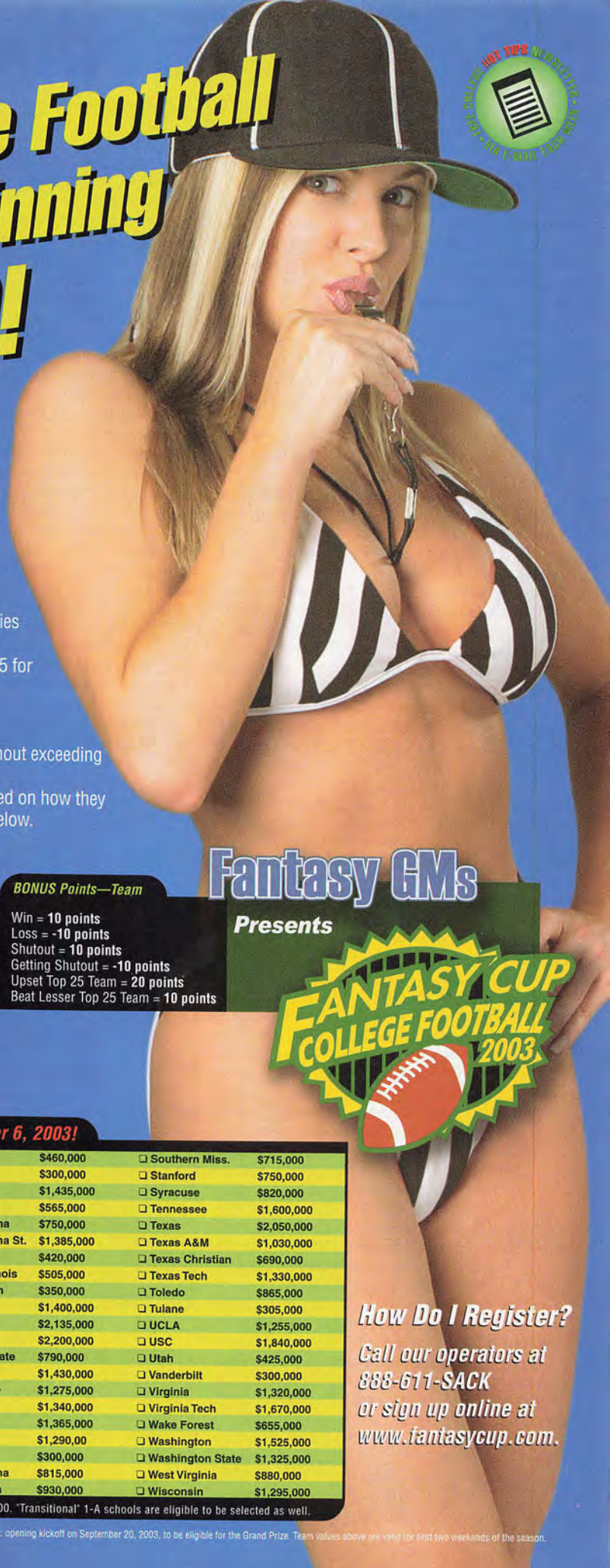

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- Every Interception = **1 point**

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❑ Bowling Green	$530,000	❑ Louisville	$850,000	❑ Ohio State	$2,135,000	❑ UCLA	$1,255,000
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❑ Central Florida	$485,000	❑ Maryland	$1,745,000	❑ Oregon	$1,430,000	❑ Vanderbilt	$300,000
❑ Cincinnati	$475,000	❑ Miami (Ohio)	$775,000	❑ Oregon State	$1,275,000	❑ Virginia	$1,320,000
❑ Clemson	$1,000,000	❑ Miami, FL	$2,190,000	❑ Penn State	$1,340,000	❑ Virginia Tech	$1,670,000
❑ Colorado	$1,515,000	❑ Michigan	$1,860,000	❑ Pittsburgh	$1,365,000	❑ Wake Forest	$655,000
❑ Colorado State	$1,180,000	❑ Michigan State	$640,000	❑ Purdue	$1,290,00	❑ Washington	$1,525,000
❑ East Carolina	$320,000	❑ Minnesota	$990,000	❑ Rice	$300,000	❑ Washington State	$1,325,000
❑ Florida	$1,790,000	❑ Mississippi	$925,000	❑ South Carolina	$815,000	❑ West Virginia	$880,000
❑ Florida State	$1,900,000	❑ Mississippi State	$460,000	❑ South Florida	$930,000	❑ Wisconsin	$1,295,000

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WHICH IS THE TOUGHEST CONFERENCE?

BY PHIL STEELE

The Great Debate on Which Conference is the Toughest.

One of the exciting things about NCAA Football is that the toughest conference changes on a year-to-year basis. I remember back in the late 1960's when it could have been argued that the SWC was the top conference in the country with powerhouses like Texas and Arkansas battling it out for #1. In later years, it was the Big 8 with Nebraska and Oklahoma dominating the landscape. The Big 10, of course, is usually at the top as is the SEC. While both conferences have had their powerhouse years, with the Crimson Tide of Bear Bryant and the rivalry between Woody Hayes (Ohio St) and Bo Schembechler's (Michigan) squads, they also have had some off years.

Another interesting point is that there is not an exact science for picking the toughest conference. You cannot rely strictly on how many bowl wins a conference racks up during the post season, or on its overall record in non-conference play. Let's face it, some leagues' non-conference slates are much tougher than others. Conferences can play non-conference games vs IAA or Big 12 opponents and if you go strictly on overall records, the wins and losses count the same.

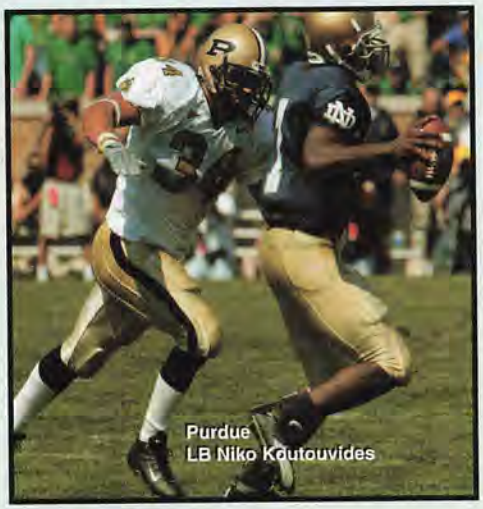
Before I take a look at this year's conferences, let's do a quick recap of some past ratings. In 1998-99, the Big 10 compiled a 10-2 bowl record. In 1999 they had 4 teams in the Top 11 of the final polls and they narrowly edged the SEC and Big 12 in both years in my rankings. They did not hold on to their top spot in 2000 and slipped quite a bit. I had THREE Big 12 teams in my Preseason Top 7 and they got the call as my top conference in 2000. When the smoke cleared, the Big 12 had the National Champ, 3 teams in the Top 10 and a 4-3 bowl record after Nebraska and Kansas St destroyed foes from the Big 10 and SEC. Surprisingly, even though they had some weaker teams at the bottom of the league, they still finished #1 in my overall power ratings average per team. From 1998-2000, the SEC had losing records in bowl games. They had a 4-5 mark in 2000 including 1-3 in Jan 1/Jan 2 bowls and their Top 2 teams, Florida and Tennessee, were manhandled. The SEC also plays one of the softer non-conference schedules during the season, which is a good reason why 9 teams were bowl eligible at the end of the year. They rose to #2 in my overall average power ratings and finished with the most teams in the Top 25 at 6. The Pac 10 rebounded from some down years to finish #3 with 3 Top 10 teams. The Big 10 was #4 followed by the Big East (4-1 in bowls) and the ACC.

After the 2001 season was over the SEC was rated #1 when analyzing the Top 3 teams in each conference as Florida, Tennessee and LSU all finished in the Top 7. They were also rated #1 overall which isn't surprising as they have 12 teams in a very balanced league. The SEC finally had a winning bowl season with a 5-4 overall record and the Top 3 won their bowls by an avg of 24.7 ppg over tough opponents Michigan, Maryland and Illinois. The Big 12 had FOUR of the Top 10 teams and was my #2 toughest conference for 2001, followed by the Big East, Big 10 and Pac 10 with the ACC 6th best.

Last year the Big 10 made a big comeback. Not only did they produce the National Champion in Ohio St, but they had the best record of any conference in bowl games at 5-2. The Big 12 came in second at 5-3 in the bowls with the Big East third at 3-2. The Big 10 also had the best record of any conference vs teams from other BCS conferences during the regular season as they were 8-5 with the ACC coming in 2nd at 10-7 in that respect. In my overall power ratings the Big 12 came up with the best grades in Top 3, Top 5, Top 8 and were #2 overall despite having 12 teams. The Big 10 was 2nd in the Top 3, Top 5 and Top 8 and were #4 in the overall rankings with Indiana, Northwestern and Mich St weighing them down. The Pac 10 was just 4th in the Top 5 and Top 8 combined ratings but 1st in overall balance. The final way of looking at things would be who had the most teams in the final polls. The Big 10 and Big 12 each had three teams in the final Top 10 with the Pac 10 having 2. Four conferences had 4 teams in the Top 25 in the Big 10, Big 12, Big East and ACC. You could make a case for either the Big 10 or Big 12 to have been the top conference last year, but because the Big 10 won the title, I will use that as the tiebreaker and give them the Top Conference honors for 2002. Here is how I rank last years conferences.

2002 FINAL CONFERENCE RANKINGS:

1. Big 10	7. CUSA
2. Big 12	8. Mt West
3. Pac 10	9. WAC
4. SEC	10. MAC
5. Big East	11. Independent
6. ACC	12. Sun Belt



Purdue
LB Niko Koutouvides

Now let's take a look at which conference will be the toughest in the year 2003. First let me tell you how I derive the results. I complete 5 primary sets of power ratings at the start of the year. First is a pure power rating. I rank the positions (QB, RB, WR, etc.) from 4 to 10 points with 10 points being the highest. I then add up all positions, factor in coaching and special teams, and come upon my power ratings for the teams.

The second power rating is based on my Power Plays Ratings (see page 301). These take into account the production of the team not only in terms of points, but yards gained and allowed. I compile a lengthy list of areas of improvement and spots that are weaker and either upgrade or downgrade each team's Power Plays numbers. I then add up all the different numbers and get my Preseason Power Play number for each team.

The other 3 sets are based on last year's final numbers. I grade each position on a team (QB, RB, WR, OL, DL, LB, DB) on their scale of improvement from one year to the next. It differs anywhere from +6 points to -6 points for each position. I take the total team number and factor it into last year's 3 final sets of power ratings. This gives me 3 very different ways of gauging the strength of the teams.

In order to write this article, I combined all 5 sets into one main power rating and used that to create a 6th set for this year. Then the question is, how do I add up the points? Conferences all have a different number of teams. If I ranked the teams by the average of the entire conference, that would give a good indication of the average rating of all the teams, but the bigger the conference the weaker the grade could possibly be. I did use that as one factor. I added a second factor and that was an average grade of just the Top 5 teams. This would give me an even comparison of all the conferences. The only thing this rating does not show, of course, is the depth of the conference. For example, let's say one conference had 9 bowl caliber teams and 1 also-ran and another conference had 5 bowl caliber teams and 5 also-rans. The thinner conference would be rated higher if the Top 5 teams had a higher average, even though the deeper conference was probably tougher. What I am trying to say is that it is an inexact science, but I think by merging the two ratings I get a fairly accurate assessment of the strength of the conferences.

Basically, after all of that was done, I had 12 different sets of rankings. They broke down the conferences into best overall strength of the team for each conference, as well as best overall strength of the Top 5 teams in each conference. This year the Big 12 came in first in Top 3, Top 5 and Top 8 teams but was dragged down by the bottom part of the league and were just #4 in the overall average power rating. The Big 10 was 2nd in each of the first 3 categories except for the Top Conference in Overall Average Power Rating category.

The Big East has three teams in my preseason Top 10 and is #3 in the Top 3 ranking. As you get deeper into the conference, however, they drop to #6 in Top 5, Top 8 and overall. The SEC does not have a dominant team this year and only comes in 5th in terms of Top 3 teams. However, they are the deepest conference and move up in the rankings at #3 in Top 5 team power rating averages as more teams are added. In overall average the SEC is #2.

The Pac 10 was anywhere from 4th to 6th in the different rankings and the ACC, while just #5 in the Top 5 average, was graded the 3rd best conference in overall average power ratings.

Here are my preseason rankings for this year's Toughest Conferences.

TOUGHEST CONFERENCES FOR 2003

1. (tie) Big 10
1. (tie) Big 12
3. SEC
4. ACC
5. Pac 10
6. Big East
7. Mt West
8. CUSA
9. WAC
10. MAC
11. Independent
12. Sun Belt

Penn St
LB Gino Capone

I mentioned that when I am preparing my 5 sets of Power Ratings for the preseason, I grade each team's individual units on a +6 to –6 basis. Let me explain a little more about that. For a team to earn a +6 grade, it would have to be one that I expect to be among the most improved in the country. Here is an example: a team lost their entire defensive line to graduation last year and then lost two other key starters early in the season to injury. They ended up starting almost all frosh and went from a solid run defense to one of the weaker ones in the NCAA. Now let's say that the following year this team had their Top 8 returning from the DL and those frosh forced into action last year are now sophomores and have experience now. They also have the two previous starters returning from injury and signed 3 VHT JUCO's this year. That type of scenario would result in a +6.

A -6 would be the opposite. For example: a team had the entire front wall back on offense, they weighed 325 lbs per man and all five were 3 year senior starters. The unit paved the way for the NCAA rushing title and allowed just 6 sacks. All 5 players graduate, there are no HT's available and only 2 lettermen return for the current season. That would be a -6.

Those are extreme examples and rarely occur. Most of the grades normally fall somewhere in between those two. As I mentioned earlier, I add up all my pluses and minuses for a team and come up with a total grade. I cannot predict injuries, as some teams will suffer a lot of injuries, while others will have good health.

What I can share with you is the most improved teams in the country. I do not have the space for the entire list but the following are the Top 20 most improved teams in the country this year (provided they stay healthy).

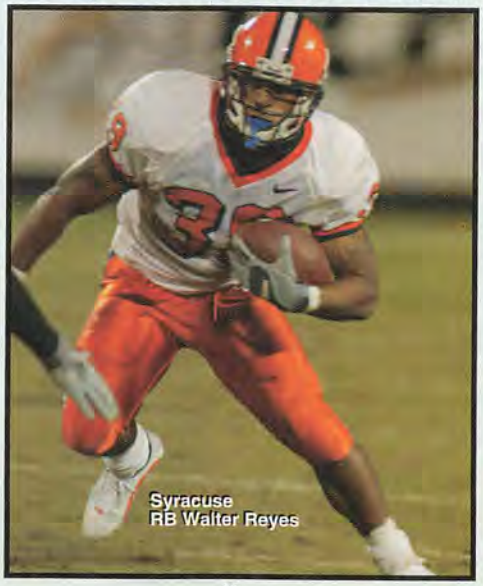
2003's MOST IMPROVED TEAMS

1. Syracuse
2. N Carolina
3. Tennessee
4. Akron
5. California
6. Missouri
7. Purdue
8. Memphis
9. San Jose St
10. S Carolina
11. Nebraska
12. Nevada
13. BYU
14. Miss St
15. UNLV
16. Wisconsin
17. Rutgers
18. Duke
19. Virginia Tech
20. Northwestern

Making my most improved list has generally been a blessing for teams and they usually make big turnarounds. **In 1999, the #1 most improved team in my Preseason Rankings was Hawaii and they simply had the NCAA's largest turnaround on record,** going from winless to a bowl victory. Also listed among the Top 20 that year was Vanderbilt, who almost made it to a bowl game. The Minnesota Golden Gophers were my #6 most improved team and they proved very solid, getting to a bowl game. Stanford was my #13 team and they performed well in the Rose Bowl as the Pac 10 Champions. My #14 most improved team three years ago was Illinois, another team that had not been to a bowl for quite some time but was back in the post season. Number 15 on that list was Michigan St who defeated Florida in the Citrus Bowl. Another bowl winner, TCU, was #18 on the list.

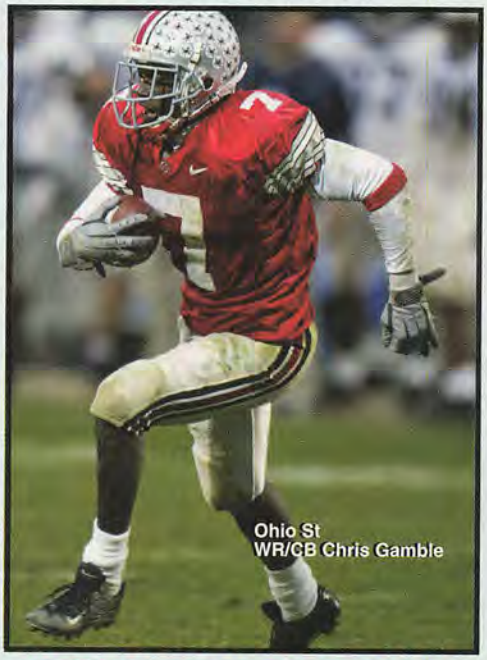
The year 2000 was a VERY successful year for the most improved teams. **Of the Top 14 most improved teams that year, TEN went from a losing season to being bowl eligible!!!!** South Carolina was my #6 most improved team and they simply went from 0-11 to beating Ohio St in a Jan 1 bowl game and finishing with an 8-4 record. Tulane was #1 on the list and they went from 3-8 to 6-5 and were bowl eligible. UNLV was #2 and went from 3-8 to an 8-5 season with a bowl victory. Northwestern was #4 and after a poor 3-8 season they rolled to the Big 10 Co-Championship! UCLA was #7 and went from a losing year to a bowl game. LSU came in at #10 and they went from 3-8 to 8-4, including a bowl win. Not all the teams on my list went from losing seasons to bowls and not all the teams will do that this year. Also on 2000's list were teams like Washington (#16) which went from 7-5 to 11-1, a 4 game improvement, and Clemson (#20) which went from 6-6 to 9-3 and played in a Jan 1 bowl game.

In 2001, of the 20 teams that made my list, only ONE team had a weaker record and that was Tulsa. Three teams did have the same record as 2000 and SIXTEEN had stronger records!!! **NINE TEAMS went from a losing season to becoming bowl eligible including such surprises as Washington St, Colorado, Alabama, Iowa, Stanford and USC.** Colorado went from 3-8 to just missing out on the National Title game. Washington St was picked dead last in the Pac 10 preseason poll after their 4-7 season in 2000 but simply went 10-2 and just missed out on a league title.


Syracuse
RB Walter Reyes

Last year, of the twenty teams on this list, NINE went from non-winning records to being bowl eligible. Those teams were: USC, Penn St, Connecticut, California, North Texas, Tulane, Oregon St, West Virginia and Minnesota. **Of the 20 teams from last year, only TWO had less wins in 2002 than they did in 2001.** USC went from 6-6 to finishing #4 in the polls at the end of the year. Looking for some major turnaround teams this year that will surprise? Make sure you check out this years list.

Finally let me wrap up this article with a little reference tool (last year's final standings) that I find myself looking for from time-to-time, especially during the preseason. The following is how the teams finished last year in both of the polls. Ohio State was a unanimous #1 last year after knocking off the previous years unanimous #1 in the Fiesta Bowl.


Ohio St
WR/CB Chris Gamble

ESPN/USA TODAY COACHES POLL

1. **Ohio St (61)**
2. Miami, Fl
3. Georgia
4. USC
5. Oklahoma
6. Kansas St
7. Texas
8. Iowa
9. Michigan
10. Washington St
11. NC State
12. Boise St
13. Maryland
14. Virginia Tech
15. Penn St
16. Auburn
17. Notre Dame
18. Pittsburgh
19. Marshall
20. W Virginia
21. Colorado
22. TCU
23. Florida St
24. Florida
25. Virginia

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

1. **Ohio St (71)**
2. Miami, Fl
3. Georgia
4. USC
5. Oklahoma
6. Texas
7. Kansas St
8. Iowa
9. Michigan
10. Washington St
11. Alabama
12. NC State
13. Maryland
14. Auburn
15. Boise St
16. Penn St
17. Notre Dame
18. Virginia Tech
19. Pittsburgh
20. Colorado
21. Florida St
22. Virginia
23. TCU
24. Marshall
25. W Virginia

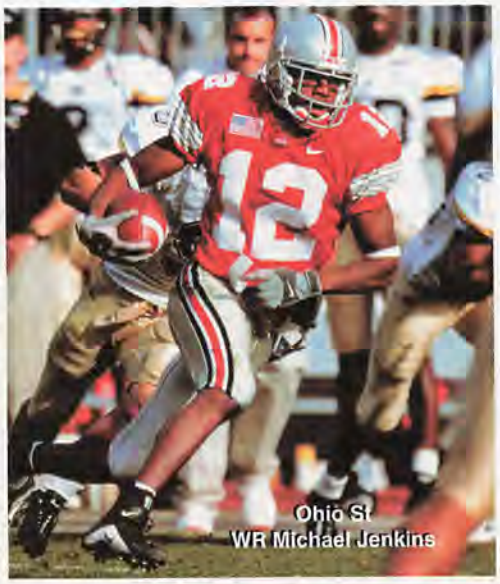
WHO WILL BE THIS YEAR'S SURPRISE TEAM?

Let's pretend you are in Shreveport, Louisiana on December 31, 1999. You've just watched Oklahoma lose 27-25 to an average Mississippi team to finish the season 7-5. Despite this bowl loss, it was a good year for the Sooners, especially after coming off of four consecutive non-winning years. Your friend says to you, "I guarantee you Oklahoma will win the National Championship next year." Your first thought is that your friend has "over-celebrated" New Year's Eve. Next year Oklahoma would have just 13 returning starters and face a schedule that included the 3 powerhouses of the Big 12 in Nebraska, Kansas St and Texas with all 3 of those games away from home (Texas is a neutral site game).

The Sooners entered the year as a 50-1 shot to win the National Title and were not even ranked in the Preseason Top 20. When the dust cleared they simply stood at the top of the heap over all the other 115 Division IA teams and were the only team to remain undefeated for the season. Impressive indeed! They did have some solid factors going for them in 2000 like exceptionally good health (0 starters missed a game due to injury), a solid QB, and a super defense. Your first reaction was that this Cinderella story is a one time thing. However teams have reached the top and been big surprises in almost every year, and yes, sometimes they bag the national title despite not being one of the top ranked teams coming into the year.

Oklahoma was not the only surprise team of 2000. Oregon St was unranked coming into the season, but much like the Sooners, stayed remarkably injury free. They also benefitted from +18 turnovers to finish #4 in the country with a super 11-1 season and a blowout win of Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl. Health and turnovers had a big impact that year, but there have been plenty of surprise teams through the years.

Last year it was yet another surprise team taking home the National Title. Ohio St was not even ranked in the preseason Top 10 and in fact only three magazines even picked them to win the Big 10 conference, let alone contend for a National Title. Of the "Big 9" magazines only three had them in their Top 10, and I am pleased to report that I had them at #7 which was higher than anyone else had them pegged coming into the year. I pointed out that 3 sets of my power ratings called for Ohio St to have a perfect season. They were coming off a 7-5 season and had only 12 starters back with the 4th highest losses to the NFL draft and did not even have a returning starter at QB. When the smoke cleared they simply beat Miami in the Fiesta Bowl and took home the National Title.


Ohio St
WR Michael Jenkins

Do you think it is easy picking a national champ prior to the year? Since 1994, only twice has the preseason #1 team gone on to win the National Title. Only in 1999 and 2001 did any of the Big Nine preseason magazines correctly pick the National Champ. The Big Nine magazines in this article that I am referring to are Athlon, Lindy's, The Sporting News, Street and Smith's, Sports Illustrated, Game Plan, Preview Sports, Jim Fiest's and Phil Steele's. (ESPN Magazine only came out recently). In 2001, two magazines (Preview Sports and Street and Smith's) pegged Miami (Fla) #1 and were correct. Every year you can round up the usual suspects for the National Title coming into the year. It used to be that Florida St, Florida and Nebraska were the type of teams that rank in the Top 5 coming into the season almost every year. Throughout the years there have been some other big surprises.

In 1994, Penn State was #10 heading into the year and their highest preseason publication ranking (other than my College Scorebook which had them #5) was #8. They simply went undefeated on the season, and while they finished the season the #2 team in the country, they could have won the National Title had they been able to play Nebraska for it.

In 1995, no preseason magazine picked Nebraska to win the National Title, but plenty had them #2 which is where they ranked prior to the year, when they took home the Title. No big surprise there, but the biggest surprises that year were Northwestern and Kansas who finished in the Top 10 despite not being picked in the Preseason Top 25.

In 1996, none of the Big Nine preseason magazines had Florida pegged as the National Champ, yet the Gators won the Title. That was not an "Oklahoma-like" surprise as they came into the season ranked #4. The big surprise teams that year were BYU, which finished #5 after being unranked in the preseason, and Arizona St, which finished #4 after coming into the season ranked #22. Of the Big Nine, only Lindy's had BYU in its Top 25 (at #25) and I had ASU ranked the highest at #13.

In 1997, Michigan (AP) and Nebraska (Coaches) each finished atop one of the major polls at the end of the year. The Huskers came into the season at #5, while none of the Big Nine had them #1, four (myself, Fiest's, Preview and Lindy's) had them as high as #3. Michigan was not even rated in the Top 10 coming into the year (#14) so their sharing of the Title was a big surprise. The only Big Nine publication to have them in the Top 10 prior to the year was Street and Smith's, which pegged them a surprising #4 (nice job, guys). The other surprise that year was UCLA who was not ranked coming into the season but finished at #5.

The 1998 season featured another big surprise for the National Title. Tennessee was ranked #10 coming into the season and had one of those years where everything went right for them with few injuries, +16 in turnovers, winning 3 tight games by 4 points or less and getting lucky by avoiding the best team in the country that year (Ohio St was ranked #3 but would have been a big favorite had they played the Vols). In their bowl game they took on a Florida St team that was forced to start a backup QB and they won that game as well. Of the Big Nine magazines only two had them ranked in the Top 7 and they were mine (#7) and Game Plan (#6). Three unranked teams that year finished in the Top 10 and they were Arizona (#4), Tulane (#7) and Georgia Tech (#9).

Everyone thought Florida St was a super team in 1999, and that they were. The Seminoles became the first ever wire-to-wire champ in the polls, being ranked #1 all year and their 46-29 win over Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl left no doubt as to who was the best team in the country. There were some surprise teams that year however. As I mentioned, Virginia Tech played in the National Title game and was unbeaten coming into the post season. Prior to the season they did not even rank in the Top 10. One of the Big Nine magazines did not even have them in their Preseason Top 25!! Both Athlon and I had them ranked the highest at #6 coming into the year. Michigan St and Kansas St were the other surprise Top 10 finishers. I am pleased to report that I was the only one to rank the Spartans in the Top 25 prior to the year and they finished #7. Lindy's (#9) and Game Plan (#10) did a great job with Kansas St as they were the only two to have them in the Top 10. Overall the Wildcats entered the season at #20.

All of this information that I have provided for you was obtained from a great website, www.stassen.com, which has information on final polls, magazine rankings, and some records that date back to 1989. So, what have we learned from all this information? Clearly, every year there has been an unexpected Top 10 team and some years there are big surprises like Oklahoma & Ohio St. Now comes the question "Who will be this year's Surprise Team?"

As I write this magazine, it is unknown where the other magazines will have the teams ranked or who will be ranked where in this year's preseason polls. I can definitely peg some teams that should not make the Preseason Top 10 (and some not even in the Top 20) that could turn out to be big surprise teams this year. Keep in mind no one can forecast injuries and turnovers and those have been important factors for teams who have risen to the top in recent years. **By the way the very FIRST team that I mentioned in this article last year was OHIO STATE!!**

In 2001's magazine I listed 9 teams that I felt had a shot at being a surprising National Champ. A couple of them did work their way into the Title picture. I listed UCLA and they did vault their way into the Top 5 with a 6-0 record but they were stunned at midseason by Stanford. Then they lost RB Foster and dropped out of the National Title chase. LSU was a team that was not ranked in the Preseason Top 10, but one that did earn its way into a BCS bowl by winning the SEC. The other team that almost got there was Colorado and they nearly played in the National Title game. I picked Colorado for this article despite the fact that they were 3-8 the previous season!! They missed out on the National Title game by a couple of percentage points in the BCS rankings. Now let's take a look at this year's potential surprise teams.

Kansas St
Eli Roberson

Some other teams mentioned in last year's article besides the shocking National Champ pick of Ohio St, were Penn St, Kansas St, USC and Arkansas. Penn St ended up playing in a Jan 1 bowl game after two straight losing seasons and had 3 very close losses during the regular season. At the end of last year you could have made

an argument that Kansas St and USC were the two hottest teams in the country. Kansas St outscored their opponents on the year by 30 ppg, and USC crushed ND, UCLA and Iowa in their final 3 games by a 134-51 margin. Arkansas was the surprise winner of the SEC West.

After I wrote my Top 40 I had my staff go on line to find out what other sources (like The Sporting News, Las Vegas Sportsbooks, USA Today, CNN/SI) were picking for their Top 10's. Here is the rough list of the teams it looks like will be ranked in this year's Top 10 and I put them in order of how many different sources picked them in their Top 10: Ohio St, Oklahoma, Miami Fla, Texas, Kansas St, Virginia Tech, Georgia, North Carolina St, Auburn. It looks like these 9 teams will definitely be in the Top 10 this year so I will not use any of these as surprise teams.

Pittsburgh
QB Rod Rutherford

The **Pitt Panthers** will probably be picked by most for third place in the Big East this year. Pitt finished with 4 losses last year which is even less than Ohio St and Oklahoma had prior to taking home the Title. I saw QB Rod Rutherford improve by leaps and bounds last season, and if he continues to mature, this offense will be potent, especially with Larry Fitzgerald who I consider to be the best WR in the NCAA. They have a solid offensive line and RB Brandon Miree also emerged late last year. The defense gave up just 17.8 ppg last year and will be a Top 20 unit once again. Now for the schedule. A trip to face a rebuilding Texas A&M in College Station will not be easy, but is winnable. Their other 5 road games all fall in the winnable category and they get their 3 toughest opponents at home in Notre Dame, Miami Fla and Virginia Tech. They beat VT IN BLACKSBURG last year, had a 21-10 FD edge on ND in South Bend and an amazing 26-13 FD edge in Miami, but came up short on the scoreboard by 1 score in each of the latter two. Can you say 12-0? This is my prime contender to fit the Cinderella slipper this year (much like Ohio St was last year).

Just as important as staying healthy is to winning a National Title, so is a team's SCHEDULE. Last year I said that Ohio St did not rank in the Top 10 in any of my 7 sets of Power Ratings, yet three picked them to go the season unbeaten. The **LSU Tigers** are a mirror image of that this year. Now don't get me wrong, LSU is not a bad team, but their highest ranking talent-wise in any of my 7 sets of ratings is #20. My MAIN set of ratings calls for them to go 12-0!! Of the preseason polls I perused, the highest ranking I saw for them was #19. Last year LSU lost 5 games (OSU and Oklahoma's magic number before winning the Title) and they have 13 starters back. They were 6-1 and in the Top 10 last year when their starting QB was injured. This year they have two veteran QB's back and are Top 25 material on both sides of the ball. Death Valley is a tough place to play, and most of their tough opponents (Georgia, Florida, Auburn and Arkansas) must come into the Tigers' Den. Their toughest road trips are to Alabama and Ole Miss (10-10 at home in SEC last 5 years). This is a very underrated team that has the schedule (like Ohio St did last year) to go all the way and could be favored in all 12 games!

Looking for value this year? I have a team for you and it is the same team I had for you last year, the **Tennessee Volunteers**. I talked earlier in this article about how Oklahoma did not have a single starter miss a single game due to injury and Ohio St had a fairly healthy season as well last year. Well, Tennessee had the type of season that makes it impossible to win a title and that's one where NINETEEN DIFFERENT STARTERS missed at least one game due to injury!!!!! No wonder they lost five times (didn't Oklahoma and Ohio St each lose 5 times the year before their titles?). QB Casey Clausen was banged up and missed games, as did most of his surrounding cast. While they have just 11 starters returning, most of the injured players are back as are plenty of the players who earned playing time in their place. They must travel to Florida, Auburn, Alabama and Miami Fla so the schedule is not easy, but this could be the most underrated team in the country and the highest I saw them ranked anywhere in May was #17. Phil Fulmer did not get stupid overnight (he does own a national title) and I like the talent he has on hand in what could be a surprise year.

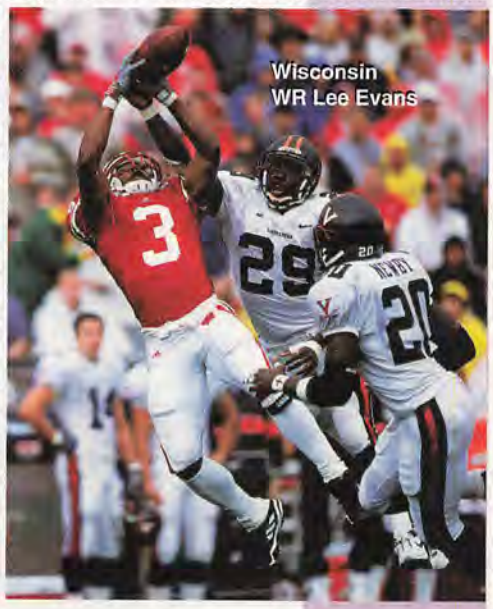
Tennessee
QB Casey Clausen

Here is a team that used to fall into the Top 5 every year, but has appeared to have fallen and they can't get up. The **Florida St Seminoles** always used to be in the Top 5, not only at the start but also at the end of the year with a remarkable stretch of 14 straight years of finishing in the Top 5. The last two years they are a pedestrian 16-9, and their 9 losses were more than they had in the previous 9 years combined!! This year they are in no ones Top 10 (including my own). I thought Chris Rix should have been left in as the starter last year, as he nearly engineered an upset of Miami, Fl (missed FG again), but his absence caused some losses. He is back this year and has a solid O-Line, one of the best sets of RB's in the country and some speed at WR. The defense should be much stingier. While the ACC is much stronger than it has been in the past with the emergence of teams like Maryland and NCSt, FSU is still capable of sweeping the league this year. They do have to face Miami and Notre Dame in non-conference play, but this team comes up in my Top 10 in terms of talent, and has the potential to sweep the board. If they sweep vs this schedule (2nd toughest in country) they would earn a spot in the Sugar Bowl and have their swagger back for the big game. As you know, Bowden has an excellent bowl record.

Florida St
QB Chris Rix

Every year when I write up the teams and do my power ratings, I do not look at the schedule or try to figure out which will be the surprise teams. I just plod along doing each position by itself, and then at the end let my 7 sets of computer ratings add it all up for me. I was shocked to see that 2 of the 7 sets listed the **USC Trojans** as the most talented team in the country!!! Now keep in mind they lose Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer, but Ohio St had an inexperienced QB last year and took home the crown. The schedule is daunting, but last year they took on the toughest schedule in the country and nearly played for the National Title finishing #4 in the final polls. I personally think it will be tough for them to go into Seattle and beat a very strong Huskies team, and that is why I picked the Huskies for the Pac 10 title. They also have to face preseason Top 10 Auburn on the road in a young QB's first start in front of a very hostile crowd. They travel to South Bend as well but two of my sets of power ratings call for a perfect season (much like many did last year for Ohio St). Current odds on USC winning the Title are 18-1 and the 7 polls I looked at did not even have them in the Top 10.

The **Michigan Wolverines** may be close to the preseason Top 10 but let's face it, they will be picked by very few (including this writer) to even win their own conference with Ohio St in it. My power ratings very clearly call for the Wolverines to be 11-0 and face an 11-0 Ohio St in ANN ARBOR, in a game in which a victory would clearly put them in the National Title game. Lloyd Carr loves his offensive line this year and QB John Navarre may be this year's Carson Palmer in having a great senior season after some struggling years. They are one of the few teams in the country to rank in my Top 10 in offense and defense. Should a showdown of unbeaten teams occur on Nov 22, keep in mind that the Wolves have come up short the last two years on the scoreboard vs Ohio St but have outfirstdowned them by a combined 44-24 margin in the 2 games.


Wisconsin
WR Lee Evans

Barry Alvarez, the coach of the **Wisconsin Badgers,** is #2 in terms of Rose Bowl wins for a Big 10 coach (just 1 behind the legendary Woody Hayes). In 1998, after a couple of 5 loss seasons, his UW team went 11-1, including a Rose Bowl win. After a couple of lean years the last two seasons where his squad with just 10 and 11 returning starters lost 7 and 6 games, he has a veteran group with 16 starters back, and will be in Rose Bowl contention. They avoid Michigan and the only road game they will not

be favored in is vs Penn St, which is in a rebuilding year. Their game against the defending national champ Ohio St is in Madison, which used to be one of the toughest home venues in the country. Only 1 poll I looked at had Wisky in the Top 25, but this is a team with the talent and schedule to surprise.

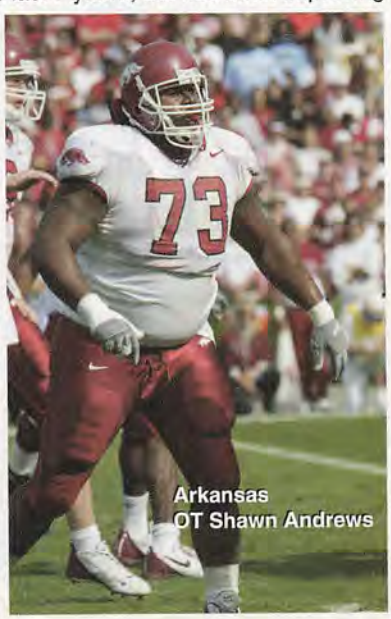
If you are looking for another huge value team from last year, let's cast our eyes towards the **Purdue Boilermakers**. Last year Purdue outgained their Big 10 foes by an average of 144.5 ypg, which was far better than that of either Ohio St or Iowa. Somehow they came up just 4-4 in conference play and 7-6 for the season. Turnovers were the main culprit along with some very questionable referee calls (23 vs Wake Forest). They have 17 starters back including Tiller's best ever defense here at Purdue and some explosive weapons on offense including two star QB's. This year they do have a killer league schedule with Michigan, Ohio St and Wisconsin all on the road, but this team will not even be in the Top 25 after last years 6-6 regular season mark. They actually had the best offense and tied for the best defense in the Big 10 last year during the regular season.

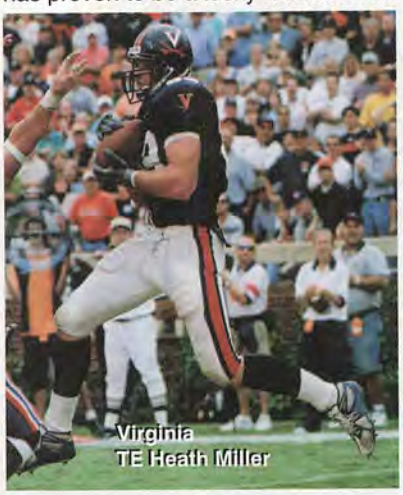
Next is a team that mirrors Florida St in the fact that they were a perennial Top 5 or 10 pick and finisher until they had a record breaking season last year going 7-7 their first non-winning season in 41 years!!! Not only that, they had losses by 33, 23 and 36 points. Surprisingly the **Nebraska Cornhuskers** have 7 units that rank in my preseason Top 25 this year (see pages 12-15) and that is 2nd most in the NCAA. They have a chance to regain their swagger this year, and now have an experienced QB. Keep in mind prior to their current 7-9 stretch this team had been 11-0 and headed to the National Title game in 2001. Their Blackshirt defense will be tough like previous years' units were, and the toughest two road games are vs Texas (yeah that is TOUGH) and Colorado.

Ole Miss
QB Eli Manning

Eli Manning begins his third year as a starter for the **Mississippi Rebels,** and this is the most talented Rebels team in over a decade. They finally have some size up front on the D-Line, which should slow down opponents' rush attacks. They also have a user friendly schedule with the toughest road trips to the Swamp to take on a rebuilding Gator squad, and to Auburn to face a Top 10 Tiger outfit. This team is just 12-15 SU as an SEC home team the last 7 years, but has been improving as of late. If they take care of business in Vaught Hemmingway Stadium they could be favored in 10 of 12 games. Manning gives them a shot at upsets in the two big road games as two years ago he guided an upset of SEC champ LSU in Death Valley.

Three years ago the **Arkansas Razorbacks** upset Texas in the Cotton Bowl. If they upset Texas again in Austin this September, it may set this team in motion to be a surprise national title contender. Last year they were my surprise pick to win the SEC West and they did just that. They have an excellent defense with 4 top-notch CB's, which allows them to use man coverage and blitz more often. Their offense has some very talented RB's and should be stronger. They are almost unbeatable at home and if they get past Texas, their other tough road games are vs Alabama, Mississippi (under .500 at home vs SEC last 7 years) and LSU. The Hogs are another team that had 5 losses last year which has proven to be a lucky number as of late.


Arkansas
OT Shawn Andrews


Virginia
TE Heath Miller

The **Virginia Cavaliers** were a team loaded with VHT freshmen last year and exceeded expectations with a 9-5 record including a bowl win. This year they add more VHT's and have a young but very talented team and an ex-NFL coach in Al Groh who seems to get the most out of the talent on hand. Their first 4 road trips all fall into the winnable category but they do face both NCSt and Maryland on the road at the end of the year. They may be a year away from really contending for a national title but I thought they were a year away from a winning record last year.

A few years ago Dennis Erickson took an **Oregon St Beavers** team of mostly Mike Riley recruits to the Fiesta Bowl as the team went 11-1 and whipped ND in the bowl. Will Mike Riley now take a team of Erickson recruits to the same heights? OSU should be favored in their first 6 games with QB Anderson, RB Jackson and a strong defense. They host my Pac 10 favorite Washington and Corvallis is a very tough place to play. The road trips to Wash St and Oregon are winnable so the Pac 10 title could come down to a trip to USC. The Beavers also lost FIVE games last year.

Oregon St
RB Steven Jackson

Here are a couple of non BCS conference teams that actually have a shot of sneaking into the BCS mix if the stars align, they stay injury free, catch some breaks, go unbeaten and the writers and coaches feel generous enough to put them in the Top 10. My three teams are **TCU, Colorado St and Southern Mississippi** as all should be favored in most of their games but do have some big name opponents on the list to make some noise.

These are the "Lucky" 13 teams that have a legitimate shot at stunning the NCAA much like Oklahoma did in 2000 and Ohio State in 2002 and three more non BCS conference teams who are longshots to make it to a BCS bowl. The NCAA mandated reduction of scholarships to 85 has created the opportunity for teams to rebound quickly and pull surprises. This should be another exciting year and certainly at least one team will surpass conventional expectations.

2003 Surprise Teams

1. Pittsburgh Panthers
2. LSU Tigers
3. Tennessee Volunteers
4. Florida St Seminoles
5. USC Trojans
6. Michigan Wolverines
7. Wisconsin Badgers
8. Purdue Boilermakers
9. Nebraska Cornhuskers
10. Mississippi Rebels
11. Arkansas Razorbacks
12. Virginia Cavaliers
13. Oregon St Beavers

Three non-BCS teams who could Surprise

1. TCU Horned Frogs
2. Colorado St Rams
3. S Mississippi Golden Eagles

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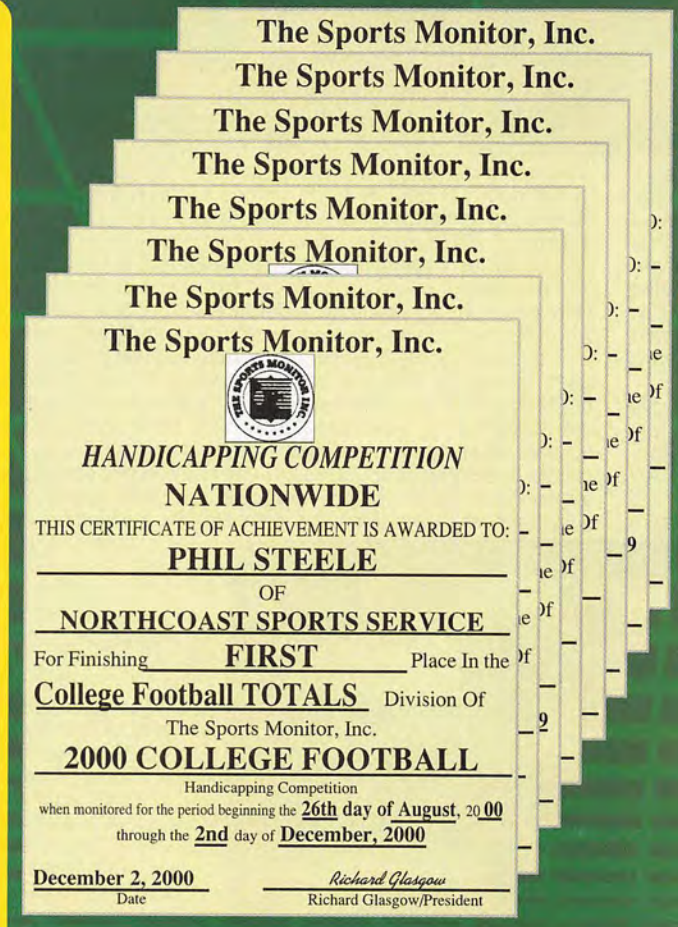

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DETERMINING THE NATIONAL CHAMP – BOWLS OR PLAYOFFS?

by Phil Steele

One of the hottest topics in college football over the past few years is how to determine the National Champion. There have been many times at the end of the year that one team emerges from the polls as the No. 1 team and National Champion, but the public may feel that another team or teams were deserving of the title and were not given the chance to prove it. I must admit however, that I am a traditionalist when it comes to college football. I love the rivalries and the tradition of the bowls. During the month of December, I am a bowl junkie and I find each bowl to be interesting. I feel that they provide teams with a reward for a successful season, both financially and recruiting wise.

I know that in college basketball the March Madness tournament is a major success. TV ratings are high and everyone in the country participates in their office pools predicting who will be the National Champ. Many have said that they would like to see such a tournament for NCAA football as well. They propose a tournament featuring perhaps the top sixteen teams for NCAA football, but I definitely disagree with that. Here's the main reason why. If you take a look at the NCAA hoops tournament and who is crowned champion, I think you will find that the most dominating team of the basketball season does not always win the championship. How can you say that a team like the 1985 Villanova squad, which finished the regular season 16-10, was the best team in the country simply because they won their last 6 games in the NCAA tournament? There were 10 teams during the regular season who were stronger than they were! To say at the end of the year that a team that lost 10 games was the strongest team in the NCAA was a joke and meant that the entire regular season was **meaningless**.

Miami, Fl
RB Frank Gore

Ohio St
RB Maurice Clarett

The one thing I love about college football is that of all sports, college or pro, the regular season in college football is the one that MEANS THE MOST. When Oklahoma plays Texas, Florida takes on Miami, Fl, Ohio St battles Michigan, these games turn out to be National Title elimination games. You might be able to stay alive in the overall chase if you lose ONE regular season game but two losses will most likley, and should, eliminate you. That means that the games in September, October and November are just as critical as the bowl games if you are to have a shot at the National Title. No other sport with an expanded playoff system can say that.

The current BCS bowl method of determining the National Champion also has its flaws. In 1998, my No. 1 team in the country in the preseason was Ohio St. There is no doubt in my mind that Ohio St was the strongest and most complete team, but a late season upset loss to Michigan St cost them a shot at appearing in the National Championship Game. The BCS picked Florida St, a team with one loss that was starting a backup QB, to take on Tennessee in the bowl game. The Volunteers eventually won the National Championship. Tennessee was far from a perfect team that year and caught many fortunate breaks to get into the Title Game and remain undefeated. Had Ohio St played either Florida St or Tennessee in that year's Fiesta Bowl, the Buckeyes would have been favored by the ultimate authority, the Las Vegas sportsbooks (the ones that make a living by knowing who the stronger teams are). The Buckeyes had to settle for second place after they whipped Texas A&M in their bowl game.

In 1999 in my magazine, I called for Nebraska to finish No. 1 in the country. No one else had Nebraska listed in the Top 5. The Huskers had a dominating year but once again one bad game vs Texas, in which Nebraska had a 429-275 yard edge but could not overcome their 6 turnovers. They later avenged that loss to Texas big time in the Big 12 Championship Game with a dominating 22-6 win, proving they were a stronger team than the Horns. They then dismantled Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl even more impressively than the 31-21 final indicated.

Florida St was a good team in 1999 but played their usual soft ACC schedule and even then had some close calls vs Georgia Tech, Clemson and Florida during the season. Virginia Tech was a great story in '99, going undefeated and getting to the National Title Game. The Hokies benefitted from a soft schedule as well, playing no team near the caliber of Nebraska during the season. Once again, had Nebraska played either Virginia Tech or Florida St in the National Title Game, I feel Las Vegas would have placed Nebraska in the favorite's role. The Huskers probably would have defeated either of those two foes as they were the most complete team, with the best defense in the country.

In 2000 the BCS worked out pretty well as the two best teams did get a shot at the National Title Game when Florida St faced Oklahoma, but Miami (Fla) and Washington fans both said they should have been the challenger to undefeated Oklahoma. Miami beat Florida St straight up and Washington beat Miami straight up. They each had legitimate claims as both faced tough schedules and had just one slip up. Two other teams that finished 10-1 did not have legitimate claims. Yes, Oregon St was the most impressive team in the Pac 10, blowing out opponents on a weekly basis, but they lost to Washington SU and only had one win over a final Top 25 team all year (Oregon). The same can be said for Virginia Tech who did not defeat a single team ranked in the Top 25 and lost to Miami by 20.

In 2001, Nebraska suffered their first loss of the year at Colorado by a 62-36 margin in their season finale. Miami, Fl went undefeated and indisputably deserved the Rose Bowl bid and a chance to vie for the Title. After Florida, Tennessee and Texas all fell by the wayside, Nebraska controversially got the call, by the BCS formula, to face Miami while Oregon and Colorado complained loudly that they were the ones that deserved a shot. Had Nebraska defeated Miami, the AP voters would likely have voted the Oregon/Colorado Fiesta Bowl winner the National Champ showing a great deal of sentiment that those two teams deserved a shot at the Title.

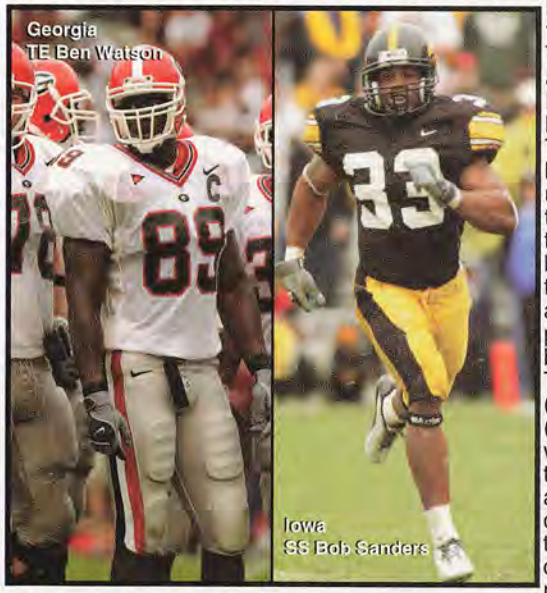
Last year it was a dream come true for the BCS as there were just two unbeaten, untied teams at season's end and they met in the Fiesta Bowl to determine the true National Champion in double overtime. No arguments from anybody for the first time in BCS history!!

As you can tell, I feel that the best team in the country did not win the National Title in two of the last five years and the Title Game foes were controversial in 4 of the 5 years. I really think that a team that suffers just one tough loss but is dominating in every other game vs a decent schedule deserves a shot at the National Title Game (unless there are two unbeatens left). I see a lot of proposals for 8 and 16 team matchups, but I feel that is going too far. As I previously pointed out, there is no reason to include teams with numerous losses as if they were true National Championship contenders. If they were, they would have taken care of business during the season. I also think that by including teams with 2 or 3 losses in the National Championship picture, you dilute the greatness of college football during the regular season. There ARE many games with National Championship implications during the regular season. As an example, when Miami and Florida St face off every year, normally one is eliminated from the championship race and the other is still alive. Why not let those games keep their "playoff-like" atmosphere, thus preserving their importance. If you expand the field to 16, you allow teams to be able to lose games like that and still look forward to the postseason and a shot at the Title. I do not want to dilute college football during the regular season and feel that only a select few who meet the challenges of the regular season deserve to be in the final chase. I feel college football regular season games are the most important games of any sport due to their impact on the Title chase.

Here is my plan to determine the National Champ and actually it is very close to what we have now. It should be feasible in the foreseeable future and I feel it would establish a true National Champ. To determine the National Champ, I feel they should continue with the BCS

rankings but include the Top FOUR teams in the BCS chase. The two semi-final games would be played on January 1 and rotate as the bowls do now between the Rose, Orange, Sugar and Fiesta. The Top 4 teams in the country according to the BCS would be invited. If you look at the last seven years, this would have included No. 3 Ohio St in 1998, No. 3 Nebraska in 1999, and BOTH Oregon and Colorado in 2001. In this scenario, the teams decide who is the National Champ on the field. No. 1 would face No. 4 and No. 2 would face No. 3 in the January 1 bowls and after the first round matchups, the Championship Game could be played during the bye week before the Super Bowl. This would allow the teams plenty of time to prepare and for fans to make travel arrangements, given the three to four week span. It also gives football fans something to look forward to during the week that the NFL is off.

Then there would be absolutely no question that it would be a true National Title Game as the top 4 teams would be involved. Now let's take a look at how this would have affected the 1997, 1998 and 1999 races. In 1997 the "final four" would have been Michigan, Nebraska, Florida St and North Carolina. This is one year where there would have been little question as to who the Top 2 teams were as Michigan and Nebraska should have met in the Title Game with both teams going unbeaten. If the two had played, there would have been no split of the National Title and a true champion could have been crowned. The No. 5 (UCLA) and No. 6 (Florida) teams were beaten twice and once again did NOT deserve a role in the Title Game chase. The current BCS system, which was devised after the 1997 season, would have also provided the same outcome as it would have matched the two unbeaten teams. But I find fault with a system that would have given us a true Title Game in only 2 of the last 7 years.



In 1998, Ohio St would have faced Florida St in one of the semi-final matchups. With a backup QB, Florida St would have been no match for the Buckeyes' top-rated defense and Ohio St would have advanced. Tennessee would have matched up with Kansas St, a team that was unbeaten until the Big 12 Championship Game. In that particular game, I would have rated it a toss-up as both would have had a chance to advance. I still feel Ohio St would have polished off whoever emerged from that game but as you can see, I do not feel the best two teams participated in the "National Title" game that the BCS presented. Team No. 5 was Arizona and No. 6 was UCLA and I do not feel either of those teams were National Title caliber. They simply achieved their records by playing in the inferior PAC 10 (which was a weak conference that year) and really did not have defenses comparable to the Top 4 teams. Team No. 5 and No. 6 and so on really do not have the caliber to compete in a Title Game and do not deserve an expanded field.

In 1999, Nebraska would have faced Virginia Tech in one of the semi-final games. The Huskers' defense would have contained Michael Vick in a tight, low scoring game and NU would have advanced as their tougher schedule would have had them better prepared. Florida St would have faced whoever the BCS poll had rated in the No. 4 slot. Wisconsin was No. 4 in both polls and Alabama and Tennessee were No. 5 and No. 6 even though all three had 2 losses. Kansas St was No. 8 with only one loss. A strong case could be made AGAINST all 4 from having a shot at the National Title Game, but since you have to pick one, let's say Wisconsin was chosen because they're #4. As you can see, in 1999 there would not have been any complaints of teams left out as it was tough to find one that was at the level of the Top 3. Florida St would have dispatched Wisconsin. That would have forced a true National Title Game between Nebraska and Florida St, who were the top two teams in reality.

In 2000, my system would have been a dream. With Oregon St and Virginia Tech dismissed due to strength of schedule (or lack thereof), Washington would have faced Oklahoma and Miami would've had a rematch with Florida St for the right to play in the Title Game. There would be no complaints after the season and those teams left out would be forced to play stronger non-conference foes making the regular season even more enjoyable.

The year 2001 was another season in which my system would have produced a ton of excitement and a great college football final four, as No. 1 Miami (Fla), No. 2 Nebraska, No. 3 Colorado and No. 4 Oregon would have qualified. The Canes and the Ducks would have been a great game that would have seen Miami favored but would have given UO a chance to earn the nation's respect. In the other game, Colorado would have had the chance to show that their first matchup with Nebraska was no fluke. It would also have given them the chance to show that the BCS computer, which ranked them .05 behind the Huskers, had in fact slighted them. This setup would have been fun to watch and would've eliminated any doubt as to the true identity of the National Champ.

Last year was a perfect year for the BCS with the two unbeaten teams, but in this system each would have had to play another game to get to the Title Game. While arguably two of the top teams in the country at the end of the season were USC and Kansas St, each had lost 2 games during the year and would have been on the outside looking in. Once again this shows how important regular season games are in this system). The No. 3 and No. 4 teams (Iowa and Georgia) each had one loss and would have faced the top two in the semi's. I feel that Ohio St would have beaten Iowa (which subsequently lost to USC in the Orange Bowl) and Miami would have beaten Georgia and the battle of unbeatens still would have happened, but 3 weeks into January.

Here is a recap of the Top 5 teams in the country over the past 6 years showing that the 4-team format is clearly the best.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHUPS OVER THE PAST 6 YEARS ACCORDING TO MY PLAYOFF SYSTEM.

1997
#1 Nebraska (12-0) vs #4 N Carolina (10-1)
#2 Michigan (11-0) vs #3 Florida St (10-1)
#5 UCLA (two losses during regular season did not deserve to be in)

1998
#1 Tennessee (12-0) vs #4 Kansas St (11-1)
#2 Florida St (11-1) vs #3 Ohio St (10-1)
#5 Arizona (11-1) & #6 UCLA (10-1) had solid results but played in the weak Pac-10.

1999
#1 Florida St (11-0) vs #4 Wisconsin (9-2)
#2 Virginia Tech (11-0) vs #3 Nebraska (11-1)
#5 Michigan (9-2) had two losses.

2000
#1 Oklahoma (12-0) vs #4 Washington (10-1)
#2 Florida St (11-1) vs #3 Miami, Fl (10-1)
While Oregon St and Virginia Tech each had just one loss they combined to beat ONE Top 25 team all year.

2001
#1 Miami, Fl (11-0) vs #4 Oregon (10-1)
#2 Nebraska (11-1) vs #3 Colorado (10-2)

2002
#1 Miami, Fl (12-0) vs #4 Georgia (11-1)
#2 Ohio St (13-0) vs #3 Iowa (11-1)
#5 USC and #6 Kansas St both had two losses

For those who complain about adding extra games, only 2 out of 117 teams would be "forced" to play in this big game and I'm sure those student athletes would find a way to complete their studies. The 3-week layoff would probably give enough time for any minor injuries from the January 1st bowl game to heal, yet not be as big a layoff as the teams have now during the bowls and may lead to a more crisply played Title Game. There would be plenty of interest in not just bowl games each year, but there would now be THREE games that would capture major ratings as the two preliminary games would be rated higher than any current regular bowl. The other bowls would remain intact and would be a reward for teams after a solid season, giving us a true National Champion every year. We would also insure that all of the major regular season games were played with the same importance that they are today and the polls would be of major interest all year.

TEN KEYS TO A WINNING SEASON

By Phil Steele

In 1990, I wrote a book titled *"Ten Keys To a Winning Season."* I revised *Ten Keys* in 1996 and again in 1999 and published second and third editions. In *Ten Keys* I discuss some of the basics that will enable you to have a big winning season forecasting football in 2003!

The first chapter is **"Welcome To Reality."** This chapter deals with having the proper expectations for the upcoming season. First, your goal should be to make a profit while watching football. Notice, I did NOT say, "Make a Million Dollars," "Get Rich Quick," or the infamous, "Bury your Bookmaker." If you want to get rich quick, then buy another book. I will only promise to make you a solid profit.

The first chapter also warns against falling into traps set by con "Sports Services" that tell you a game is a "Lock" or a "Can't Lose" game. There are too many things that can happen in any football game to call it a sure thing. Anything can and will happen! If you see one of these ads, or have someone tell you over the phone that a game "can't lose," do yourself a favor and HANG UP THE PHONE!

Furthermore, the first chapter addresses all of the pitfalls in gambling. It warns against betting more than you can afford to lose. This system makes sure you do not double up when you are losing, and talks about some of the slick salesmen, (a.k.a. conmen) who operate in the Sports Service Industry. There are two important thoughts to remember... One, do not believe ads that tout 80% to 90% winners for a season. You will find that none are documented by an honest source. Did you know that to make money wagering on football you only need to hit 52.5%? The second point is, if you hear a handicapper say, "Call and talk to me personally," he is not much of a handicapper. I work 16 to 20 hours a DAY during the football season. You will not be able to get me on the phone because I am studying for the upcoming weekend! I am a handicapper, not a salesman.

Chapter Two deals with **"Money Management"** and is vital to anyone trying to make a profit wagering on football. At the start of every year you must set aside a starting bankroll. One rule is to never exceed 5% of your bankroll on any one play. I rate my Late Phone Selections from a 1★ to a 5★, with a 5★ being the highest. Have you ever read those ridiculous ads in the paper with their 100★, 500★ or 1000★ games? It is amazing the way these conmen try to prey on the people who can least afford to be preyed upon.

A classic example came up a few years ago. One service (who shall remain nameless) put out his 500★ NFL LOCK of the Year! Yes, 500★'s is over hyped and ridiculous. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A LOCK! Just when you thought this conman had stooped to his lowest, two weeks later in the SAME publication he put out his 1000★ NFL LOCK of the Year! They say there is a sucker born every minute and no doubt this guy owns the mailing list! Enough talk about that garbage, let's get back to talking about making a profit.

Using the money management method, you increase or decrease your bankroll each week. This depends on how much you win or lose in Las Vegas on football. The next week your wagers would increase or decrease. You would still be wagering just 3% to 5% on any single play. This would keep you from doubling up when winning or losing. This will also keep you far ahead of the game. Problem gamblers get into trouble by trying to "win it all back" on one play, or trying to make a fortune when they are "hot." Doubling up is a terrible strategy and those that do it only double up until they go BROKE. Please, avoid the urge and stay with money management. Also in this chapter, I take you through the winning and losing weeks of one particular season. You will be able to see exactly how the system WORKS!

Chapter Three is **"The NFL Preseason - A Different Ballgame."** The NFL Preseason must be handicapped completely different than the regular season. In the last 14 years, Northcoast Sports has the highest winning percentage of all the services documented by The Sports Monitor in preseason football. I review some of the KEYS to preseason football in this chapter.

Chapter Four is **"Preparing for the Battle."** Here I go through things you need to know in preparation for the upcoming season. WARNING! There is a lot of hard work and study. If you think you can "study" football for half an hour and pick winners, you will probably have MANY losing seasons.

Chapter Five is **"The Complete Handicapper."** THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CHAPTERS! You should never make a play based purely on angles or trends. You should never make a play based purely on situations or a team's emotion. Lastly, you should never make a play based strictly on the talent differences. You should use ALL THREE! In college football I rank the methods of handicapping in order of their importance.

Fundamental Handicapping is the most important. This is where you match up teams to discover who has the edge on the offensive and defensive lines. How does one team's WR's matchup with the others DB's? Which team has more talent on the field? I am first and foremost a Fundamental Handicapper!

Situational Handicapping is second in line of importance. You review whether a team may let down after a big game, look ahead to a big game, or be sky high for their current opponent based on revenge or the rivalry. Playing against a team at its weakest or playing ON one at its emotional peak can deliver many winners.

Third on the list is Technical Handicapping (angles and trends). You will notice this magazine is loaded with angles and trends for college football. Remember, this method is the least important of the three. I have listed all of these angles in the book so you do not have to spend hours researching, and I hope you find them very interesting. You should study angles and work them into your handicapping, but do not base a play strictly on an angle!

Chapter Six is **"Fundamental Handicapping,"** Chapter Seven is **"Situational Handicapping"** and Chapter Eight is **"Technical Handicapping."** Each chapter delves deeper into the three methods of handicapping.

Chapter Nine is **"Fine Tuning - Looking For The Edges."** It talks about the value of half points, playing on streaks, and looking for contrary plays. It also warns you against such things as isolated plays.

Chapter Ten talks about the **Sports Service Industry.** Services that lie about their records and make ridiculous claims about "Lock games," etc. Services actually invent their own "monitoring services" that falsely "document" their own made up records. I have found two of the most honest monitoring services in the country. I recommend...

The Sports Monitor - Oklahoma City, OK
(1-405-721-5018)
SportsWatch - Las Vegas, NV
(1-702-547-1568)

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GOOD LUCK IN 2003!!!

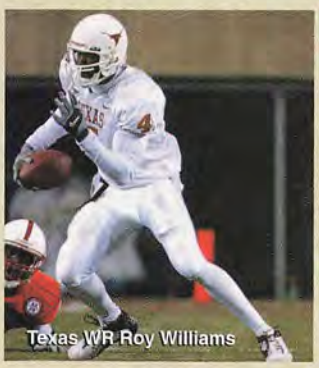
PHIL STEELE'S 2003 PRESEASON TOP 40

Here is my 2003 Preseason Top 40. Two quick notes: First of all, my preseason rankings are **NOT** my power ratings. As an example - LSU is not rated in the Top 20 in any of my 7 sets of power ratings, but due to a manageable schedule I have them #11 overall and two of my sets of ratings show them going 12-0. My talent ratings only rate Hawaii #52 overall, but they made the list due to their softer schedule as they face just one of my Top 25 teams (USC). My Top 25 is based on how I project the teams to finish in the final rankings & these Top 25's have always done quite well. Last year, of my Top 25 teams, 24 of them had records good enough to become bowl eligible. Of the Top 40 teams, an amazing 35 of the 40 were bowl eligible (including 32 of the top 34). While no one had Ohio St winning the national title last year, I am happy to report that I had Ohio St rated higher than any other preseason magazine coming into the year. These rankings reflect not only talent, but the strength of schedule and how each team should finish the season.

1. Ohio St The defending national champs return all 11 starters on offense, 6 more on defense and have the Heisman frontrunner in RB Maurice Clarett. They will be favored in their first 11 games and then they travel to Ann Arbor in what could be a battle of the unbeatens. Only one team in the country ranks in my Top 25 in all 8 position categories (see pages 12-15) and that is the Buckeyes. Last year the team depended on its defense, but this year they will have a potent offense to go along with their Top 10 defense. They have 8 home games this year and make just 4 road trips. Tressel has proven he knows how to win it all (5 championships at 1A & 1AA).

OSU CB/WR Chris Gamble

2. Oklahoma The Sooners are loaded once again and will try to grab their 2nd national title in 4 years under Stoops. OU has my #1 rated defense this year and that makes them very dangerous. They should be favored in all 12 games this year with the biggest test being Texas (in the Cotton Bowl) but OU has won 3 straight in that series. The non-conference schedule is manageable and they have only 4 games on opponents' home fields this year. OU has won the Rose, Cotton and Orange Bowls. Now can they win the Sugar Bowl?


Texas WR Roy Williams

3. Texas - I know, Mack Brown can't win the big game. The same thing was said about both Bobby Bowden and Tom Osborne for years before they finally broke through. Texas has the #2 defense in the country and will be favored in all their games this year with the exception of the Oklahoma game at the Cotton Bowl. They are loaded with VHT's on both sides of the ball, thanks to Brown's recruiting prowess. Now can they get past the Sooners?

4. Michigan Michigan is one of the few teams in the country that rank in my Top 10 in both offense (#4) and defense (#9). I have the Wolverines favored in their first 11 which would set the scene for a huge game vs Ohio St. This would bring back memories of some of the undefeated matchups between Bo and Woody in this rivalry. John Navarre could be this year's Carson Palmer (5th year senior who has a huge year). This team is solid along the lines.

5. Pittsburgh This team reminds me of last year's Ohio St team. The Buckeyes were not even in the preseason Top 10 or rated higher than 9 by anyone in the country except for my #7 preseason ranking. I mentioned last year that OSU did not rank in my Top 10 in terms of talent, but 3 of my 7 sets of Power Ratings had them going undefeated. You can make that same exact statement about the Panthers this year. They host 3 Top 10 caliber teams in Miami, Virginia Tech and Notre Dame, but are capable of winning those 3 and going undefeated.

6. Virginia Tech The Hokies were supposed to be a year away from contending last season but opened 8-0 and were #3 in the country at one point. They then lost 4 games down the stretch. This year they are ready to contend for the title. They have my #5 rated defense and a much improved offense. They get Miami in Blacksburg in early November (should be cold) and their road game vs Pitt the NEXT week will determine whether they can go unbeaten. The Hokies will be favored in the rest of their games. They rank in my Top 25 in 7 of 8 position categories and came close in the other category.

VT CB DeAngelo Hall

7. Miami, Fl How tough is this Big East?? How can I possibly rate the Hurricanes 3rd in the league? Well this ranking tells you I consider them a national title contender. They have my #3 rated offense and #7 rated defense. The Hurricanes do have a couple of tough trips in November to cold weather sites vs Top 10 teams (VT and Pitt). They will also have to battle Florida St on the road and Florida and Tennessee at home. This team has set a record for the amount of NFL draft picks overall in the last three years, but still has a lot of talent left.

8. Tennessee Here is a value team for this year. The Vols were wiped out by injuries last year, but get most of those injured players back this year along with their replacements. Look for a much better year from QB Casey Clausen as he and his offensive mates will be healthier and the LB's on defense could be special. They do have to travel to the Swamp and also face Miami on the road, but are my favorite to win the SEC.

9. Washington The Huskies have my #7 rated offense and #19 rated defense and only face the 48th toughest schedule this year. Their toughest game of the season is the opener at Ohio St but they are capable of winning the rest of their games down the stretch. They get to host USC which looks like the key matchup in the Pac 10. They also have a veteran senior QB which is usually the right formula for winning the Pac 10.

Washington QB Cody Pickett

10. USC The Trojans were the strongest team in the country down the stretch last year that did not play in the national title game as they wiped out UCLA, Notre Dame and Iowa by a combined 134-51 margin. They do lose 10 starters including QB Carson Palmer but I definitely took notice that two of my 7 sets of power ratings have them the #1 rated team in the NCAA! Just like last year they have a killer schedule with trips to Notre Dame, Auburn, Arizona St and Washington.

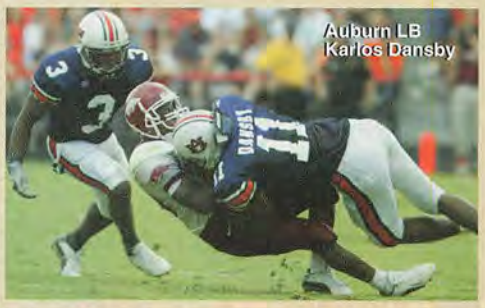
11. LSU Everyone is looking this year's Ohio St and just like I mentioned in the Pitt writeup, this could be one of the contenders. None of my 7 sets of Power Ratings list the Tigers in the Top 10, but TWO have them going a perfect 12-0. Their toughest road trips are to Alabama and Mississippi, but both of those are winnable. They only face the 47th toughest schedule and most of their toughest games are at home in Death Valley.

12. Nebraska Last year was a record breaking year, but not the kind of records that NU wanted. Their streaks of being ranked in the Top 25 for 348 weeks and their streak of 33 years of 9 or more wins both went by the wayside. I think Jamaal Lord will do a fine job guiding a much more potent NU offense. The Blackshirt defense should regain its swagger. Solich gets off the hot seat as NU returns to the top.

FSU RB Greg Jones

13. Florida St If not for last year I would clearly have ranked FSU in the Top 10 and rated them a major national title contender. As I write the magazine, there is an ongoing NCAA investigation. Some players may be suspended in the next few months. Last year I thought they would return to the top but they finished just 9-5. I think Chris Rix will do a fine job. This team does have my #5 rated offense and #8 rated defense. If they regain their swagger, they could go undefeated, even with road trips to Florida and Notre Dame.

14. Kansas St The Wildcats were clearly one of the best teams in the NCAA down the stretch last year. For the season they outscored their foes by an average of 44.8-11.8!!!! QB Ell Roberson is a Heisman candidate and Snyder always relies on JUCO's, so having 12 starters back is a lot for his team. KSU ranks in my Top 15 on both sides of the ball and need to win AT Texas and Nebraska to vault into national title contention. They will be favored in their other 11 games.


Auburn LB Karlos Dansby

15. Auburn The Tigers rank in my Top 10 in terms of talent this year with the best set of RB's in the land. They have my #8 offense with a veteran QB and a tough D led by my #4 set of linebackers. The road team dominates in their series with Georgia, so playing, "Between the Hedges" may not turn out to be that bad. They also have road trips to LSU and Arkansas lurking.

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IT'S LIKE CATCHING THE WINNING TOUCHDOWN....
Phil Steele's Late Phone Selections

PLAYS OF THE YEAR 8-0 IN 2001-2002!! 14-2 88% OVER 4 YEARS!!

1999-2002 PLAYS OF THE YEAR
14-2 88% THE LAST 4 YEARS!

2002	4'★	Playoff Play of the Year	Tampa Bay (-6) San Fran	31-6	WIN!
2002	5★	Bowl Play of the Year	Arizona St (+18') Kansas St	27-34	WIN!
2002	5★	Pro Play of the Year	Pittsburgh (-8') Carolina	30-14	WIN!
2002	5★	College Play of the Year	Washington (+6) Oregon St	41-29	WIN!
2001	4'★	Playoff Play of the Year	Green Bay (-3') San Fran	25-15	WIN!
2001	5★	Bowl Play of the Year	Florida St (+2) Virginia Tech	30-17	WIN!
2001	5★	Pro Play of the Year	St Louis (-7) San Fran	27-14	WIN!
2001	5★	College Play of the Year	New Mexico (-2') UNLV	27-17	WIN!
2000	4'★	Playoff Play of the Year	NY Giants (-4) Philly	20-10	WIN!
2000	5★	Bowl Play of the Year	Louisville (+2) Colorado St	17-22	loss
2000	5★	Pro Play of the Year	Washington (-6') Dallas	13-32	loss
2000	5★	College Play of the Year	Wisconsin (-6') Indiana	43-22	WIN!
1999	5★	Playoff Play of the Year	UNDER 37' TB/Wash	14-13	WIN!
1999	5★	Bowl Play of the Year	Washington (+10') Kansas St	20-24	WIN!
1999	5★	Pro Play of the Year	Carolina (+7') Green Bay	33-31	WIN!
1999	5★	College Play of the Year	Nebraska (-9') Kansas St	41-15	WIN!

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16. NC State The Wolfpack had a nice finish last year whipping Florida St and Notre Dame by a combined 45-13 in the last 2 games. QB Philip Rivers leads my #10 offense and the defense looks solid. They have road trips to Ohio St and Florida St but have shown they can knock off the big boys.

17. Georgia The Bulldogs lost a lot of talent from last year's #3 ranked team, but are still loaded. They do have a tough schedule with LSU, Tennessee on the road along with their yearly trip to Jacksonville to face Richt's last remaining stumbling block. The Dawgs should still have another big year.

18. Maryland The Terps have the talent (#12 overall) and the schedule (#61) to make some noise. They should be favored in 10 of 12 games and need a road win vs Florida St or NCSt to move up. Fear the Turtle.

19. Notre Dame The Irish have my #4 rated defense and as they showed last year they can play with anyone under Willingham. They have to play Michigan, Purdue and Pitt all on the road, but should be strong overall.

20. Purdue The Boilermakers led the Big 10 in offense and defense, but were just 6-6 during the regular season due to turnovers. This year they are loaded and have the talent to win the Big 10, but must face Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio St all on the road.

21. Wisconsin The Badgers have their best team in 4 years and a schedule to challenge for the Big 10 title. They have a soft non-conf slate, avoid Michigan and host Ohio St. Alvarez knows a thing or two or three (he has won 3) about getting to (and winning) Rose Bowls.

22. Mississippi Eli Manning guides the best Rebel edition in over a decade. They have 5 road games this year and will be favored in 3 of them, so it could be a BIG year if they take care of business at home.

23. Arkansas The Razorbacks ended up in the SEC title game as I projected last year. They could repeat with my #10 rated defense which includes an excellent set of DB's. They do have 4 tough road games this year to Alabama, Texas, Ole Miss and LSU but could surprise yet again.

24. Penn St The Lions may suffer from Draft Day Party Hangover (see page 312) and also Turnovers = Turnaround (pg 310) after being +14 last year. They still have plenty of talent, but topping last year's 9-3 regular season will be tough.

25. TCU The Frogs were the best team in CUSA last year and even took home the Liberty Bowl trophy. They have a top-notch defense and if QB Tye Gunn stays healthy, the offense could help them to a 2nd straight CUSA title.

26. Hawaii The Warriors are only my #52 team in terms of talent, but play in the WAC and will rack up a lot of wins. They are assured of at least a berth in the Hawaii Bowl if eligible.

27. Virginia Al Groh did a tremendous job with a very young team last year. This year those very talented players have experience. They add a lot more VHT's and will be an ACC contender.

28. UCLA The Bruins do have a rookie head coach, but he inherits a talented team that was hurt by injuries last year. They do have 4 very tough road games vs Colorado, Oklahoma, Wash St and USC but they will do fine.

29. Colorado St Sonny Lubick has done a tremendous job here and I rate his squad as my favorite to get to yet another Liberty Bowl. QB Bradlee Van Pelt should lead a potent offense.

30. Boise St Ryan Dinwiddie was sensational when healthy last year. This team is strong year in and year out. Despite just 3 starters returning on offense, they will be potent. The D has 7 starters returning.

31. Oregon St Despite the coaching change, OSU has QB Anderson and RB Jackson among 9 starters returning on offense. Their defense can be nasty and looks solid again.

32. Florida I have NEVER picked the Gators anywhere near this low in the rankings, but they have a tough schedule with road trips to Miami, LSU, Arkansas, S Carolina and Georgia in Jacksonville. They also face Tennessee, Ole Miss and Florida St at home in a rebuilding year.

33. Iowa What a GREAT year for the Hawkeyes last year! This year they must replace 11 starters including QB Brad Banks and 5 players who were NFL draft selections. They are still an overall solid team even with the losses.

34. Arizona St Andrew Walter had a great year despite not starting until the 5th game and having little time to throw. He has a stronger O-Line in front of him and ASU takes another step forward this year.

35. Oklahoma St The Cowboys used 2001's upset of Oklahoma to give them confidence for 2002. They not only upset the Sooners once again, but also won their bowl game last year. QB Fields and WR Woods give them an explosive offense and the defense is solid.

36. Minnesota Once again the Gophers should get off to a great start thanks to a creampuff non-conference schedule. This year they are a little bigger up front on defense and they will have a solid offense that continues to make strides in B10 play.

37. Fresno St The Bulldogs now have an experienced QB and welcome back WR Berrian who missed last year with an injury. They also have some big boys on the schedule and showed in 2001 that they are capable of knocking off BCS conference teams.

38. Southern Miss The Golden Eagles used to rule in CUSA play, but have not done so for the last 3 years. This year they could return to the top with my #20 rated defense. The offense should be improved with a more veteran signal caller.

39. Missouri The Tigers have exciting QB Brad Smith and have come close the last few years. Their third year with Gary Pinkel should be their breakthrough year.

40. Air Force This could be one of Fisher DeBerry's most experienced and hence, best teams yet. QB Harridge should have a fine senior season, while the defense is much stronger.

NC State RB T.A. McLendon

Georgia QB David Greene

Hawaii QB Timmy Chang

Here are some more teams which all 7 of my computer preseason projections show as having an average of 8 or 9 wins this season:

41. UCF
42. Tulane
43. New Mexico
44. UConn
45. Miami, Oh

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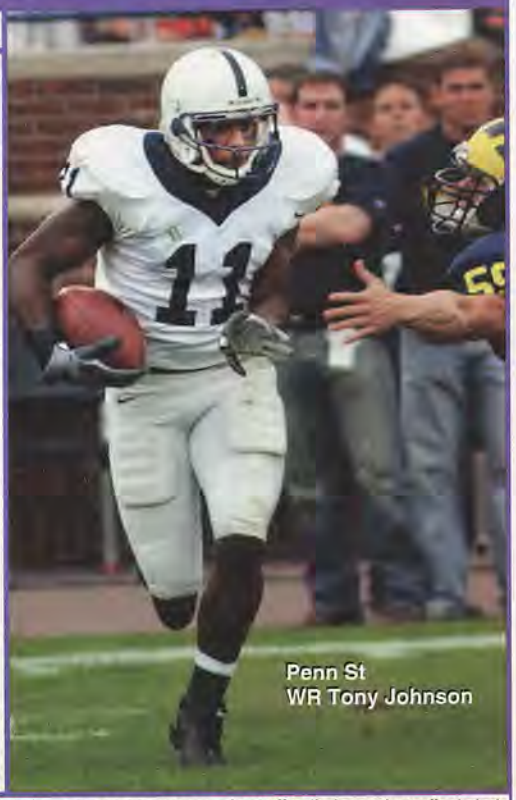
BIG TEN CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 BIG TEN TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	John Navarre, Michigan	Zack Mills, Penn St	Craig Krenzel, Ohio St	Kyle Orton, Purdue
RB	Maurice Clarett, Ohio St	Fred Russell, Iowa	Jason Wright, N'west	Terry Jackson, Minnesota
RB	Anthony Davis, Wisconsin	Joey Harris, Purdue	Chris Perry, Michigan	Marion Barber, Minnesota
WR	Braylon Edwards, Michigan	John Standeford, Purdue	Tyrece Butler, Michigan	Courtney Roby, Indiana
WR	Maurice Brown, Iowa	Lee Evans, Wisconsin	Chris Gamble, Ohio St	Kelvin Hayden, Illinois
WR	Michael Jenkins, Ohio St	Tony Johnson, Penn St	Paris Hamilton, Minnesota	Jonathan Orr, Wisconsin
TE	Ben Utecht, Minnesota	Eric Knott, Mich St	Ben Hartsock, Ohio St	Aaron Halterman, Indiana
C	Alex Stepanovich, Ohio St	Brian Ottney, Mich St	Dave Pearson, Michigan	Greg Eslinger, Minnesota
G	David Baas, Michigan	Adrien Clarke, Ohio St	Dan Buenning, Wisconsin	Adam Hines, Indiana
G	Bryce Bishop, Ohio St	Chris McKelvy, Penn St	Mark Setterstrom, Minnesota	Matt Lentz, Michigan
T	Tony Pape, Michigan	Sean Bubin, Illinois	Rob Sims, Ohio St	Adam Stenavich, Michigan
T	Robert Gallery, Iowa	Shane Olivea, Ohio St	Patrick Babcock, Illinois	Zach Strief, N'west
DL	Darius Jones, Wisconsin	Howard Hodges, Iowa	Derrick Strong, Illinois	Larry Stevens, Michigan
DL	Darrion Scott, Ohio St	Craig Terrill, Purdue	Jared Clauss, Iowa	Luis Castillo, N'west
DL	Anttaj Hawthorne, Wisconsin	Tim Anderson, Ohio St	Matthias Askew, Mich St	Grant Bowman, Michigan
DL	Will Smith, Ohio St	Matt Roth, Iowa	Loren Howard, N'west	Erasmus James, Wisconsin
LB	Niko Koutouvides, Purdue	Gino Capone, Penn St	Mike D'Andrea, Ohio St	LaMar Stewart, Penn St
LB	Pat Durr, N'west	Grant Steen, Iowa	Ronald Stanley, Mich St	Seth Mitchell, Mich St
LB	Derek Wake, Penn St	Robert Reynolds, Ohio St	Carl Diggs, Michigan	Landon Johnson, Purdue
CB	Marlin Jackson, Michigan	Antwaun Rogers, Purdue	Scott Starks, Wisconsin	Christian Morton, Illinois
CB	Chris Gamble, Ohio St	Jeremy LeSueur, Michigan	Dustin Fox, Ohio St	Jacques Reeves, Purdue
SS	Bob Sanders, Iowa	Ernest Shazor, Michigan	Ryan Aiello, Wisconsin	Herana-Daze Jones, Indiana
FS	Stuart Schweigert, Purdue	Jim Leonhard, Wisconsin	Eli Ward, Minnesota	Chris Harrell, Penn St
K	Mike Nugent, Ohio St	Nate Kaeding, Iowa	Robbie Gould, Penn St	Bryan Robertson, Indiana
P	Adam Finley, Michigan	Brian Huffman, N'west	David Bradley, Iowa	B.J. Sander, Ohio St
KR	Jeff Backes, N'west	Jermelle Lewis, Iowa	Jeremy LeSueur, Michigan	Morris Virgil, Illinois
PR	Ed Hinkel, Iowa	Jim Leonhard, Wisconsin	Chris Gamble, Ohio St	Anthony Chambers, Purdue


Penn St
WR Tony Johnson

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 BIG TEN FORECAST

1. OHIO ST - The Buckeyes may have been fortunate last year in a couple of games and only outgained Big 10 foes by an average of 36.5 ypg, which was just the fourth best mark in the conference. Rarely does a defending National Champion return 17 starters though and the Buckeyes should be far more potent on offense and still possess a Top 10 defense. They only lost 13 lettermen which is the second fewest in the league. Despite the fact that they benefitted from +13 in turnovers last year, this team has the confidence and ability to sweep their Big 10 road games including the big one in Ann Arbor and repeat as Big 10 and possibly National Champions.

2. MICHIGAN - Michigan has by far the most Big 10 victories since 1997 with 39 while the next closest is Ohio St with 34. The Wolverines have a Top 10 defense, one of their top O-lines ever and a veteran QB. I have them favored in their first 11 games of the year prior to their season ending showdown with Ohio St. I should point out that in the past two years Michigan has lost to Ohio St but had a combined 44-24 FD edge and a 701-519 yard edge in those games. The Wolverines are not only a clear cut contender in the Big 10 but also could take home their first National Title since 1997.

3. PURDUE - What team in the Big 10 last year outfirstdowned all of their foes? What team outgained all Big 10 foes by the conference's largest margin (144.5 ypg)? While most would have guessed Ohio St or Iowa, Purdue was that team last year. Turnovers and poor special teams play hurt them including some ridiculous losses like vs Iowa where they had a 30-14 FD edge and Illinois, a 32-17 FD edge. Purdue was -10 in turnovers which means they should be ready for a turnaround season and have 17 starters back, losing just 14 lettermen. This is a team I may have forecasted higher but the schedule maker has them playing on the road against the other top three teams in the Big 10. Regardless Purdue looks like one of the strongest teams in the country this season.

4. WISCONSIN - Looking at the Badgers' Big 10 schedule, they have a shot for 6 or 7 wins in conference play this year. They could easily finish above fourth, if not contend for the Rose Bowl should they upset Ohio St on Oct 11th as they get to avoid Michigan. Keeping me from calling for this veteran and talented team to finish higher in the standings is the fact that last year they benefitted from +18 in turnovers and were actually outgained by 63 ypg in league play which was fourth worst in the conference. The defense should go from being #45 in the country to the Top 20 this year and I like the potential on offense, especially with WR Lee Evans returning. The Badgers are a contender to get back to the Rose Bowl.

5. PENN ST - PSU outgained league foes by an average of 110.8 ypg which was the second best mark in the league and outscored Big 10 foes by an average of 16.8 ppg, also the 2nd best. There were questionable referee calls that cost them vs both Iowa and Michigan, games in which they lost in OT. They also lost to National Champion Ohio St by just 6 points including the questionable call of pass interference late in the game on 4th down. Their four losses last year were only by a combined 20 points. This year's PSU squad is clearly weaker than last year's version with the loss of a majority of its offense and defensive lines as well as RB Larry Johnson. PSU gets to avoid both Michigan and Illinois in the Big 10 which means they should, once again, finish in the upper half of the standings.

6. ILLINOIS - The Illini won the Big 10 Title just two years ago and last year despite a 5-7 overall record, finished a respectable 4-4 in Big 10 play even outgaining league foes by 12.5 ypg. When they hosted eventual National Champion OSU they had a 21-16 FD edge, 358-321 yard edge and had some catches in the EZ ruled incomplete and lost in OT. While they do lose their 1000 yard rusher (Antoineo Harris) and 1000 yard receiver (Brandon Lloyd) plus their top four wideouts, the offense should still be potent now that there is more stability at the QB position and they have a veteran O-line. The defense should be stronger with 7 starters back and the Illini have a shot at just their 2nd winning Big 10 record since 1994.

7. MINNESOTA - Last year the Gophers were outgained by 55 ypg in league play and finished just 3-5. Thanks to a soft non-conf schedule though, they got to their 3rd bowl in four years. This year's team should tune up with their four preseason games and get off to their usual excellent start (last year's team was 7-1 and ranked 19th in the coaches poll). This is the best team in terms of athletic talent that Mason has fielded here, being stronger and faster than all of his other editions. They lose just 16 lettermen from last year's squad. The Gophers do get to avoid both Ohio St and Purdue, which are two of the top 3 teams in the Big 10 this year. They should top last year's win total in the Big 10 and get back to their fourth bowl in five years.

8. IOWA - In 1998 I called for Wash St, who had just played in the Rose Bowl to go from 1st in the Pac 10 to the basement and they did just that going 0-8. Hawks' fans will not be happy with the placement of this year's Iowa squad but last year's team did benefit from +15 in turnovers (see page 310) and this year's squad has just 11 returning starters, the fewest in the conference. They must also replace 24 lettermen (38%), including Heisman finalist QB Brad Banks and 4 of the 5 from their outstanding O-line. In Iowa's first four Big 10 games last year, they were outfirstdowned by a combined 102-66 margin but ended up winning all four. They may not be as fortunate as they were last season and keep in mind that prior to last year Iowa was just 7-17 the previous 3 years in league play.

9. NORTHWESTERN - In 2001 the Wildcats were unbelievably the media's pick to win the Big 10 but I had them picked for 9th and they finished just 2-6 that year. Last year was yet another rebuilding season with just 10 starters back. They finished in a tie for the Big 10 basement with Indiana and were outgained on the season by all opponents by an average of 113 ypg with a defense that allowed 41.1 ppg. This year the D is vastly improved and I look for the offense to be more potent than the 22.7ppg they averaged last year. The Cats avoid both Iowa and Mich St this year and should be able to escape the Big 10 cellar and flirt with a .500 mark overall.

10. MICHIGAN ST - The Spartans were the most underachieving team in the league last year. They had the talent to contend for the title but somehow finished 2-6 and were actually outgained in league play by an average of 96.2 ypg, the worst in the conference. John L. Smith inherits a great situation as he has a talented team with 15 returning starters, the same players who were expected to make them a Big 10 contender last season. They also have a soft early season schedule which could result in 3 wins right off the bat and their first two Big 10 games are also on the winnable side. After that the schedule gets tough and while Michigan St has a decent shot at getting back to becoming bowl eligible this year, I had to call for someone to finish in the #10 spot.

11. INDIANA - When DiNardo took over here, there were massive losses due to graduation, departures and suspensions as well as injuries. By the time the Penn St game rolled around he had just 38 players available. It will take some time to build depth and this year's squad is very short on seniors with just 5 in the 2 deep. I thought DiNardo did a great job getting the team one Big 10 victory and being competitive in losses, (vs Iowa they had a 26-17 FD edge and Northwestern they lost by just 4). It will take another year of recruiting to overcome last year's departures and for the second straight year I will peg the Hoosiers for the basement . However, I think DiNardo is doing a fine job here and see good things in the future for the Hoosiers.

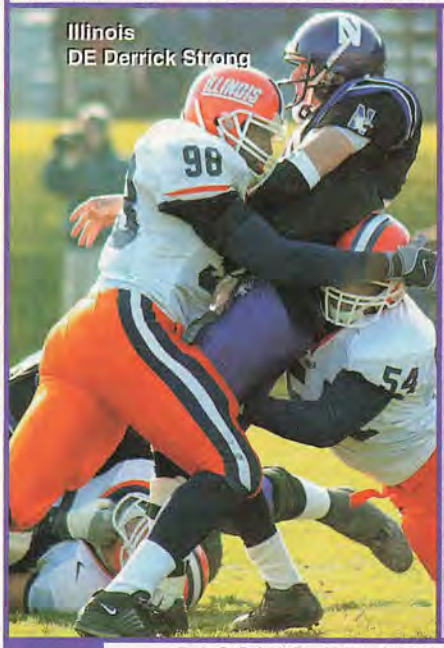
Big Ten Notes: Only four times since 1930 and for the first time since the end of WWII two teams finished on top of the Big 10 with unbeaten, untied records. Ohio St and Iowa tied for the top at 8-0-0. Ohio St was the first Big 10 team to play in the BCS Title game. The Big Ten took home its first National Title since 1997 (when Michigan was Co-Champ) and first undisputed title since Ohio St won it last in 1968. In the last 8 years, Northwestern, Michigan and Ohio St have each captured three conference titles. In the last 21 years, 32 teams have won or shared the Big 10 crown and 13 did not have the benefit of a returning starting QB (41%). After not having a team finish in the AP Top 10 since 1999, the league had THREE teams finish there last season. The Big 10 had the best mark of the leagues vs non-conf BCS foes at 8-5 during the regular season. Their 5-2 mark in the bowls was not only the best but impressive in that Big 10 teams were underdogs in 5 of their 7 bowls.

2002 BIG 10 vs BIG 10 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
6	Iowa	37.8	1	405.0	4	197.4	5	4.4	4	207.6	7	61.0	3	10.7	1	9.0	1	8.0	1
7	Penn St	35.8	2	427.1	3	230.6	1	5.9	1	196.5	8	54.8	7	11.9	2	12.0	5	13.0	3
12	Purdue	29.4	3	471.4	1	216.4	2	4.5	3	255.0	2	62.9	1	16.0	8	21.0	11	12.0	2
18	Illinois	26.5	5	438.4	2	158.0	8	4.1	7	280.4	1	56.5	5	16.5	9	19.0	10	15.0	6
16	Michigan	28.0	4	373.3	6	148.6	9	3.8	10	224.6	5	55.7	6	13.3	3	9.0	1	15.0	6
40	Ohio St	23.1	9	340.6	11	175.6	6	3.9	9	165.0	10	62.6	2	14.7	5	9.0	1	18.0	8
43	Wisconsin	25.3	6	344.6	10	203.9	3	4.4	5	140.8	11	49.4	10	13.6	4	10.0	4	25.0	11
48	Minnesota	24.8	7	370.4	7	197.9	4	4.4	6	172.5	9	47.5	11	15.0	7	17.0	7	13.0	3
50	N'Western	21.3	10	399.6	5	158.4	7	4.6	2	241.3	4	58.0	4	18.8	11	18.0	8	13.0	3
54	Michigan St	24.3	8	358.8	8	142.8	10	4.0	8	216.0	6	54.5	8	14.8	6	18.0	8	21.0	9
90	Indiana	20.5	11	358.6	8	105.1	11	3.0	11	253.6	3	53.4	9	17.5	10	16.0	6	23.0	10

2002 BIG 10 vs BIG 10 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
2	Ohio St	11.0	1	304.1	1	89.1	2	2.7	2	215.0	8	56.0	5	27.6	1	13.0	6	22.0	3
9	Penn St	19.0	3	316.3	2	113.0	3	2.9	3	203.3	5	61.5	9	16.6	4	18.0	2	23.0	2
16	Michigan	20.3	4	344.8	5	136.4	5	3.7	5	208.4	6	51.9	4	17.0	3	12.0	8	21.0	4
17	Iowa	16.3	2	332.4	4	78.9	1	2.5	1	253.5	11	50.7	3	20.5	2	25.0	1	27.0	1
23	Purdue	22.8	5	326.9	3	114.1	4	3.6	4	212.8	7	49.8	1	14.4	7	14.0	5	14.0	7
45	Wisconsin	27.3	7	407.6	6	155.3	6	4.1	6	252.4	10	59.4	8	15.0	6	16.0	3	12.0	8
59	Minnesota	32.0	8	425.4	7	228.3	8	5.0	8	197.1	2	56.0	6	13.3	8	10.0	10	15.0	6
61	Illinois	25.8	6	425.9	8	196.1	7	4.5	7	229.8	9	57.1	7	16.5	5	16.0	3	20.0	5
73	Michigan St	39.3	9	455.3	10	254.3	9	5.2	9	201.0	4	50.7	2	11.6	10	13.0	6	11.0	9
100	Indiana	41.5	10	454.6	9	257.4	10	5.8	11	197.3	3	65.7	11	11.0	11	9.0	11	7.0	10
114	N'Western	41.5	10	494.8	11	311.9	11	5.4	10	182.9	1	63.4	10	11.9	9	12.0	8	4.0	11



2002 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Ohio St	8	0	185	88	14	0	410	183
Iowa	8	0	302	130	11	2	484	256
Michigan	6	2	224	162	10	3	361	265
Penn St	5	3	286	152	9	4	446	227
Purdue	4	4	235	182	7	6	386	288
Illinois	4	4	212	206	5	7	346	307
Minnesota	3	5	198	256	8	5	376	319
Wisconsin	2	6	202	218	8	6	372	322
Michigan St	2	6	194	314	4	8	316	398
Northwestern	1	7	170	332	3	9	272	493
Indiana	1	7	164	332	3	9	258	445

Coach of the Year: Kirk Ferentz, Iowa

2001 BIG TEN STANDINGS

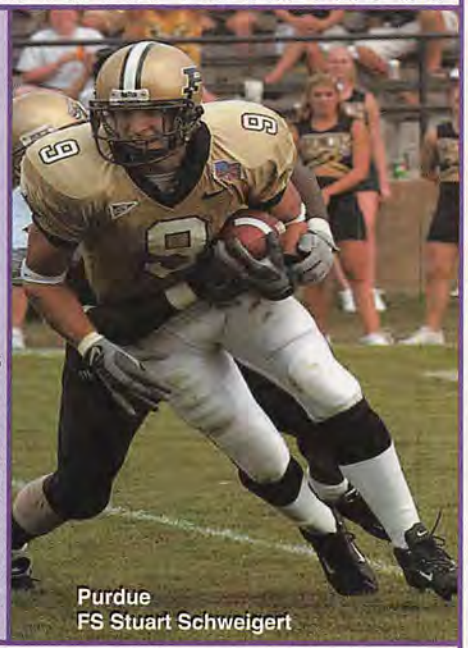
	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Illinois	7	1	261	199	10	1	356	238
Michigan	6	2	216	135	8	3	303	192
Ohio St	5	3	223	174	7	4	284	213
Iowa	4	4	263	206	6	5	372	242
Purdue	4	4	153	193	6	5	223	245
Indiana	4	4	239	220	5	6	305	298
Penn St	4	4	189	208	5	6	248	281
Michigan St	3	5	223	238	6	5	330	276
Wisconsin	3	5	215	260	5	7	313	346
Northwestern	2	6	197	300	4	7	320	378
Minnesota	2	6	191	237	4	7	308	299

Coach of the Year: Ron Turner, Illinois

2000 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Michigan	6	2	273	164	8	3	373	201
Northwestern	6	2	337	271	8	3	424	334
Purdue	6	2	243	199	8	3	357	232
Ohio St	5	3	227	155	8	3	324	198
Wisconsin	4	4	199	172	8	4	307	245
Minnesota	4	4	247	238	6	5	345	280
Penn St	4	4	186	221	5	7	264	293
Iowa	3	5	148	210	3	9	203	330
Illinois	2	6	193	252	5	6	294	286
Michigan St	2	6	123	178	5	6	197	233
Indiana	2	6	223	339	3	8	337	427

Coach of the Year: Randy Walker, N'Western



2002 BIG 10 CONFERENCE LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Brad Banks, Iowa	294	170	57.8	5	2573	8.8	26	157.1
Craig Krenzel, Ohio St	**249**	**148**	**59.4**	**7**	**2110**	**8.5**	**12**	**140.9**
Jon Beutjer, Illinois	**327**	**193**	**59.0**	**11**	**2511**	**7.7**	**21**	**138.0**
Brooks Bollinger, Wisc	245	131	53.5	4	1758	7.2	14	129.3
Zack Mills, Penn St	**333**	**188**	**56.5**	**10**	**2417**	**7.3**	**17**	**128.3**
Kyle Orton, Purdue	**317**	**192**	**60.6**	**9**	**2257**	**7.1**	**13**	**128.2**
Damon Dowdell, Mich St	**165**	**92**	**55.8**	**4**	**1097**	**6.6**	**10**	**126.8**
Asad Abdul-Khaliq, Minny	**315**	**165**	**52.4**	**11**	**2190**	**7.0**	**19**	**123.6**
John Navarre, Michigan	**448**	**248**	**55.4**	**7**	**2905**	**6.5**	**21**	**122.2**
Brett Basanez, N'western	**325**	**190**	**58.5**	**7**	**2204**	**6.8**	**7**	**118.2**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Larry Johnson, Penn St	13	271	2087	7.7	20	160.5
Anthony Davis, Wisconsin	**13**	**300**	**1555**	**5.2**	**13**	**119.6**
Fred Russell, Iowa	**11**	**220**	**1264**	**5.7**	**9**	**114.9**
Maurice Clarett, Ohio St	**11**	**222**	**1237**	**5.6**	**16**	**112.5**
Antoineo Harris, Illinois	12	278	1330	4.8	8	110.8
Jason Wright, N'western	**12**	**219**	**1234**	**5.6**	**12**	**102.8**
Terry Jackson II, Minny	**13**	**239**	**1317**	**5.5**	**6**	**101.3**
Joey Harris, Purdue	**13**	**250**	**1115**	**4.5**	**8**	**85.8**
Chris Perry, Michigan	**13**	**267**	**1110**	**4.2**	**14**	**85.4**
Thomas Tapeh, Minny	**13**	**181**	**906**	**5.0**	**8**	**69.7**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Jason Wright, N'western	**18**	**513**	**1**	**28.5**
C.J. Jones, Iowa	19	506	1	26.6
Jeff Backes, N'western	**18**	**472**	**0**	**26.2**
Jermelle Lewis, Iowa	**14**	**360**	**1**	**25.7**
Tony Johnson, Penn St	**7**	**168**	**0**	**24.0**
Chris Gamble, Ohio St	**11**	**253**	**0**	**23.0**
Anthony Chambers, Purdue	**10**	**230**	**0**	**23.0**
Maurice Hall, Ohio St	**19**	**434**	**0**	**22.8**
Jeremy LeSueur, Michigan	**26**	**583**	**0**	**22.4**
Kyle Brown, Mich St	**9**	**195**	**0**	**21.7**
Brandon Williams, Wisc	**32**	**670**	**0**	**20.9**
Morris Virgil, Illinois	**16**	**332**	**0**	**20.8**
Courtney Roby, Indiana	**11**	**227**	**0**	**20.6**
A.C. Carter, Indiana	36	732	0	20.3
Amtoine Burns, Minny	12	244	0	20.3

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Charles Rogers, Mich St	12	68	1351	13	112.6	5.7	19.9
John Standeford, Purdue	**13**	**75**	**1307**	**13**	**100.5**	**5.8**	**17.4**
Courtney Roby, Indiana	**12**	**59**	**1039**	**4**	**86.6**	**4.9**	**17.6**
Brandon Lloyd, Illinois	12	65	1010	9	84.2	5.4	15.5
Braylon Edwards, Michigan	**13**	**67**	**1035**	**10**	**79.6**	**5.2**	**15.4**
Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue	**10**	**77**	**789**	**0**	**78.9**	**7.7**	**10.2**
Michael Jenkins, Ohio St	**14**	**61**	**1076**	**6**	**76.9**	**4.4**	**17.6**
Maurice Brown, Iowa	**13**	**48**	**966**	**11**	**74.3**	**3.7**	**20.1**
Bryant Johnson, Penn St	13	48	917	4	70.5	3.7	19.1
Glenn Johnson, Indiana	**12**	**53**	**837**	**5**	**69.8**	**4.4**	**15.8**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Brad Banks, Iowa	13	81	423	294	2573	2996	230.5
Brett Basanez, N'western	**10**	**67**	**96**	**325**	**2204**	**2300**	**230.0**
Jon Beutjer, Illinois	**11**	**44**	**7**	**327**	**2511**	**2518**	**228.9**
John Navarre, Michigan	**13**	**40**	**(-16)**	**448**	**2905**	**2889**	**222.2**
Asad Abdul-Khaliq, Minny	**12**	**86**	**322**	**315**	**2190**	**2512**	**209.3**
Zack Mills, Penn St	**13**	**87**	**201**	**333**	**2417**	**2618**	**201.4**
Gibran Hamdan, Indiana	12	55	(-52)	293	2115	2063	187.5
Kyle Orton, Purdue	**13**	**43**	**47**	**317**	**2257**	**2304**	**171.9**
Craig Krenzel, Ohio St	**14**	**125**	**368**	**249**	**2110**	**2478**	**177.0**
Brooks Bollinger, Wisc	13	160	466	245	1758	2224	171.1

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Andy Groom, Ohio St	14	60	2697	45.0
Adam Finley, Michigan	**13**	**69**	**2909**	**42.2**
Brian Huffman, N'western	**12**	**66**	**2737**	**41.5**
David Royer, Penn St	13	50	2053	41.1
Jason Daily, Mich St	**12**	**66**	**2668**	**40.4**
Preston Gruening, Minny	13	57	2282	40.0
David Bradley, Iowa	**13**	**53**	**2093**	**39.5**
Brent Slaton, Purdue	**13**	**63**	**2485**	**39.4**
Ryan Hamre, Indiana	12	58	2214	38.2
Matt Minnes, Illinois	**9**	**33**	**1244**	**37.7**

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Dan Nystrom, Minny	13	20	21	95.2	49
Mike Nugent, Ohio St	**14**	**25**	**28**	**89.3**	**51**
Nate Kaeding, Iowa	**13**	**21**	**24**	**87.5**	**55**
Robbie Gould, Penn St	**13**	**17**	**22**	**77.3**	**51**
Peter Christofilakos, Illinois	11	9	12	75.0	44
Mike Allen, Wisconsin	**12**	**12**	**19**	**63.2**	**48**
Dave Rayner, Mich St	**12**	**10**	**16**	**62.5**	**53**
David Wasielewski, N'western	12	10	18	55.6	51
Berin Lacevic, Purdue	**13**	**10**	**19**	**52.6**	**37**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Bryant Johnson, Penn St	41	528	1	12.9
Jim Leonhard, Wisconsin	**36**	**434**	**1**	**12.1**
Ed Hinkel, Iowa	**27**	**325**	**1**	**12.0**
Eugene Wilson, Illinois	23	270	1	11.7
Anthony Chambers, Purdue	**28**	**281**	**1**	**10.0**
Ziehl Kavanaght, Mich St	**33**	**287**	**1**	**8.7**
Chris Gamble, Ohio St	**35**	**293**	**0**	**8.4**
Kunle Patrick, N'western	**19**	**142**	**0**	**7.5**
Danny Upchurch, Minny	**40**	**287**	**0**	**7.2**
Glenn Johnson, Indiana	**25**	**163**	**0**	**6.5**

TACKLES

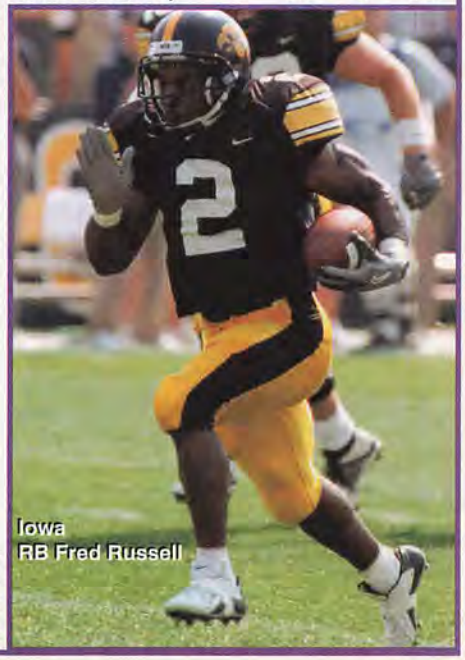
	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Shawn Mayer, Penn St	13	85	59	144	11.1
Thomas Wright, Mich St	12	86	40	126	10.5
Jerry Schumacher, Illinois	12	78	44	122	10.2
Herana-Daze Jones, Indiana	**11**	**74**	**34**	**108**	**9.8**
John Kerr, Indiana	12	75	39	114	9.5
Niko Koutouvides, Purdue	**13**	**80**	**41**	**121**	**9.3**
Eli Ward, Minny	**13**	**71**	**45**	**116**	**8.9**
Doug Szymul, N'western	**12**	**47**	**59**	**106**	**8.8**
Fred Barr, Iowa	13	58	56	114	8.8
Matt Wilhelm, Ohio St	14	79	42	121	8.6
Gino Capone, Penn St	**10**	**59**	**27**	**86**	**8.6**

TFL

	NO	YDS
Michael Haynes, Penn St	23.0	140
Matt Wilhelm, Ohio St	19.5	49
Colin Cole, Iowa	18.0	61
Victor Hobson, Michigan	17.0	60
Jimmy Kennedy, Penn St	16.0	36
Kris Dielman, Indiana	14.0	68
Loren Howard, N'western	**13.5**	**33**
Anthony Adams, Penn St	13.0	27
Will Smith, Ohio St	**12.5**	**42**
Jerry Schumacher, Illinois	11.5	50

SACKS

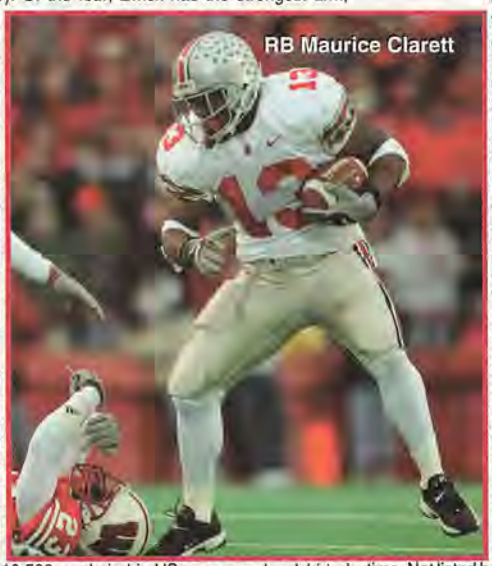
	NO	YDS
Michael Haynes, Penn St	15.0	126
Matt Roth, Iowa	**10.0**	**54**
Howard Hodges, Iowa	**9.0**	**52**
Colin Cole, Iowa	9.0	48
Darrion Scott, Ohio St	**8.5**	**42**
Charlton Keith, Minny	**7.0**	**45**
Jonathan Babineaux, Iowa	**7.0**	**36**
Jake Sprague, Wisconsin	6.0	53
Paul Nixon, Minny	**6.0**	**37**
Shaun Phillips, Purdue	**6.0**	**32**



OHIO ST BUCKEYES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Buckeyes had to replace three year starter Steve Bellisari (#6DC of STL). He was suspended for the second to last regular season game and Craig Krenzel (PS#23) started the next week on the road vs Michigan and led the upset. He threw just two passes in the bowl game before Bellisari took over and they lost to S Carolina. Krenzel does not have the strongest arm, the quickest release nor is he the most mobile of QB's. In fact, his forte is the fact that he is smart a QB (major is in molecular genetics) and does not make mistakes. He had to fight off Scott McMullen (PS#42) and two super frosh QB's in Justin Zwick (6-4 210, PS#7) and Troy Smith (6-1 205, PS#31). Of the four, Zwick has the strongest arm, McMullen the quickest release and Smith is the most mobile. Krenzel not only started all 14 games, but he moved his record to 15-1 as a starter, guiding the perfect 14-0 finish with his biggest play being the game winning 37 yard TD pass vs Purdue on 4th & 1. He was just 7 of 21 for 122 yards in the bowl game with 2 int's but was the game's leading rusher with 81 yards. He was voted the team's co-MVP. Zwick threw for 10,500 yards in his HS career and redshirted while running the scout team. McMullen, in three years, has thrown for 488 yards with a 4-1 ratio and has one start. Troy Smith runs a 4.43 forty and could see action at WR. This unit has more experience than it had heading into last season and added talent.


RB Maurice Clarett

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Buckeyes had to replace a 1,000 yard rusher and the top returnee, Lydell Ross who had 419 yards (3.5) in 2001. Maurice Clarett became the first true freshman in school history to start the opener at TB which is saying something with the likes of Archie Griffith, Robert Smith and Eddie George playing here. He rushed for 175 yards in the opener against Texas Tech and two games later against tenth ranked Wash St, burst through for 230 yards. He had arthroscopic knee surgery and missed the Cincinnati game and a few games later suffered a shoulder stinger and missed the majority of the Penn St and Minnesota games with just four carries. He only had 14 attempts vs Purdue, sat out the Illinois game and rushed for 119 yards vs Michigan. In the bowl game he had just 47 yards but made a huge tackle on an int, forcing a fumble and then recovering it. For the season he set an OSU freshman rushing record with 1,237 yards (5.6). Lydell Ross (PS#18) rushed for 619 yards (3.7). Maurice Hall was PS#8 and has 442 yards (5.1) the last 2 years. He would be a starter on many other teams. All of the FB's are back and I list them below. As long as Clarett stays healthy, he has a shot at topping 2,000 yards and this is one of the best RB corps around.

RECEIVERS - The WR's were very inexperienced in 2001 but last year the top two receivers returned in Michael Jenkins (49, 20.2) and Chris Vance (34, 17.8). They did lose their TE (#4DC of CLE). Vance missed three games and started only three with 13 rec's (13.7). Jenkins once again led the team with 61 rec's and an outstanding 17.6 ypc (1,076 yards). Chris Gamble made fame on the defensive side of the ball but was also the #2 receiver with 31 (16.1) adding another 546 yards in returns. The TE's are very deep with Ben Hartsock emerging to snag 17 rec's (8.1) and he has four solid backups behind him. I list the backup receivers below including rFr Roy Hall (6-3 228, PS#15) who may be used as a Jeremy Shockey type TE. Not listed is Santonio Holmes (5-11 170 rFr, PS#59), John Hollins (6-2 205 Jr, PS#37), Angelo Chattams (5-10 185 So, PS#15) and three VHT true frosh. I do expect Gamble to play less on offense this year. Vance is the only loss so this is a very experienced group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Buckeyes averaged 3.9 ypc rushing in 2001 while allowing 31 sacks. Last year they had to replace a pair of starters including Rimington Award winner C LeCharles Bentley #2DC and #6DC Tyson Walter. The Buckeyes ground game has hardly resembled the "three yards and a cloud of dust" running powerhouse that Woody Hayes squads annually produced. Last year OSU ran the ball 70% of the time and the somewhat veteran O-line which is loaded with VHT's, paved the way for 4.3 ypc rushing, the school's best since 1998 but did allow 32 sacks. I would like to compliment the OSU Athletic Department as one of the two in the country that keeps track of minutes played which is very helpful. This year basically everyone returns. The only losses are LG Scott Kuhnhein (2nd string 3 yrs) and LG Michael Stafford (4 sts). All five starters return and there is speculation that Nick Mangold may take over the starting C spot with Stepanovich taking over at one of the guard spots. There are plenty of VHT backups that will also contend for time. Not listed below is OT Ryan Cook (6-7 305 So, PS#53) and soph's Steve Winner (6-6 270) and John Conroy (6-3 275). This looks like one of the country's best O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - After allowing just 2.7 ypc rushing with 47 sacks in 2000, the Buckeyes lost three starters (including two to the NFL) plus three backups and slipped to 3.6 ypc rushing allowed with just 28 sacks in 2001. Last year they had to replace just one starter and one backup. In 2002 OSU's defensive front was one of the best in the NCAA allowing just 2.6 ypc rushing while recording 40 sacks. This year they must replace DE Kenny Peterson (13 sts, 43 tkls, 6 sks, 2nd Tm B10, #3DC of GB) and DT David Thompson (5 sts, 42 tkls, 4.5 sks). Four players return with starting experience including their top DL from last year in DT Darrion Scott and all three returning starters earned either 1st or 2nd Tm Big 10 honors. I list the impressive 2 deep below and not even listed are three VHT true frosh. This remains one of the top D-lines in the country.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Buckeyes had to replace two starters including a 5th round DC but did move starting CB Cie Grant to an OLB spot so basically two starters returned. This year the losses are a little heavier. Gone are Grant (13 sts, 71 tkls, 10 tfl, 1st Tm B10, #3DC of NO) and SLB Matt Wilhelm (13 sts, #1 tkl'r, 19 tfl, 1st Tm B10, #4DC of SD) whose 121 tackles were the most at OSU since 1994. All six players in my projected 2 deep are VHT's. This has the makings of a solid group but with the loss of two stars, they figure to be down a few notches in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Buckeyes finished #25 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and last year moved one starting CB to LB and their other starting CB was a #3DC of Dallas. They did return their star, SS Michael Doss, and he was the Big 10 Def POY and a 1st Tm AA recording 107 tackles, 2 int's and 8 pbu and #2DC of IND. He helped the team finish #19 in my pass D rankings facing a Top 10 slate of opposing QB's. Also gone are FS Donnie Nickey (14 sts, 67 tkls, #5DC of TEN) and CB Richard McNutt (6 sts until inj). Chris Gamble figures to see more time at CB and should prove to be the team's top cover man after starting the last six games. There's been a lot of talk about the other CB Dustin Fox being moved to safety but Tressel says he will stay at CB. Three players from this unit are sprinters on the track team in Harlen Jacobs (6-1 197 Jr), Bobby Britton (5-11 194 Sr, PS#70) who has 21 tackles and 2 starts in three years and FS Brandon Mitchell (6-3 190 rFr, PS#98). The unit is so deep at CB that I do not even list Jacobs and Britton in the 2 deep below. Also not listed is Thomas Matthews (6-2 210 Jr), Maurice Lee (5-10 180 Sr, PS#13), LeAndre Boone (6-1 215 So) and this year's crop of true frosh VHT's, five of whom I rank in the Top 30 out of HS including Ashton Youboty (PS#30) and Donte Whitner (PS#9) who were both in for the spring. This is quite a collection of talent but with the loss of a player the caliber of Doss, I'll call the unit down a notch in 2003.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ohio St has had some fine finishes in my special teams rankings including #1 in both 1995 and 1998. In Tressel's first year they finished #35 but it was a good thing that FG accuracy was not included as they hit just 10 of 24 FG's. Last year basically everyone returned and the formerly erratic Mike Nugent, who struggled as a true frosh, was simply amazing hitting his first 22 FG's and he finished hitting 25 of 28 with a long of 51 and that included 10 of 12 from 40+. He is back for his junior season and also available is Josh Huston (6-1 195 Jr) who is PS#10 and hit 3 of 10 FG's with a long of 44 in 2001. They do lose outstanding punter Andy Groom who had a 45.0 average and 37.3 net but amazingly was not a Ray Guy semifinalist. Replacing him will be a difficult task but BJ Sander (PS#3) had 37 punts in 2000 with a 41.9 average and has been second string the last two years. All of the top returnmen are back and there is plenty of speed in that unit. The team was #14 including FG's in my ratings in 2002. Even with the loss of their outstanding punter they could finish close to last year's unit.

COACHES - Jim Tressel, in just two short years, has won a National Championship and is the first coach to win an NCAA Title at the IAA level and then one in IA ball. He was the Div IA Coach of the Year last season. His OC is Jim Bollman who was the Bears TE coach in '99 and 2000. The DC is Mark Dantonio who was a Broyles finalist last year after coming over from Michigan St in 2001. OSU was #2 in the NCAA in my defensive rankings last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Ohio St had finished out of the AP final Top 25 for three straight years prior to last season. Coming into the 2002 season I rated Ohio St #7 which was far higher than almost every other source and I called them a darkhorse contender for the National Title chase. Only two other preseason magazines (besides mine) even picked the Buckeyes to win the Big 10. They came into the season ranked 13th in the AP poll and took home their first National Championship since 1968 when Woody Hayes won his third. They became the first team in major college history to compile 14 wins but did have a couple of close escapes. Against Cincinnati they tipped a pass into the EZ for an interception at the end of the game and vs Purdue where a 4th & 1, 37 yard TD pass gave them the win as they had seven wins by a TD or less. It's rare when a defending champion has the amount of returning starters the Buckeyes have as they welcome 17 back. All 11 starters return on offense and they have one of the nation's top offensive lines, a solid QB and perhaps the best RB in the country. They will be potent. The D does lose some key players including 4 of their top 5 tacklers but is still a Top 10 unit. OSU has 8 home games with the toughest trips being to Wisconsin and Michigan. I forecast the Buckeyes will be 11-0 when they travel to Ann Arbor and naturally this team should be considered a preseason favorite to again win the National Title.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CRAIG KRENZEL SR. 6-4 225 **PS#23**. 16 sts in 3Y, 2453 yds (58.5%) 13-11 ratio. 581 rush. **Justin Zwick PS#7QB** LY. Scott McMullen (6-3 215 Sr) PS#42, 488 yds, 3Y.

RB MAURICE CLARETT SO. 6-0 230 **PS#2**. 1237 yds (5.6), 9 sts (inj 5). Lydell Ross (6-0 210 Jr) **PS#18**, 6 sts, 1038 yds (3.6) 2Y. Maurice Hall (5-10 200 Jr) **PS#8**, 485 yds, 2 yrs.

FB BRANDEN JOE JR. 6-0 245 **PS#19**. 6 sts LY, 162 min. Brandon Schnittker (6-1 250 So) **PS#61LB**, 1 st, 28 yds. TE Redgie Arden (6-4 240 So) **PS#11LB**, 1 st, 4 rec LY.

WR MICHAEL JENKINS SR. 6-5 215 PS#43, Sprinter. Turned down NFL (#1 or #2 DC). #1 rec in '01. 61 rec (17.6) LY. **2nd TM B10**. Bam Childress (5-10 185 Jr) **PS#27DB**, 4 rec LY.

WR CHRIS GAMBLE JR. 6-2 180 Tm MVP. 12 sts, 31 rec (16.1) as WR/DB LY. Drew Carter (6-4 200 Sr) **4.26 speed**. 16 rec (13.9) 3 yrs. Roy Hall (6-3 228 rFr) **PS#15**.

TE BEN HARTSOCK SR. 6-4 264 PS#46TE. 13 sts, 17 rec (8.1) LY. Ryan Hamby (6-5 240 So) PS#52. 5 sts, 2 rec. Stan White Jr (6-3 230 rFr) **PS#18LB**. Louis Irizarry is **PS#3**.

C ALEX STEPANOVICH SR. 6-4 310 **PS#18OL**. 7 games as **true**. 3 sts in '01, 9 games. 14 sts in '02, top OL award, 391 min. Nick Mangold (6-4 280 So) PS#62, 72 min LY.

RG BRYCE BISHOP SR. 6-3 312 **PS#8**. 12 sts in '01, 311 min. 14 sts at RG, 386 min. Adam Olds (6-4 290 So) **PS#25OL**. Hip surgery last year. TJ Downing (6-5 280 rFr) PS#74.

LG ADRIEN CLARKE SR. 6-5 355 **PS#15**. 10 sts as rFr. 10 sts in '01, 289 mins. 10 sts at LG LY, 278 mins. RJ Coleman (6-5 265 rFr) **PS#4TE**. Andree Tyree (6-3 280 So) **PS#13TE**.

RT SHANE OLIVEA SR. 6-5 310 **PS#16OL**. 11 sts in '01, 311 min. 12 sts (inj) at RT, **2nd Tm B10**, 326 min LY. Doug Datish (6-5 290 rFr) **PS#11**. Mike Kne (6-4 300 Sr).

LT IVAN DOUGLAS SR. 6-8 305 2 sts, 9 games in 2000 & '01. 10 sts in 2002, 339 mins, ankle sprain most of yr. Rob Sims (6-4 305 So) **PS#33**. 6 sts as **true**, 153 min.

K MIKE NUGENT JR. 5-10 170 **PS#5K**. Hit 7 of 14 as **true**, L/44. Super 25 of 28 FG's in '02, long of 51 including 10 of 12 from 40+. 45 of 46 xp's. **1st TM AA**. Groza finalist.

DE Simon Fraser Jr. 6-6 250 **PS#13DL**. 6 tkls, 44 min as true. 20 tkls, 3 tfl, 5 pbu, 178 mins in '02. Jay Richardson (6-5 245 rFr) PS#70. Joel Penton (6-5 255 rFr) PS#51DL.

DT DARRION SCOTT SR. 6-3 271 **PS#14LB**. 10 sts in '01, 49 tkls, 7 tfl. 12 sts LY, 43 tkls, 8.5 sks, top DL award. **1st Tm B10**. Marcus Green (6-3 300 So) **PS#50OL**, 2 tkls LY.

DT TIM ANDERSON SR. 6-4 289 **PS#15**. 11 sts, 38 tkls, 3 sks, 6 tfl in '01. 11 sts LY, **2nd Tm B10**. 36 tkls, 2.5 sks. Quinn Pitcock (6-4 285 rFr) **PS#11**. Tim Schafer (6-5 250 rFr) **PS#60**.

DE WILL SMITH SR. 6-4 250 **PS#18**. 12 tkls, 3 sks as **true**. 10 sts in '01, 47 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl. 13 sts LY, 59 tkls, 5.5 sks, **2nd Tm B10**. Mike Kudla (6-3 255 So) **PS#23LB**, 12 tkls as **true.**

WLB AJ Hawk So. 6-2 230 **PS#40LB**. 1 st as **true**, 26 tkls, 0.5 sks. 3 tfl, 100 min. Stan White Jr (6-3 230 rFr) **PS#18LB**. Jason Bond (6-3 240 Sr) 10 tkls, 37 mins in 2 years.

MLB Mike D'Andrea So. 6-3 240 **PS#1LB**. 4.46 spd, 720 squat. 34"VL. 7 tkls as true, 31 min. Fred Pagac (6-1 225 Sr) **PS#14**. 2 sts, 12 tkls in '01. 11 tkls, 2 tfl in '02 (inj'd).

SLB ROBERT REYNOLDS SR. 6-3 234 **PS#23**. 11 tkls as **true**. 1 st, 12 tkls, 2 tfl in '01. 14 sts LY, 62 tkls, 3 tfl, 211 min. Bobby Carpenter (6-3 240 So) PS#26. 12 tkls, 46 min LY as **true.**

CB CHRIS GAMBLE JR. 6-2 180 PS#86WR, **1st Tm B10**, L/6 sts LY. 24 tkls, 4 int, 6 pbu, **3rd Tm AA**. Donte Whitner is **PS#9**. Michael Roberts (5-11 178 rFr) PS#37DB.

CB DUSTIN FOX JR. 6-0 190 **PS#16, 4.37 spd**, 41"VL, 325 min. 14 sts, 84 tkls, 3 int, 14 pbu LY. EJ Underwood (6-1 175 So) PS#17. 2 starts, 21 tkls, 3 pbu as **true**.

SS Tyler Everett So. 6-1 185 **PS#24DB**. 12 tkls, 1 int, 9 games, 43 min as **true**. Nate Salley (6-3 180 So) PS#43, 14 games, 6 tkls, 34 mins as **true**. G on basketball team.

FS Will Allen Sr. 6-2 190 PS#57. 7 tkls as **true**. 14 tkls, 1 sk, 1 int, 1 pbu in '01. 1 st LY, 32 tkls, 1 sk, 2 int, 2 pbu, 153 min LY. Brandon Mitchell (6-3 190 rFr) PS#98WR, 400m on track.

P BJ Sander Sr. 6-3 212 **PS#3K**. 37 punts in 2000, 41.9 avg but had a pooch punter all year. 2nd string punter L/2Y. 4 punts, 29.8 avg in '01. Zero punts in '02. Lefty.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

TE	Louis Irizarry	6-5 235 PS#3
DL	David Patterson	6-3 285 PS#11
DB	Donte Whitner	5-11 185 PS#9
WR	Devin Jordan	6-3 190 PS#21
WR	Tony Gonzalez	6-0 187 PS#24
DB	Ira Guilford	6-0 190 PS#16
DL	Brandon Maupin	6-6 290 PS#26
TE	Marcel Frost	6-5 245 PS#8
DL	Sian Cotton	6-4 295 PS#30
DB	Dareus Hiley	6-1 195 PS#22
DB	Curt Lukens	6-3 200 PS#29
DB	Ashton Youboty	6-2 187 PS#30
DL	Reggie Smith	6-2 225 PS#76
OL	Kirk Barton	6-6 275 PS#99

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Tressel's records AT OHIO STATE

21-5	Straight Up	9-4	Home Favorite
12-12	Vs The Spread	0-1	Home Dog
3-1	Off A SU Loss	2-6	Away Favorite
8-8	Vs Conference	1-1	Away Dog
		4-4	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (14-0)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 11*
DEFENSE: 6

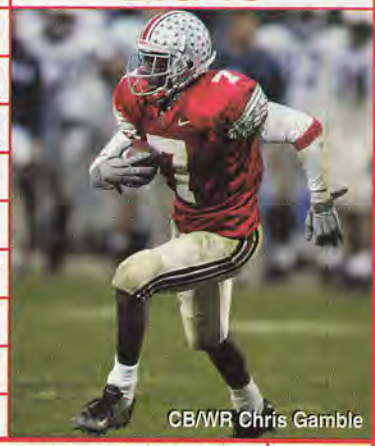
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (24,22,5)
Lost: 13 (3,8,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 103,488

BIG 10

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#24

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	Washington	G						OSU is 8-2 SU, but 3-7 ATS the last 10 the game before Michigan. Ohio St is 7-1 ATS the last 8 at home as a single digit favorite. Ohio St is 7-0 SU & 6-1 ATS vs Minnesota since 1988.
Sep. 6	San Diego St	G						Ohio St is 8-2 ATS in the first home game of the season the last 10. The home team is 4-0 SU & ATS in this series.
Sep. 13	NC State	G						Ohio St is 3-7 ATS the last 10 as a 20 pt or more favorite. This is only their 2nd meeting. OSU won the 1st 27-12 as a 22' pt fav.
Sep. 20	Bowling Green	G						Including bowls, OSU is 1-3 SU & ATS vs ACC with the last meeting in '97. Ohio St is 7-1 SU but 2-6 ATS in the 3rd of 3+ home games since 1986.
Sep. 27	Northwestern	G						Ohio St is 7-0 SU but 2-5 ATS vs MAC schools since 1992. The Bucks are 2-0 SU but 0-2 ATS outscoring the Falcons 61-19.
Oct. 4								OSU is 10-0 SU & 6-3-1 ATS vs Northwestern the last 10 years. Ohio St is 7-3 ATS in the last 10 conference openers. Bonus: The Buckeyes are 7-3 ATS before a bye the last 10.
Oct. 11	at Wisconsin	A						The Buckeyes are 6-1 ATS after a bye the last 7. Wisconsin has badgered the Bucks as OSU is 3-7 ATS L/10 in this series.
Oct. 18	Iowa (HC)	G						OSU is 13-3-1 SU & 13-4 ATS vs Iowa since 1980. Pending earlier results: OSU is 21-10 ATS as a single digit favorite L/31.
Oct. 25	at Indiana	G						The visitor is 8-2-1 ATS the last 11 in this series. The Buckeyes are 1-5 ATS in the 1st of 2+ road games since 1998.
Nov. 1	at Penn St	G						Ohio St is 7-3 ATS vs the Nittany Lions since they joined the Big 10. OSU is 5-2 the last 7 on the 2nd of 2+ road games.
Nov. 8	Michigan St	G						Ohio St is 11-4 SU but only 5-10 ATS vs Michigan St the last 15 games. Surprisingly OSU is 9-0 SU & 7-2 ATS after facing Penn St.
Nov. 15	Purdue	G						OSU has dropped 5 of their last 7 home finales ATS. Ohio St is 8-1 SU & 7-2 ATS vs Purdue since 1990.
Nov. 22	at Michigan	A						OSU is 22-10 ATS on artificial turf since 1990. The Buckeyes are 2-8 SU & 4-6 ATS L/10 away vs "that team up north".
Nov. 29								


CB/WR Chris Gamble

STADIUM: OHIO STADIUM (101,568)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	10-2	10-1	6-6	8-3	7-4	13-0	65-17
ATS	7-4	6-6	7-4	5-7	5-6	5-6	7-6	42-39
Home Fav	4-2	2-5	3-3	3-4	2-4	2-3	7-1	23-22
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Away Fav	3-2	3-0	4-1	0-1	3-1	2-1	0-5	15-11
Away Dog	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-2	0-1	1-1	0-0	4-5
Favorite	7-4	5-5	7-4	3-5	5-5	4-4	7-6	38-33
Dog	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-2	0-1	1-2	0-0	4-6
Grass	6-3	4-6	5-4	4-6	4-5	4-6	7-4	34-34
Artificial	1-1	2-0	2-0	1-1	1-1	1-0	0-2	8-5
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	5-3	4-4	3-5	5-3	3-5	29-27
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-3	2-1	1-3	2-1	0-3	4-1	13-12
Off SU Win	6-4	6-4	5-4	1-5	3-5	2-4	6-6	29-32
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-1	1-0	4-1	1-1	3-1	0-0	9-4

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Maurice Clarett	222	1266	29	1237	16	5.6
Lydell Ross	166	648	29	619	6	3.7
Maurice Hall	78	396	26	370	4	4.7
Craig Krenzel	125	548	180	368	3	2.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Craig Krenzel	249	148	59.4	2110	12	7
Scott McMullen	31	25	80.6	315	2	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Michael Jenkins	61	1076	17.6	6	50	
Chris Gamble	31	499	16.1	0	57	
Chris Vance	13	178	13.7	3	37	
Drew Carter	10	147	14.7	0	28	
Ben Hartsock	17	137	8.1	2	20	
Maurice Clarett	12	104	8.7	2	26	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Andy Groom	60	2697	45.0	74	37.3	1	15
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Mike Nugent	45-46	6-6	9-10	9-11	1-1	25-28	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Matt Wilhelm	121	3	16	3	2
Mike Doss	107	0	5	8	2
Dustin Fox	**84**	**0**	**2**	**14**	**3**
Cie Grant	71	4	6	2	1
Donnie Nickey	67	0	1	2	0
Robert Reynolds	**62**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Will Smith	**59**	**5.5**	**7**	**4**	**1**
Kenny Peterson	43	6	3	6	0
Darrion Scott	**43**	**8.5**	**1**	**4**	**0**
David Thompson	42	4.5	3	2	0
Tim Anderson	**36**	**2.5**	**0**	**3**	**0**
Will Allen	**32**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**2**
A.J. Hawk	**26**	**0.5**	**3**	**0**	**2**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Chris Gamble	**35**	**293**	**8.4**	**0**	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Maurice Hall	**19**	**434**	**22.8**	**0**	
Chris Gamble	**11**	**253**	**23.0**	**0**	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Sugar	+6'	Florida St	14-31	L
98	Sugar	-12'	Texas A&M	24-14	L
00	Outback	-6'	S Carolina	7-24	L
01	Outback	+1	S Carolina	28-31	L
02	Fiesta	+11'	Miami, Fl	31-24	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

OHIO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	29.3	18	191	4.3	173	61.8	12.4	+13	2002	7	13.1	17	78	2.6	243	57.7	24.5
5*	26.0	19	180	3.9	191	51.7	14.3	+9	2001	6	20.3	18	139	3.6	197	51.9	16.5
7*	27.6	19	156	3.7	205	52.3	13.1	+8	2000	7	18.5	18	102	2.7	223	54.0	17.6
5	23.8	18	167	4.2	181	46.7	14.6	-8	1999	7	23.9	19	160	3.7	203	59.7	15.1
8	35.8	24	200	4.7	298	58.9	13.9	+5	1998	9	12.0	14	70	2.2	190	48.3	21.7
5*	30.3	21	164	3.8	242	59.7	13.4	0	1997	3	13.1	15	119	3.2	158	46.3	21.2

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Texas Tech	24	57-317	5.6	13-17	160	3	17	20-31	1.6	26-44	341	7	+1
Kent St	17	22-144	6.5	19-25	268	0	22	45-171	3.8	17-35	187	2	0
Washington St	16	54-292	5.4	4-10	71	4	15	22-17	0.8	26-45	263	2	+2
† Cincinnati	16	38-163	4.3	14-29	129	4	20	23-91	4.0	26-52	324	2	0
Indiana	21	39-244	6.3	18-23	217	1	17	28-56	2.0	19-32	283	3	0
at Northwestern	23	56-285	5.1	11-22	170	0	18	27-113	4.2	24-45	283	0	-1
San Jose St	24	49-212	4.3	19-23	355	2	16	13-0	0.0	36-49	265	1	+3
at Wisconsin	14	44-178	4.0	12-19	204	2	20	44-180	4.1	11-19	160	5	+2
Penn St	18	49-141	2.9	13-20	112	1	8	23-81	3.5	14-28	98	1	-1
Minnesota	16	51-178	3.5	10-16	144	5	7	36-53	1.5	10-20	59	4	-1
at Purdue	13	39-94	2.4	13-20	173	3	17	29-56	1.9	27-39	285	1	+2
at Illinois	16	45-145	3.2	10-21	176	4	21	34-53	1.6	27-46	305	6	+1
Michigan	13	34-140	4.1	10-14	124	2	26	41-121	3.0	23-48	247	2	+2
† Miami, Fl	14	52-145	2.8	7-21	122	1	19	33-65	2.0	29-44	304	4	+3
TOTALS	245	629-2678	4.3	173-280	2425	32	243	418-1088	2.6	315-546	3404	40	+13
AVERAGES	17.5	45-191	4.3	12-20	173	2.3	17.4	30-78	2.6	23-39	243	2.9	0.9

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at W Virginia	-11	34-17	W
Toledo	-37	49-0	W
Missouri	-24'	35-14	L
Penn St	-15	28-9	W
at Illinois	-36'	41-0	W
Minnesota	-38	45-15	L
at Northwestern	-29	36-10	L
at Indiana	-24	38-7	W
Michigan St	-27'	24-28	L
at Iowa	-25	45-14	W
Michigan	-10	31-16	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Miami, Fl	-5'	12-23	L
UCLA	-11	42-20	W
Ohio U	-43	40-16	L
Cincinnati	-33	34-20	L
Wisconsin	-7	17-42	L
Purdue	-2'	25-22	W
at Penn St	+11	10-23	L
at Minnesota	+3'	20-17	W
Iowa	-22'	41-11	W
at Michigan St	+5'	7-23	L
Illinois	-10'	20-46	L
at Michigan	+11	17-24	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Fresno St	-18'	43-10	W
at Arizona	-5'	27-17	W
Miami, Oh	-23	27-16	L
Penn St	-12	45-6	W
at Wisconsin	-1'	23-7	W
Minnesota	-13	17-29	L
at Iowa	-19	38-10	W
at Purdue	+1'	27-31	L
Michigan St	-14'	27-13	L
at Illinois	-7'	24-21	L
Michigan	-2'	26-38	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Akron	-25	28-14	L
at UCLA	+6'	6-13	L
at Indiana	-9'	27-14	W
Northwestern	-3	38-20	W
Wisconsin	-11	17-20	L
San Diego St	-22'	27-12	L
at Penn St	-6'	27-29	L
at Minnesota	-2	31-28	W
Purdue	-6	35-9	W
Illinois	+1'	22-34	L
at Michigan	+8'	26-20	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Texas Tech	-6	45-21	W
Kent St	-28'	51-17	W
Wash St	-7	25-7	W
† Cincinnati	-18'	23-19	L
Indiana	-29'	45-17	L
at Northwestern	-25	27-16	L
San Jose St	-28'	50-7	W
at Wisconsin	-7	19-14	L
Penn St	-4'	13-7	W
Minnesota	-13'	34-3	W
at Purdue	-5'	10-6	L
at Illinois	-8'	23-16 OT	L
Michigan	-4	14-9	W

MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

CB Marlin Jackson

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - I did about twenty-five radio shows in the state of Michigan last year and I don't remember a single radio personality or listener having a kind word to say about QB John Navarre. Navarre had finished the 2001 season with a 10-11 ratio over the last six games and was much maligned. He dropped 25 pounds to improve his mobility and had a solid junior season. He was the third QB in UM history to have two straight 2,000 yard seasons (Tom Brady and Todd Collins) and could very well become another in a long line of Michigan NFL QB's like Brian Griese, Elvis Grbac and Brady. Navarre (PS#32) threw for 2,905 yards (55.4%) with a 21-7 ratio and is 21-8 as a starter. He threw for 319 yards in the bowl game. The backup QB last year was Spencer Brinton (6-5 224 Sr) who was PS#35 and had seven starts at San Diego St throwing for 1,249 yards (47%) with a 6-12 ratio in '97 and '98. He went on an LDS mission and appeared in five games last year throwing for 121 yards. Matt Gutierrez (6-4 212 rFr, PS#12) had a fine season with the scout team and will contend after adding 10 lbs this year. Also available is Jeff Kastl (6-3 208 rFr, PS#141). Navarre at 6-6 228 will have NFL scouts watching and hopes to have a Carson Palmer type senior season.

RUNNING BACKS - Michigan has had some struggles rushing the football topping 4.0 ypc only once in the last seven years. Last year they returned their top two rushers in BJ Askew (902, 4.5) and PS#45 Chris Perry (495, 3.8). Askew reluctantly made the sacrifice of moving to FB, giving them two quality RB's on the field at the same time. When Perry got injured in the 2Q vs Purdue, Askew started to see the field more and he rushed for 149 yards vs Mich St and 126 vs Minnesota but later would return to FB. Askew (568 yds, 5.2) was voted the team MVP and he departs (#3DC of NYJ). Perry returns and led the team with 1,110 yards (4.2). David Underwood (PS#16) surprisingly has played in just ten games the last two years with 213 yards. Timmy Bracken (5-10 207 Jr) was fully recovered from a broken leg suffered in 2001 and while playing in 11 games, only had 97 yards rushing. Pierre Rembert was PS#49. I list the FB's below. This year they add in VHT's Jerome Jackson (PS#31) and Anton Campbell (PS#33). The offensive line is more experienced and with practically everyone back, I'll call for this unit to top the 4.0 ypc mark for just the second time in eight years.

RECEIVERS - Michigan has had some super receivers here recently like David Terrell (#1DC of CHI) and Marquise Walker (#3DC of TB). Last year they had to replace Walker as well as their starting TE and the leading returning receiver had just 21 receptions. Carr signed a great class of freshman wideouts but redshirted Carl Tabb (PS#12) and Steve Breaston (PS#43). Each was impressive on the scout team and both were able to bulk up. Braylon Edwards stepped to the forefront with 67 rec's and had over 1,000 yards receiving (15.4) . He was given their famed #1 jersey this spring signifying he's among select company like Anthony Carter and Terrell. The team does lose TE Bennie Joppru (12 sts, 53, 10.9, #2DC of HOU), WR Ron Bellamy (10 sts, 46, 11.5) and TE Deitan Dubuc (1 rec). Naturally Carr has some talent to turn to like Tyrece Butler (PS#5) who started three games and the two frosh previously mentioned. The coaches also think Jason Avant will make a big impact this year. The TE spot has 3 VHT's available and not listed below are David Spytek (6-7 250 So, PS#52DL), Kevin Murphy (6-5 240 rFr, PS#13) and Tyler Ecker (6-6 243 So, PS#10) who returns in the summer from a mission. This is an extremely deep and talented group and despite the loss of two of their top three guys, could even be stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - As I mentioned in the RB writeup, despite having incredible talent on the O-line (a lot of VHT's), the Wolves have topped 4.0 just once in seven years. In 2001 the team averaged 3.6 ypc rushing while allowing 30 sacks. Last year the O-line had to replace two starters and one backup, including a 5th round DC but seven of the top ten were back. Two rFr emerged in Matt Lentz (PS#45) and Adam Stenavich (PS#15) but both were injured against Penn St and would miss most of the rest of the year. Overall the line paved the way for 3.82 ypc rushing and trimmed the sack total to 22. This year the only losses are RG Dave Petruziello (13 sts, 2 yr st'r) and LG Joe Denay (2nd string). Lentz and Stenavich both return healthy and in the 3 deep that I list below all 16 players are VHT's including two of whom were 1st Tm Big 10 honorees last year! This O-line has the talent to rival 2000's production (4.8 ypc).

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Wolves defense allowed just 89 ypg (2.5) while recording 50 sacks in 2001 and appeared to be in great shape last year as all four starters returned to the defensive front. Unfortunately the unit did see its share of bumps and bruises with DT Norman Heuer starting just four games and DE Shantee Orr getting only 8 starts. Overall the group yielded 3.4 ypc rushing and the sack total dropped to 42 but both are solid numbers. This year they must replace three players in DE Dan Rumishek (9 sts, 4 sks, 2nd Tm B10), DE Orr (8 sts, 6 sks, HM B10) who left early for the NFL draft but was not picked and DT Shawn Lazarus (12 sts, 30 tkls, 6 tfl). The player I think will have a big impact this year is Alain Kashama who would have been rated higher coming out of HS had he not been from Canada. Kashama has 4.53 speed plus three years in the system and was dominating in bowl practices. He had a sack, two tfl and a fumble recovery in the bowl game. Heuer returns at DT and there are six VHT's in the 2nd and 3rd strings that will contend for time. Despite the fact that this unit is less experienced than last season, it may stay healthier and should remain one of the top D-lines in the country.

LINEBACKERS - While the Wolves returned four of their top six LB's last year they had to replace the Big 10 Defensive POY in Larry Foote and another starter. During the season projected starting LB Lawrence Reid played in just five games due to a medical problem, backup Roy Manning missed the season after getting injured in the opener and then starting LB's Carl Diggs and Zach Kaufman both were injured late starting just ten games each. The top LB award went to Victor Hobson (13 sts, 99 tkls, 6 sks, 11 tfl, 1st Tm B10, #2DC of NYJ) and he led the team in not only tackles but also tfl. Unfortunately this year Hobson departs as does backup OLB John Spytek (PS#38, 8 tkls). Everyone else returns plus the four injured LB's I previously mentioned. They also add in two of the top ten LB's out of high school this year although James Presley (PS#10) may play FB. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Obi Oluigbo (6-0 224 rFr, PS#126), Brian Thompson (6-2 212 rFr, PS#153) and Paul Sarantos (6-3 252 rFr, PS#117). Thompson was tried at FB in the spring and may stay there after impressing the staff. This unit, despite the loss of its top guy, actually has more experience than last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After a couple of finishes in the 80's in my pass D rankings in 1999 and 2000 the Wolves jumped up to #24 in 2001. Last year they had to replace just one starter due to graduation but were banged up during the year with CB Zia Combs being lost after five starts to a career ending neck injury, FS Cato June missing two games and SS Julius Curry missing four. They finished last year at #26. This year they must replace SS Charles Drake (13 sts, 74 tkls, #7DC of NYG), CB Combs (5 sts, 20 tkls), FS June (PS#2, 11 sts, 53 tkls, 4 tfl, #6DC of IND), CB Brandon Williams (18 tkls) and SS Curry (1 st, 21 tkls, 2 int). Despite the rather heavy losses, this unit should be fine as I think they have one of the NCAA's best CB combos led by perhaps the top DB in the nation, Marlin Jackson. The replacement at SS is simply Ernest Shazor (PS#1) and they add two true frosh in Prescott Burgess (PS#1) and Ryan Mundy (PS#5) who both should play immediately. Despite the losses I think the Wolves could actually move up in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Lloyd Carr had not had a lot of success with his special teams units but in the last three years he's finished #32, #30 and #42. The team really struggled in FG's and while Philip Brabbs nailed the game winning FG vs Washington, he hit just 3 of 9 with a long of 44. Troy Nienberg took over temporarily and hit 2 of 5 FG's with a long of 33. Punter Adam Finley (PS#6) then took over and hit a solid 7 of 10 FG's with a long of only 40 as Brabbs was called on for longer placements. Carr lost so much confidence in his kickers that in a four game span between Utah and Purdue the team lined up for 14 FG's but only attempted 8 of them with 3 fakes and 3 pooch punts. All three are back and true frosh Garrett Rivas (PS#39) will also contend. One other interesting thing to note about UM's FG woes. Carr said in the spring that the change to FieldTurf should aid the kickers as their FG percentage since UM went to grass in 1990 was the NCAA's worst. Finley did a fine job in his first full year as a punter averaging 42.2 with a super net of 36.7. The team did block five punts in 2001 which resulted in two wins and a Michigan record but last year only had one punt blocked despite having most of the unit back. Their top PR Julius Curry departs (10.8) but top KR Jeremy LeSueur is back (22.4). Carr has a lot of speed and talent available to help the return game.

COACHES - Lloyd Carr delivered Michigan a National Title in 1997 despite facing one of the toughest schedules in the country. He is 12-2 vs Top 10 competition. His OC is Terry Malone who enters his second year in that position and the DC is Jim Hermann who is now in his 7th season and took home the Broyles Award in 1997.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Since 1997 the Wolves have by far the largest amount of wins in Big 10 play with 39 and the next closest has 34. The Wolves have been to 28 straight bowls, the second longest streak in the country. They've also been to seven straight Jan 1 bowls and last year were #9 in the final polls with their fourth 10 win season under Carr. The Wolves have led the NCAA in attendance in 28 of the last 29 years. Lloyd Carr is very high on the O-line and it could be one of his best yet and that should power a potent offense that also has a veteran senior QB in John Navarre and some explosive WR's. They should be far more potent than last year's 27.8 ppg. Defensively, Michigan slipped giving up 20.4 ppg last season and "only" finished as my 16th strongest defense. They have an excellent secondary and with six starters back will rank in the Top 10 this year. I give Michigan a great shot at winning their first National Title since 1997 as I have them favored in their first 11 games prior to their titanic battle with OSU on Nov 22nd. While OSU has more returning starters, it must be pointed out that in the last two seasons despite losing, Michigan has compiled a 44-24 FD advantage and 701-519 yard edge vs OSU. A victory over their rivals in the "Big House" could put them in the National Title game.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JOHN NAVARRE SR. 6-6 228 PS#32. 13 sts in '01, 2435 yds (54%) 19-13 ratio. 13 sts LY, 2905 yds (55%) 21-7 ratio. Spencer Brinton PS#35, 121 yds LY. Matt Gutierrez is PS#12.

RB CHRIS PERRY SR. 6-1 220 PS#45. 417 yds (5.4) in 2000. 5 sts, 495 (3.8) in '01. 11 sts LY, 1110 yds (4.2). David Underwood (6-0 220 Jr) PS#16. Pierre Rembert (6-0 203 rFr) PS#49.

FB Sean Sanderson So. 6-3 289 PS#62RB. 1 st, 9 games LY, 410 bench. James Presley is **PS#10LB**. Kevin Dudley (6-1 232 Jr) PS#90, 4.5 spd. 1 st in '01, 8 games LY.

WR BRAYLON EDWARDS JR. 6-3 206 6.88 in 60m on track. #1 LY w/67 rec (15.4), **2nd Tm B10**. Jermaine Gonzalez (6-2 210 Jr) PS#27QB. Carl Tabb (6-2 187 rFr) PS#12, 10.4 in 100m.

WR Tyrece Butler Sr. 6-3 213 **PS#5**. 4.38 spd. 3 sts, 21 rec (9.5) LY. **Jason Avant** (6-1 206 So) **PS#10. Steve Breaston** (6-1 169 rFr) PS#43. Calvin Bell (6-1 197 Sr) 37 rec 3Y.

TE Tim Massaquoi So. 6-4 231 **PS#8WR**. 1 st, 2 rec as rFr. 4.5 speed. Andy Mignery (6-3 250 Sr) PS#24QB. 2 sts, 1 rec at TE. Jim Fisher (6-5 249 Jr) PS#15, 13 games.

C DAVID PEARSON SR. 6-3 291 **PS#48LB**. 9 tkls as DL in 2000 & '01, 13 sts at C LY. Rimington list. Andy Christopfel (6-3 295 Jr) **PS#35**, 2L. Mark Bihl (6-4 278 rFr) **PS#58**.

RG MATT LENTZ SO. 6-6 301 **PS#45**, 225 bench 31x's. Inj'd, 8 games as rFr. **Courtney Morgan** (6-3 298 Sr) **PS#44**. 1 st in '01. **10 sts** at T in '02. Jeff Gaston (6-5 287 Jr) **PS#21**.

LG DAVID BAAS JR. 6-5 320 **PS#29**. 13 sts LY, **1st Tm B10**. Leo Henige (6-4 318 So) **PS#32**. 1 gm LY. Rueben Riley (6-3 318 rFr) **PS#47**. Tom Berishaj (6-4 313 rFr) **PS#88.**

RT TONY PAPE SR. 6-6 305 **PS#3**. 11 sts in '01. 13 sts LY, **1st Tm B10, Top OL Award**. Demeterius Solomon (6-6 297 Sr) **PS#4**. **11 sts in '01**. Kyle Ealey (6-7 277 So) **PS#5TE**.

LT Adam Stenavich So. 6-5 302 **PS#15**. 2 starts as rFr until inj. 7 games. Mike Kolodziej (6-7 300 rFr) **PS#14DL**. Jeff Zuttah (6-4 275 Fr) **PS#41DL**. In for spring.

K ADAM FINLEY JR. 6-4 206 **PS#6K**. Hit 7 of 10 FG's here LY. L/40, 20 of 20 xp's. Philip Brabbs (6-2 200 Sr) 3 of 9 FG's, L/44. Troy Nienberg (6-2 171 Sr) 2 of 5 FG's.

DE LARRY STEVENS SR. 6-3 261 **PS#8LB**. 5 sts in 2000 & '01, 36 tkls, 5 sks. 9 sts LY, 45 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl, 4.6 spd. Jeremy Van Alstyne (6-4 235 rFr) **PS#17LB**. Will Paul is **PS#21**.

DT Grant Bowman Sr. 6-1 290 PS#76. 5 sts in 2000 & '01, 28 tkls. **9 sts** LY, 23 tkls, 4 sks, 4 tfl. **Pat Massey** (6-8 262 So) **PS#7**, 2 sks as rFr. Alex Ofili (6-3 262 So) PS#110DL.

DT NORMAN HEUER SR. 6-5 288 **PS#27**. 12 sts in '01, 31 tkls, 5 sks, 4 tfl. 4 sts LY (inj), 17 tkls, 3 sks. Gabe Watson (6-4 358 So) **PS#5**, 2 tkls as **true**. Larry Harrison (6-3 321 rFr) PS#22.

DE Alain Kashama Sr. 6-5 259 PS#171. Canadian. **4.53 spd**. 10 tkls, 3 sks, 1 tfl LY, big bowl game. Shawn Crable (6-6 230 Fr) is **PS#2**. Rondell Biggs (6-2 261 rFr) PS#128.

SLB Pierre Woods So. 6-5- 238 **PS#9DL**. 7 tkls at DE as rFr. Roy Manning (6-2 238 Jr) PS#125. 11 tkls in '01, inj'd LY. Joe Sarantos (6-3 217 So) PS#48, 2 sts, 18 tkls, 4.5 spd.

ILB SCOTT McCLINTOCK SO. 6-2 243 **PS#9LB**. 2 sts as rFr, 39 tkls, 2 tfl. **Carl Diggs** (6-1 247 Sr) **PS#26**. 5 sts, 72 tkls in 2000 & '01. 10 sts LY, 63 tkls, 7 tfl. Dave Harris (6-2 226 rFr) PS#53.

ILB LAWRENCE REID SO. 6-1 219 PS#51. 13 tkls, 1 sk as rFr until inj. **Zach Kaufman** (6-1 234 Sr) PS#70. 10 sts LY, 43 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl. Torn ACL. LaMarr Woodley is **PS#2**.

CB MARLIN JACKSON JR. 6-1 189 **PS#6**. 7 sts as true, 3 int, 7 pbu. **2nd Tm AA** LY, 3 int, **school rec 18 pbu**. Quinton McCoy (5-11 180 Fr) **PS#16** LY. Darnell Hood (5-11 188 rFr) **PS#33**.

CB JEREMY LeSUEUR SR. 6-1 199 **PS#9**. 7 sts in '00 & '01, 67 tkl, 7 pbu. 7 sts LY, 52 tkl, 1 int, 7 pbu. Markus Curry (5-11 181 Jr) **PS#20**. 3 sts LY, 24 tkl, 2 int. Brent Cummings PS#17RB in '99.

SS Ernest Shazor So. 6-4 218 **PS#1**. 25 tkls, 1 sk, 4 pbu as rFr. Special Tms standout. Prescott Burgess (6-4 215 Fr) **PS#1**. Jacob Stewart (6-0 204 So) PS#84. 3 tkls as a true.

FS Jon Shaw Sr. 6-0 202 PS#93. 21 tkls in '00 & '01. 2 sts at FS LY, 22 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. Ryan Mundy is **PS#5**. Willis Barringer (5-11 198 rFr) PS#141. Charles Young III (5-11 195 Jr).

P ADAM FINLEY JR. 6-4 206 **PS#6K**. 4 punts, 43.3 avg in '01. 69 punts LY, 42.2 avg, **2nd Tm B10**. James Bloomsburgh (5-10 186 rFr) PS#50. Mark Spencer (5-11 203 rFr) PS#70.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

LB	LaMarr Woodley 6-3 250 PS#2
DB	Prescott Burgess 6-4 215 PS#1
DL	Shawn Crable 6-6 230 PS#2
DB	Ryan Mundy 6-1 210 PS#5
QB	Clayton Richard 6-4 220 PS#8
LB	James Presley 6-2 220 PS#10
DL	Will Paul 6-4 252 PS#21
DB	Leon Hall 6-1 170 PS#23
DL	Jeffrey Zuttah 6-4 275 PS#41
RB	Jerome Jackson 6-0 195 PS#31
RB	Anton Campbell 6-0 180 PS#33
OL	Jake Long 6-6 290 PS#53
DL	Adam Kraus 6-6 260 PS#65
OL	Pat Sharrow 6-3 270 PS#109

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Wolverines are 1-7 ATS as a favorite of 5 or less since 1999. Michigan is 2-6 ATS the last 8 before a bye, 2-9-1 ATS after a bye. UM will switch their playing surface to artificial turf this year.
Aug. 30	C Michigan	A						Michigan is 11-1 SU but 5-7 ATS in their 1st home game since 1991. The Wolverines are 6-0 SU & 4-2 ATS vs the MAC since 1995.
Sep. 6	Houston	A						Michigan is 8-4 ATS the last 12 September home games. UM is 2-0 SU, 1-1 ATS & have outscored UH 103-28.
Sep. 13	Notre Dame	A						UM is 1-5 ATS vs the Irish the last 6 & 1-6 ATS as a HF the last 7. Wolverines are 3-11-1 ATS off of 2 SU wins the last 15.
Sep. 20	at Oregon	A						Wolverines are 1-4 SU & 0-5 ATS in their last 5 road openers. Michigan is 2-6 ATS away in September since 1998.
Sep. 27	Indiana	A						Wolverines are 18-1 SU & 12-7 ATS vs Indiana since 1980. Michigan hasn't lost a Big 10 opener SU since 1981 (21 straight wins).
Oct. 4	at Iowa	G						Michigan is 12-4-1 SU, but 5-11-1 ATS vs Iowa the last 17. Last year Michigan was 2-8 ATS on grass.
Oct. 11	at Minnesota	A						The home team has covered in just 5 of the last 16 meetings. Minny & Michigan annually battle for the Little Brown Jug.
Oct. 18	Illinois (HC)	A						Michigan is 1-5 ATS as a home favorite vs Illinois. Wolverines are 3-1 SU & ATS the last 4 Homecoming games.
Oct. 25	Purdue	A						Michigan is 11-2 SU but 5-8 ATS their last 13 vs the Boilermakers. UM is 10-0 SU & 7-3 ATS w/4 shutouts in PU's L/10 stops to the Big House.
Nov. 1	at Michigan St	G						Michigan is 9-5 SU but 5-9 ATS vs rival Michigan St the last 14. Wolverines are 1-7 ATS as a road fav vs Michigan St since 1987.
Nov. 8								
Nov. 15	at Northwestern	G						Wolverines are 12-3 SU but 5-10 ATS the last 15 vs Northwestern. Michigan is 17-5-1 SU the last 23 road finales, but 3-6 ATS the last 9.
Nov. 22	Ohio St	A						The dog is 3-1 ATS the L/4 in this series & the HT is 13-7-1 ATS the L/21. UM is 9-1 SU & 7-3 ATS their last 10 November home games.
Nov. 29								

LLOYD CARR (Career 76-23)
9th Year at Michigan

Carr's records AT MICHIGAN

76-23 Straight Up	22-27 Home Favorite
40-50-1 Vs The Spread	2-0 Home Dog
9-9 Off A SU Loss	10-19-1 Away Favorite
29-34-1 Vs Conference	6-4 Away Dog
	11-16 Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: **(10-3)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (23,20,3)
Lost: 23 (8,14,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 110,576

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STADIUM: MICHIGAN STADIUM (107,501)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	11-0	9-3	9-2	8-3	8-3	10-3	63-17
ATS	5-6	6-5	4-8	5-6	6-5	5-5-1	4-8	35-43-1
Home Fav	2-4	3-4	3-2	3-3	4-2	4-2	2-5	21-22
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Away Fav	1-2	2-1	0-5	1-3	0-3	1-2-1	2-2	7-18-1
Away Dog	2-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	6-3
Favorite	3-6	5-5	3-7	4-6	4-5	5-4-1	4-7	28-40-1
Dog	2-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	7-3
Grass	3-5	4-4	4-7	4-4	6-4	5-2-1	2-8	28-34-1
Artificial	2-1	2-1	0-1	1-2	0-1	0-3	2-0	7-9
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	4-3-1	3-5	25-30-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	1-3	1-2	2-1	1-2	1-3	10-13
Off SU Win	4-3	5-5	3-5	5-3	3-4	3-4-1	3-6	26-30-1
Off SU Loss	1-2	0-0	1-2	0-2	2-1	2-0	1-1	7-8

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Perry	267	1154	44	1110	14	4.2
B.J. Askew	110	576	8	568	6	5.2
David Underwood	36	111	6	105	1	2.9
Tim Bracken	27	103	6	97	1	3.6
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
John Navarre	448	248	55.4	2905	21	7
Spencer Brinton	20	11	55.0	121	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Braylon Edwards	67	1035	15.4	10	49	
Bennie Joppru	53	579	10.9	5	43	
Ronald Bellamy	46	530	11.5	5	47	
B.J. Askew	36	280	7.8	1	30	
Tyrece Butler	21	199	9.5	0	22	
Chris Perry	14	156	11.1	0	31	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Adam Finley	69	2909	42.2	55	36.7	1	16
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Adam Finley	20-20	3-3	3-5	1-2	0-0	7-10	40

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Victor Hobson	99	6	11	4	2
Charles Drake	74	3	1	4	1
Carl Diggs	63	1	6	0	0
Cato June	53	2	2	3	0
Jeremy LeSueur	52	0	3	7	1
Marlin Jackson	51	1	4	18	3
Larry Stevens	45	4	5	1	0
Zach Kaufman	43	2	3	4	1
Scott McClintock	39	0	2	0	0
Shawn Lazarus	30	1	5	0	0
Ernest Shazor	25	1	0	4	0
Markus Curry	24	0	1	7	2
Shantee Orr	24	6	4	4	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Julius Curry	28	302	10.8	0	
Markus Curry	12	77	6.4	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jeremy LeSueur	26	583	22.4	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Citrus	-3	Arkansas	45-31	W
99	Orange	+1	Alabama (OT)	35-34	W
00	Citrus	-7'	Auburn	31-28	L
01	Citrus	+3	Tennessee	17-45	L
02	Outback	-1	Florida	38-30	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	27.8	20	148	3.8	233	54.9	13.7	+9	2002	8	20.4	18	123	3.4	225	53.6	17.1
4	26.7	19	143	3.6	216	53.6	13.5	-6	2001	8	19.8	16	89	2.5	229	55.1	16.1
7	33.7	22	215	4.8	231	59.2	13.3	+13	2000	5	19.1	21	147	3.8	243	58.5	20.4
7*	30.1	21	122	3.2	265	60.4	12.9	+10	1999	8	20.6	16	121	3.3	212	51.7	16.2
6	27.6	18	156	3.8	226	59.1	13.8	-3	1998	9	18.1	15	122	3.1	181	49.9	16.8
8*	26.8	21	182	3.9	205	63.3	14.4	+9	1997	6	9.5	12	89	2.7	134	49.5	23.5

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Washington	20	36-150	4.2	22-39	268	2	18	34-81	2.4	28-45	318	2	0
W Michigan	22	49-220	4.5	18-31	226	2	17	26-76	2.9	21-37	249	7	+2
at Notre Dame	15	26-91	3.5	19-42	230	0	16	50-157	3.1	8-17	154	6	0
Utah	22	48-175	3.6	19-36	186	2	9	20-13	0.7	23-39	208	2	+1
at Illinois	20	40-143	3.6	23-39	272	2	29	35-175	5.0	25-49	368	3	+4
Penn St	22	35-97	2.8	27-41	244	1	16	28-81	2.9	20-34	274	3	0
at Purdue	18	36-149	4.1	17-35	271	1	20	37-137	3.7	22-42	232	4	+1
Iowa	12	20-22	1.1	17-39	149	5	22	49-177	3.6	18-29	222	0	-1
Michigan St	28	53-188	3.5	19-31	253	3	13	30-59	2.0	15-35	178	4	+1
at Minnesota	22	48-253	5.3	15-26	225	1	23	36-127	3.5	18-37	209	1	+2
Wisconsin	17	36-216	6.0	19-28	136	0	15	43-195	4.5	7-20	60	4	-2
at Ohio St	26	41-121	3.0	23-48	247	2	13	34-140	4.1	10-14	124	2	-2
† Florida	17	37-104	2.8	21-37	319	1	28	43-183	4.3	21-42	323	4	+3
TOTALS	261	505-1929	3.8	259-472	3026	22	239	465-1601	3.4	236-440	2919	42	+9
AVERAGES	20.1	39-148	3.8	20-36	233	1.7	18.4	36-123	3.4	18-34	225	3.2	0.7

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Notre Dame	-5	20-36	L
Syracuse	-10	28-38	L
E Michigan	-35	59-20	W
Michigan St	-8	29-17	W
at Iowa	-9	12-9	L
at Northwestern	-14	12-6	L
Indiana	-13'	21-10	L
at Minnesota	-12'	15-10	L
Penn St	+3	27-0	W
Wisconsin	-3	27-10	W
at Ohio St	+10	16-31	L
at Hawaii	-38'	48-17	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Notre Dame	-7'	26-22	L
Rice	-27	37-3	W
at Syracuse	-5'	18-13	L
at Wisconsin	-3'	21-16	W
Purdue	-6	38-12	W
at Michigan St	-2'	31-34	L
Illinois	-24'	29-35	L
at Indiana	-16'	34-31	L
Northwestern	-23	37-3	W
at Penn St	+6	31-27	W
Ohio St	-11	24-17	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Bowling Green	-30	42-7	W
Rice	-27'	38-7	W
at UCLA	-4'	20-23	L
at Illinois	-7	35-31	L
Wisconsin	-8	13-10	L
at Purdue	+2	31-32	W
Indiana	-15'	58-0	W
Michigan St	-16'	14-0	L
at Northwestern	-7'	51-54	L
Penn St	-15'	33-11	W
at Ohio St	+2'	38-26	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Oh	-24'	31-13	L
at Washington	+3	18-23	L
W Michigan	-14	38-21	W
Illinois	-6'	45-20	W
at Penn St	-11	20-0	W
Purdue	-11	24-10	W
at Iowa	-6	32-26	T
at Michigan St	-6	24-26	L
Minnesota	-15'	31-10	W
at Wisconsin	-5	20-17	L
Ohio St	-8'	20-26	L

2002 RESULTS

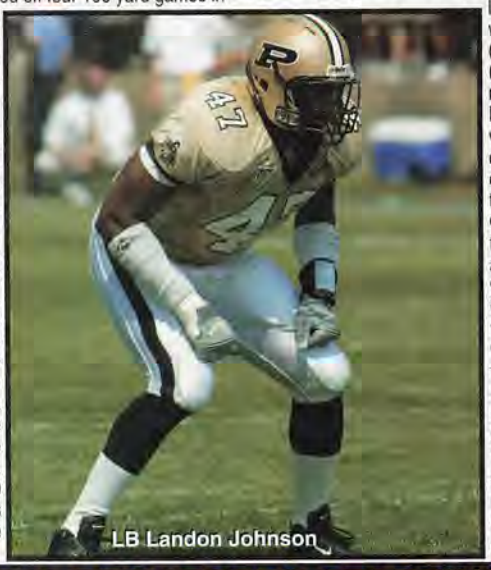
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Washington	-6	31-29	L
W Michigan	-22'	35-12	W
at Notre Dame	-5	23-25	L
Utah	-10'	10-7	L
at Illinois	-7'	45-28	W
Penn St	-4'	27-24 OT	L
at Purdue	-3'	23-21	L
Iowa	-3'	9-34	L
Michigan St	-14'	49-3	W
at Minnesota	-6'	41-24	W
Wisconsin	-10'	21-14	L
at Ohio St	+4	9-14	L

PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Joe Tiller has a great system and in his first year here had Billy Dicken, who had been a little used career backup, threw for 3,136 yards (55%) with a 21-16 ratio. Next came three record setting years with Drew Brees at the helm. In 2001 the Boilermakers had to replace Brees who left as the Big 10 career leader in pass attempts, completions, yards, TD's and total offense. He also led all QB's in NCAA history that had 10,000 passing yards or more with 939 yards rushing. Brandon Hance won the starting job but at season's end Kyle Orton (PS#11) became the fan favorite and he started the last three games. After keeping a tight rein on Hance, Tiller allowed Orton to throw 62, 52, and 74 yard passes in those three starts and he threw for 419 yards in the bowl game after Hance transferred. Orton bulked up to 209 last year but suffered a concussion against Iowa and true frosh Brandon Kirsch (PS#27) took off his redshirt. Kirsch, who has a 95 mph fastball in baseball, is the more mobile of the QB's while Orton has the stronger arm. Kirsch relieved Orton again vs Illinois and then got his first start against Michigan. Orton came in for the 3Q vs Michigan but Kirsch played the entire game against Northwestern. He cracked his right pinkie finger at a post-Northwestern game party and was not the same QB in his final two starts. Orton had just one pass against Mich St but it happened to be on 4th down where he threw a 40 yard TD pass for the win. Orton hit 22 of 28 for 173 yards vs Indiana and then the competition for the starting job was wide open for the bowl game. Orton not only won it but he QB'd the entire bowl hitting 25 of 37 for 283 yards. Both QB's return and will battle for the starting job along with PS#117 Kyle Smith (6-4 208 So). Last year the two QB's combined for a 21-14 ratio and I look for improvement upon those numbers this year with Orton clearly being the top guy out of spring.

RUNNING BACKS - Purdue did not have a lot of success running the ball as they averaged just 98 ypg (2.7) in 2001. Montrell Lowe had 998 yards rushing in 2000 but saw those numbers drop to 640 (3.5) in 2001. Lowe appeared to be the starter heading into last season but Tiller went with Joey Harris who has 4.26 speed. Harris ripped off four 100 yard games in the first five but had just two the rest of the year. Harris developed a sore shoulder against Illinois and 4th string RB Brandon Jones (PS#36) came off the bench and rushed for 127 yards. In the final seven games Jones and Harris split the carries. The last time Purdue had a 1,000 yard rusher was in 1995 but Harris finished with 1,115 yards (4.5). While Jones rushed for 668 yards (5.3). The only loss from this unit is Lowe who had 169 yards (5.6). Jarod Void (6-2 210 So) was PS#107DB and had 156 yards rushing and 10 TD's. When the team uses a FB it could be Jon Goldsberry (PS#94) who saw a lot of time at LB last year. The other TB's not listed below are Jerome Brooks (5-11 176 rFr, PS#51) and Patrick Schaub (6-0 228 Sr). With the top two guys back, this group is even more experienced than last year.


LB Landon Johnson

RECEIVERS - Last year Purdue had everyone back in its receiving corps with the exception of its top TE who was also the #2 receiver. This year they must replace WR Seth Morales (2 sts, 8 rec), WR Chris James (7 rec, 6.1) and TE Mike Rhinehart (8 sts, 16 rec) but everyone else is back. I list the 2 deep below. Last year Taylor Stubblefield (PS#51) suffered a fractured skull which kept him out the first 3 games but he had 7 rec's in his first game vs Wake Forest and finished #1 with 77 grabs (10.2). A bulked up John Standeford set a Purdue record for receiving yards in a season with 1,307 and a super 17.4 ypc. His 13 receiving TD's tied a school record. TE Mike Rhinehart had concussion problems early and Charles Davis (PS#22) took over the starting job in 10 games. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Andre Chattams (6-0 202 rFr, PS#74) and Colya Dailey (5-10 165 rFr, PS#133) and this year's true frosh. With basically everyone back this unit is more experienced than it was last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Joe Tiller's first four years the OL allowed just 21, 16, 15 and 11 sacks and part of those super sack numbers could be attributed to Drew Brees' quick release. In 2001 the group was very inexperienced and allowed 42 sacks while paving the way for just 2.7 ypc. Last year four starters returned to the front and the unit showed solid improvement as they averaged 4.4 ypc while allowing just 20 sacks. This year they must replace C Gene Mruczkowski (12 sts, HM B10, 4 yr st'r), RG Rob Turner (13 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Pete Lougheed (13 sts, HM B10, 2 yr st'r) as well as backups LG Kelly Kitchel (6 sts, 2Y) and RG Max Miller. G Nick Hardwick, who battled a high ankle sprain and missed six starts and his fill-in Matt Turner both return as well as RT Kelly Butler. I list the 2 deep below and this unit will probably be a notch or two weaker.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Purdue allowed just 3.1 ypc rushing in 2001 but last year had to replace 2 starters including a 3rd round DC. They did have eight of their top ten DL's returning but early on their 2nd string DL was made up of former LB's who were all frosh. Overall Purdue allowed just 3.3 ypc rushing while recording 30 sacks. This year the defensive front is in great shape. The only loss is DT Brandon Johnson (5 sts, 18 tkls, 2.5 tfl). I list a very experienced 2 deep below and the group gets an infusion of talent including Tim Olmsted (PS#12) who basically missed the last three years with injuries as well as true frosh Ray Edwards (PS#19LB) and Doug Van Dyke (PS#18). This should be a top-notch defensive front in 2003.

LINEBACKERS - Joe Tiller was very high on last year's LB corps that returned all three starters and he thought they were the best in the Big 10. Gilbert Gardner was still recovering from a broken leg suffered in '01 and only started four games last year but should be totally healthy in 2003. Niko Koutouvides led the team in tackles and was voted 1st Tm Big 10. The other two starters, Joe Odom and Landon Johnson both earned HM Big 10 laurels. This year the only loss is SLB Odom (12 sts, 72 tkls, 6 tfl, #6DC of CHI). There are plenty of HT's waiting in the wings and despite the loss of Odom, this group could be just as good as 2002's fine group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Purdue had an inexperienced secondary in 2000 which finished #102 in my pass D rankings. In 2001 a veteran group moved all the way up to #28. Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 12 starts but had 5 players back with starting experience. Unfortunately their top DB, FS Stuart Schweigert, suffered through an injury plagued season. Purdue still managed to climb to #18 in my pass D rankings. This year basically everyone is back with the only loss being SS Ralph Turner (71 tkls, 2 int, 4 tfl). I am very impressed with the size and speed of their CB's with Jacques Reeves (6-1) being a star on the track team and Antwaun Rogers (6-2) possessing 4.4 speed. There are some solid frosh being added and if Schweigert can stay healthy this should be one of the top secondaries in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The special teams (#106 including K) quite simply cost them games against Wake Forest, Iowa and Michigan. Kicker Berin Lacevic was maligned by the fans and had one game against Wake Forest where he missed three FG's in the 4Q. They had trouble on KO's and went to short squib KO's against Michigan to avoid big returns. Lacevic is back at kicker but expect Ben Jones (6-0 205 So), a transfer from Butler, or Andy Nelson (6-2 225 Sr), a transfer from S Dakota St (hit 7 of 16 with long of 45 there) to win the job. Punter Brent Slaton had a net of 34.1 in his first year. He had the #9 average in JUCO in 2001 and should improve. Aaron Levin (5-11 214 Jr) was PS#49K. The top returnman was Anthony Chambers who averaged 10.0 on PR's and 23.0 on KR's and he is back. Last year's unit was woeful so this year's can only improve.

COACHES - Joe Tiller enters his seventh year at Purdue and has guided the team to six straight bowl games. OC Jim Chaney is also in his seventh year here as is DC Brock Spack. Tiller had to replace four assistant coaches during the offseason, which is the largest turnover in his tenure. He brought in a new DB coach in Phil Elmassian who was the DC at W Virg, LSU, Boston College and VT. Tiller also brought in WR Coach Bob DeBesse who was the head coach at SW Texas from '97-'02 and the OC at Minnesota from '92-'96.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

Purdue has now been to six straight bowl games, the longest streak in school history. Purdue was much better than their final record indicated last year as they actually finished #1 in the Big 10 in total offense and #1 in the Big 10 in ypg total defense. Their six losses came by a combined 26 points and four of the six teams that beat them ended up the regular season in the Top 10 (see Hardcore Fans article on pg 319 for notes on some tough losses). They outgained their opponents last year 452-317 and outscored them 29.7 to 22.2. In fact Purdue outfirstdowned every Big 10 foe they faced and outgained league foes by 144.5 ypg which was the best mark in the conference, by far. The Boilers were -10 in turnovers and most of them were crucial. After an off year in 2001 where the team averaged a paltry 20.8 ppg, the Boilers were back up to their usual 30 point average last year and should be even more potent with 8 starters back including a more stable QB situation. Their defense was the best ever under Tiller allowing just 317 ypg last year and has nine starters back. This is a team that is clearly capable of returning to the Rose Bowl for just the second time since 1965 but it is a tough year for them schedule-wise. They are one of the top four teams in the Big 10 in terms of talent but they must play each of the other three on the road this year (at Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio St). I look for Purdue to easily top last year's 7 win total and if they can become road warriors they would have a shot at the Big 10 Title.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB KYLE ORTON JR. 6-4 220 **PS#11**. 3 sts as true, 1105 yds (49.5%) 4-7 ratio. 9 sts LY, 2257 yds (61%) 13-9 ratio. Brandon Kirsch (6-3 201 So) **PS#27**. 4 sts, 1067 pass, 468 rush.

RB JOEY HARRIS SR. 5-11 208 **PS#31**. 2 sts, 255 yds (4.4) in '01. 13 sts LY, 1115 yds (4.5), 12 rec (15.4). **Brandon Jones** (5-11 225 So) **PS#36**, 668 yds (5.3) as rFr, 8 rec (16.2).

WR JOHN STANDEFORD SR. 6-4 191 PS#78. 2 sts as true, 67 rec (11.1). 11 sts in '01, 47 rec (12.5). 13 sts LY, 75 rec (17.4). **1st Tm B10**. Kevin Noel (6-3 208 Jr) **PS#25**, 7 rec, 2Y.

WR TAYLOR STUBBLEFIELD JR. 6-1 172 PS#51. 7 sts, 73 rec (12.5) as rFr. 2 sts LY (inj'd) 77 rec (10.2). Drew Rucks (6-2 215 So) PS#160, 8 rec (9.1) as true. Jamaal Wilson (6-3 197 Sr) 2 sts LY.

WR ANTHONY CHAMBERS SR. 6-1 199 PS#120JC. 2 sts, 28 rec (8.1) here LY. Ray Williams (6-2 188 So) PS#111, 7 sts, 8 rec (17.6) as true. Jameson Evans (6-3 211 So) is PS#53DB.

TE CHARLES DAVIS SO. 6-6 265 PS#22. 10 starts as rFr, 12 rec (8.5). Garret Bushong is **PS#10**. Alphonso Royal (6-0 205 rFr). Toughness of a TE, size of WR says Tiller.

C NICK HARDWICK JR. 6-4 284 #2 in state in HS wrestling. No HS FB. RS in '01 on DL. 7 sts LY (inj'd) 6 at LG, 1 at C. Pat Oxley (6-7 300 rFr) **PS#95** in '02. Nick Pilipauskis.

RG Tyler Moore Jr. 6-7 294 PS#350. 2nd string as rFr over L/5 gms. 6 gms LY, 2nd string. Josh Tomsheck (6-6 305 So) PS#47TE. Moved to OL LY. Nick Fincher is **PS#77**.

LG Matt Turner So. 6-3 286 PS#85DL. 9 gms as rFr & 6 sts when Hardwick was inj'd. Brian Wang (6-7 294 So) PS#36TE. Moved to OL LY. Danny May (6-2 311 Jr) PS#435.

RT KELLY BUTLER JR. 6-8 315 PS#119. 12 sts as rFr. 13 sts at RT in '02, 2 letters. 80%+ grade in 4 gms. Ryan Davis (6-4 278 So) PS#98DL. TE/OL as frosh last year.

LT Mike Otto rFr 6-5 300 PS#273, +35 lbs, MIP in spg. David Owen (6-6 287 Jr) DL as true. 10 gms, 2nd string as rFr. 1 st at TE in '02, 11 gms. Robbie Powell (6-4 270 Jr) PS#399.

K BERIN LACEVIC SR. 5-10 176 12 of 16 FG's at JC in '01. Hit 10 of 19 long of 37 here LY. Ben Jones (6-2 205 So) 4 of 9 FG's at Butler in '01. Andy Nelson (6-2 227 Sr) S Dak St.

DE SHAUN PHILLIPS SR. 6-3 260 PS#77TE. 12 sts, 51 tkls, 7 sks as rFr. 12 sts, 72 tkls, 6 sks in '01. 12 sts, 50 tkls, 6 sks LY. Brent Hawkins (6-2 238 So) PS#69, 9 tkls LY. Anthony Spencer (6-3 261 rFr) **PS#44**.

DT CRAIG TERRILL SR. 6-3 289 **PS#39**. 8 sts as rFr, 6 sks. 12 sts in '01, 34 tkls, 6 tfl. 12 sts LY, 36 tkls, 4 sks. Dontrey Flemings (6-2 293 So) PS#386. Uche Nwaneri (6-3 286 rFr).

DT BRENT GROVER SO. 6-4 279 **PS#10LB**. 9 sts as rFr, 33 tkls, 3.5 tfl, 4.6 speed. Brandon Villarreal (6-2 285 So) PS#72. Scout Team MVP in '01. 33 tkls, 4.5 tfl last year.

DE KEVIN NESFIELD SR. 6-3 250 10 sts, 37 tkls, 5.5 sks LY. **Tim Olmstead** (6-2 252 Sr) **PS#12LB**. Inj'd L3Y. Vedran Dzolovic (6-3 264 Sr) PS#265, 4 sts LY, 23 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl.

SLB Gilbert Gardner Sr. 6-2 228 11 sts as true, 47 tkls, 4 tfl. 7 sts in '01 (inj) 38 tkls, 6 tfl, 4 sts LY, 57 tkls. George Hall (6-2 240 rFr) PS#86, Scout MVP. Jason Leimberger (6-2 228 So) PS#130.

MLB NIKO KOUTOUVIDES SR. 6-3 238 6 sts in '01, 63 tkls, 5 tfl, 13 sts LY, **1st Tm B10**, 121 tkls, 4 sks, 3 int, 7.5 tfl. Jon Goldsberry (6-3 243 Jr) PS#94RB. 25 tkls LY. Ryan Bucher (6-3 221 rFr) PS#302QB.

WLB LANDON JOHNSON SR. 6-2 221 PS#142, 10 sts, 71 tkls, 6 tfl as rFr. 12 sts, 82 tkls, 9 tfl in '01. 10 sts LY, 90 tkls, 5 tfl. Bobby Iwuchukwu (6-2 233 So) PS#162. Shaun Richardson is PS#103.

CB JACQUES REEVES SR. 6-1 195 PS#148. B10 Track Fr Yr in '01 (10.41 in 100m). 3 sts, 32 tkls in '01. 13 sts, 33 tkls, 3 int, 7 pbu LY. Sean Petty (5-11 166 So) 8 tkls, 2 pbu as true.

CB ANTWAUN ROGERS JR. 6-2 170 **PS#31**, 4.39 spd. 12 sts, 3 int, 5 pbu in '01. 13 sts, 59 tkls, 2 int, 13 pbu LY. Deaunte Ferrell (5-11 195 Sr) PS#81, 17 tkls LY. Marc Huddleston (5-11 192 So) PS#176.

SS John Lampert rFr. 6-3 208 PS#168. 1 tkl, 2 gms as true (inj) & RS. Jeremy Burnett (6-0 195 rFr) PS#103, 4.4 spd. Torrey Vogel (5-11 199 Sr) 11 tkls LY. Bernard Pollard is **PS#57**.

FS STUART SCHWEIGERT SR. 6-3 215 **PS#16WR**. 9 sts as true, 85 tkls, 5 int, 10 pbu. 12 sts, **1st Tm B10**, 98 tkls, 6 int in '01. 12 sts, 89 tkls, not 100% LY. Eric Smith (6-1 195 Sr) PS#229JC, 1 st LY.

P BRENT SLATON SR. 6-3 203 #9 NJCAA in 2001. 63 punts here in '02, 39.4 avg and net of 34.1, 22 inside the 20. Aaron Levin (5-11 208 Jr) PS#49, did KO's in 2002.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

LB	Raymond Edwards 6-6 235 PS#19
DL	Doug Van Dyke 6-4 240 PS#18
TE	Garret Bushong 6-4 230 PS#10
OL	Nick Fincher 6-3 270 PS#77
RB	Cole Seifrig 6-2 185 PS#54
DB	Bernard Pollard 6-2 195 PS#57
WR	Jake Cunningham 5-10 175 PS#69
QB	Bill Foran 6-1 205 PS#62
WR	Byron Williams 6-2 190 PS#79
WR	Kyle Ingraham 6-9 215 PS#81
QB	Scott Carroll 6-4 185 PS#77
LB	Shaun Richardson 6-3 225 PS#103
LB	Stanford Keglar 6-2 215 PS#115
OL	Ryan Noblet 6-5 280 PS#198

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score PU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30								The Boilermakers are 4-12-1 ATS the game before Indiana. Purdue will play without a bye week for the 1st time since 1994.
Sep. 6	Bowling Green	G						Bonus: Purdue has won the last 6 home openers SU.
Sep. 13	at Wake Forest	G						The Boilermakers are 7-4 in September home games the last 11. Purdue is 1-7 ATS vs non-Big 10 foes the last 8.
Sep. 20	Arizona	G						PU is 4-19 SU & 7-16 ATS in their road openers since 1980. Purdue is 5-12 ATS in September road games the last 17.
Sep. 27	Notre Dame	G						Purdue is 8-17-3 SU all-time vs current Pac 10 teams. PU is 4-12 ATS in games before Notre Dame since 1981.
Oct. 4	Illinois (HC)	G						Purdue is 6-11 ATS the last 17 & 0-3 ATS the last 3 vs Notre Dame. The home team is 6-2 ATS the last 8 in this series.
Oct. 11	Penn St	G						Purdue is 5-1 ATS in their conference opener. The visitor is 5-2-1 ATS the last 8 in this series.
Oct. 18	at Wisconsin	A						Purdue is 1-6-1 SU all-time vs Penn St with the 1st meeting in 1951. PU is 0-6 SU & 2-4 ATS overall vs Penn St (0-4 SU & ATS the last 4).
Oct. 25	at Michigan	A						Purdue is 8-4 ATS vs Wisconsin since 1987. Including bowl games, Purdue is 16-8-1 ATS on artificial turf since 1994.
Nov. 1	Northwestern	G						Purdue is just 2-11 SU, but 8-5 ATS vs Michigan. The Boilermakers are 1-7 ATS L/8 games in the 2nd of 2+ road games.
Nov. 8	Iowa	G						The visitor is 9-1-1 ATS in this series since 1990. Purdue is 17-4 SU & 13-7-1 ATS vs Northwestern since 1980.
Nov. 15	at Ohio St	G						The favorite is 9-4 ATS the last 13 in this renewal. Purdue is 5-10-1 ATS in home finales.
Nov. 22	at Indiana	G						OSU has outscored Purdue 323-125 in the last 10 meetings. Purdue is 1-9 SU & 3-6-1 ATS vs the Buckeyes.
Nov. 29								The Boilermakers are 6-10-1 ATS in road finales. The home team is 4-1 SU & 5-0 ATS the last 5 in this instate rivalry.

JOE TILLER (Career 85-58-1)
7th Year at Purdue

Tiller's records AT PURDUE

46-28 Straight Up 18-10-2 Home Favorite
34-30-3 Vs The Spread 4-2 Home Dog
12-9-3 Off A SU Loss 10-8-1 Away Favorite
26-19-3 Vs Conference 2-10 Away Dog
8-11 Vs Non-Conf

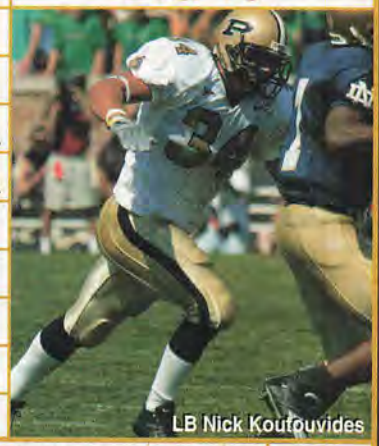
2002 RECORD: **(7-6)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (21,22,3)
Lost: 14 (9,4,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 56,430

BIG 10


LB Nick Koutouvides

STADIUM: ROSS-ADE STADIUM (62,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	8-3	8-4	7-4	8-3	6-5	6-6	46-33
ATS	5-6	6-4-1	7-5	5-6	6-5	4-6-1	6-4-1	39-36-3
Home Fav	1-2	2-1-1	5-1	2-2	4-2	3-2-1	2-2	19-12-2
Home Dog	1-2	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-0	5-4
Away Fav	0-0	3-1	1-1	2-1	2-3	1-1	1-1-1	10-8-1
Away Dog	3-2	0-1	1-3	0-2	0-0	0-3	1-1	5-12
Favorite	1-2	5-2-1	6-2	4-3	6-5	4-3-1	3-3-1	29-20-3
Dog	4-4	1-2	1-3	1-3	0-0	0-3	3-1	10-16
Grass	3-5	3-3-1	7-3	4-6	5-4	3-5-1	6-3-1	31-29-3
Artificial	2-1	3-1	0-2	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	8-7
vs Conf	4-4	5-2-1	5-3	2-6	5-3	3-4-1	6-1-1	30-23-3
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	2-2	3-0	1-2	1-2	0-3	9-13
Off SU Win	2-1	4-3	5-2	2-4	3-4	3-3	3-2	22-19
Off SU Loss	3-4	2-0-1	2-2	2-2	2-1	1-2-1	3-2-1	15-13-3

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joey Harris	250	1202	87	1115	8	4.5
Brandon Jones	127	683	15	668	3	5.3
Brandon Kirsch	72	468	45	423	3	5.9
Montrell Lowe	30	172	3	169	0	5.6
Jerod Void	45	167	11	156	10	3.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Kyle Orton	317	192	60.6	2257	13	9
Brandon Kirsch	134	79	59.0	1067	8	5
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
John Standeford	75	1307	17.4	13	74	
Taylor Stubblefield	77	789	10.2	0	24	
Anthony Chambers	28	228	8.1	2	33	
Joey Harris	12	185	15.4	1	57	
Mike Rhinehart	16	166	10.4	0	33	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Brent Slaton	63	2485	39.4	64	34.1	3	22
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Berin Lacevic	48-49	6-7	4-7	0-5	0-0	10-19	37

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Niko Koutouvides	121	4	7	8	3
Landon Johnson	90	1	4	2	0
Stuart Schweigert	89	0	5	4	2
Joe Odom	72	1	5	3	0
Ralph Turner	71	2	2	3	2
Antwaun Rogers	59	0	0	13	2
Gilbert Gardner	57	0	2	2	0
Shaun Phillips	50	6	2	6	0
Kevin Nesfield	37	5.5	2	0	0
Craig Terrill	36	4	3	1	0
Brandon Villarreal	33	1.5	3	1	0
Brent Grover	33	1.5	2	1	0
Jacques Reeves	33	0	0	7	3
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Anthony Chambers	28	281	10.0	1
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Anthony Chambers	10	230	23.0	0
Jerod Void	10	184	18.4	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Alamo	+13	Kansas St	37-34	W
99	Outback	-5'	Georgia (OT)	25-28	L
00	Rose	-1'	Washington	24-34	L
01	Sun	+6'	Washington St	27-33	W
02	Sun	+3	Washington	34-24	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

PURDUE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	29.7	23	197	4.4	256	60.0	15.2	-10	2002	8	22.2	16	116	3.3	201	48.2	14.3
5	20.8	18	98	2.7	222	51.2	15.4	+11	2001	10	23.2	17	123	3.1	205	53.5	14.2
8*	31.8	25	152	4.1	309	59.7	14.5	0	2000	6	22.2	18	150	4.0	197	61.0	15.6
8*	32.0	25	130	4.1	332	60.2	14.4	+1	1999	4	25.4	19	139	3.6	227	55.8	14.4
4	34.2	24	116	3.8	324	63.5	12.9	+5	1998	8	21.2	19	145	3.5	194	52.9	16.0
7	33.0	21	174	5.2	269	53.8	13.4	+14	1997	3	22.3	22	178	4.1	223	57.7	18.0

2002 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Illinois St	29	49-273	5.6	17-34	283	0	13	30-68	2.3	12-32	153	3	+2
at Notre Dame	15	38-147	3.9	14-30	171	2	11	45-153	3.4	7-22	50	4	-3
W Michigan	16	41-141	3.4	16-30	216	5	17	29-84	2.9	23-46	316	7	+1
Wake Forest	21	28-146	5.2	24-43	331	0	21	69-248	3.6	9-12	120	0	-4
Minnesota	20	46-153	3.3	19-32	190	2	17	34-83	2.4	16-48	233	2	-1
at Iowa	30	29-97	3.3	35-59	410	1	14	37-158	4.3	14-22	226	2	-1
at Illinois	32	56-278	5.0	26-36	288	3	17	37-215	5.8	15-30	202	2	-1
Michigan	20	37-137	3.7	22-42	232	4	18	36-149	4.1	17-35	271	1	-1
at Northwestern	24	69-407	5.9	8-10	144	0	12	30-118	3.9	18-35	150	1	0
Ohio St	17	29-56	1.9	27-39	285	1	13	39-94	2.4	13-20	173	3	-2
at Michigan St	26	66-307	4.7	14-26	248	0	17	22-67	3.0	18-32	253	2	-2
Indiana	28	54-296	5.5	24-34	243	1	12	20-29	1.5	15-31	194	1	+1
† Washington	24	40-117	2.9	25-37	283	1	23	24-44	1.8	25-54	272	2	+1
TOTALS	302	582-2555	4.4	271-452	3324	20	205	452-1510	3.3	202-419	2613	30	-10
AVERAGES	23.2	45-197	4.4	21-35	256	1.5	15.8	35-116	3.3	16-32	201	2.3	-0.8

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† USC	+7'	17-27	L
Rice	-13	21-19	L
UCF	-4	35-7	W
at Notre Dame	+7	30-31	W
Minnesota	-9'	56-21	W
at Wisconsin	+6	24-31	L
at Penn St	+8'	13-31	L
Illinois	-24	42-9	W
Iowa	-14	36-14	W
at Northwestern	-13	56-21	W
at Michigan St	-2'	25-24	L
Indiana	-16'	52-7	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UCF	-17	47-13	W
Notre Dame	-4	28-23	W
C Michigan	-37'	58-16	W
Northwestern	-28	31-23	L
at Michigan	+6	12-38	L
at Ohio St	+2'	22-25	L
Michigan St	+2'	52-28	W
Penn St	+4	25-31	L
at Minnesota	-3	33-28	W
Wisconsin	-1	21-28	L
at Indiana	-13	30-24	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
C Michigan	-38	48-0	W
Kent St	-43	45-10	L
at Notre Dame	-6	21-23	L
Minnesota	-13	38-24	W
at Penn St	-13	20-22	L
Michigan	-2	32-31	L
at Northwestern	-3'	41-28	W
at Wisconsin	-5'	30-24 OT	W
Ohio St	-1'	31-27	W
at Michigan St	-8	10-30	L
Indiana	-16'	41-13	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	-8	19-14	L
Akron	-18	33-14	W
at Minnesota	-4	35-28 OT	W
Iowa	-3'	23-14	W
at Michigan	+11	10-24	L
Northwestern	-5	32-27	T
Illinois	-2	13-38	L
at Ohio St	+6	9-35	L
Michigan St	-3	24-14	W
at Indiana	+2'	7-13	L
Notre Dame	-2'	18-24	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Illinois St	NL	51-10	–
at Notre Dame	+5'	17-24	L
W Michigan	-17	28-24	L
Wake Forest	-9'	21-24	L
Minnesota	-3	28-15	W
at Iowa	+9	28-31	W
at Illinois	-3'	31-38 OT	L
Michigan	+3'	21-23	W
at Northwestern	-13'	42-13	W
Ohio St	+5'	6-10	W
at Michigan St	-3	45-42	T
Indiana	-22	34-10	W

WISCONSIN BADGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

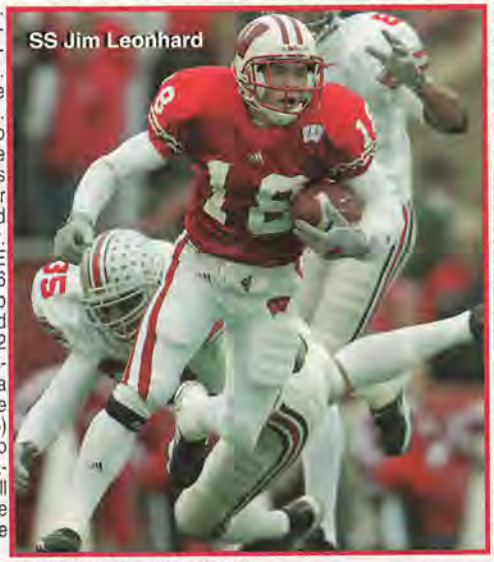
QUARTERBACKS - Brooks Bollinger (PS#36) departs as the team's all-time career leader in victories for a QB (#6DC of NYJ). He was 30-13 in four years as a starter. Last season Bollinger threw for 1,758 yards (53.5%) with a solid 14-4 ratio while rushing for 729 gross yards. Jim Sorgi has played in 27 games the last three years earning five starts due to Bollinger's various injuries. He had just 192 pounds on his 6-5 frame last year and the coaches wanted him to add weight and this season he is now around 200. In 2000 he threw for 615 yards (66.7%) with a 6-2 ratio rallying the team to victories vs Indiana and Mich St. The last two years he has not been as efficient. He threw for 1,096 yards (48.5%) in 2001 with a 9-8 ratio and last year 536 yards (54.3%) with a 1-2 ratio. He is as experienced a backup QB as you could have replacing a four year starter. Owen Daniels (6-3 214 So) was PS#18 and has the best arm on the roster. He played in four games last year throwing six passes but was moved to TE during bowl practices and tore his ACL prior to the game. John Stocco (6-2 193 rFr) was PS#36. Devin Hollins (PS#98) was the Offensive Scout Team MVP last year. QB Coach Jeff Horton compares him to Brad Banks. Matt Schabert (PS#34) was a standout on the scout team as a frosh and played vs Mich St in 2001 hitting 10 of 18 for 177 yards. He did not see the field last year. Even with the loss of their outstanding leader, the Badgers' QB position looks to be in good shape.

RUNNING BACKS - Wisconsin has now had a 1,000 yard rusher in ten consecutive years setting a Big 10 record and even more impressively, has produced a 1,400 yard rusher for seven straight years. Anthony Davis is a lot smaller (5-8 194) than Ron Dayne is but the two are the only RB's in Wisconsin history to top 1,000 yards in both their freshmen and sophomore seasons. Davis, with 4.39 speed, did miss the Illini game last year after suffering a stab wound but returned to rush for 154 against a tough Michigan defense and then 301 vs Minnesota. He also topped 100 yards in the first half against Ohio St's top-notch defense. He finished with 1,555 yards (5.2) despite having 3 straight games under 100 yards early in the season and has more yards than any other RB in the country over the last 2 years. Dwayne Smith (PS#88) had one start as a true frosh and rushed for 552 yards (5.0). Jerone Pettus (5-9 182 Jr, PS#92) rushed for 255 yards in 2001 with one start, but had just 78 yards total offense and added 161 return yards last year. Booker Stanley (5-10 203 rFr) was PS#116 and is a physical runner. Phillip Fuller (5-11 184 rFr) was PS#61. I list the FB's below and Matt Bernstein, at 270 pounds, provides a physical blocking presence. The only loss this year is FB Russ Kuhns (2 sts, 53 yds). I look for the Badgers to keep their streak intact with another 1,000 yard season from Davis.

RECEIVERS - Lee Evans, who has 4.3 speed, set a Big 10 record for yardage in a year with 1,545 yards with a super 20.6 ypc in 2001. Unfortunately he tore his ACL in the spring game and missed all of last year. The team also had to replace their other two starters last season so the WR corps was dominated by underclassmen. Darrin Charles (PS#26), who is 6-6 with 4.7 speed, suffered 3 different ankle injuries which curtailed his productivity. He had five receptions in the bowl game to finish with 25 (12.9) and if he can stay healthy, will have a much bigger impact. TE Bob Docherty started six games while also being limited with injuries. True frosh Brandon Williams (PS#113) led the team with 52 rec's (12.8) narrowly beating out rFr Jonathan Orr (PS#41) who had 47 (17.9). The big news for this unit is that Docherty, Charles, Orr and Evans all return healthy. Not listed below is Byron Brown (6-0 186 Sr, PS#148) and Jeff Holzbauer (5-11 181 rFr, PS#237). Not listed at TE is Jason Pociask (6-3 245 So, PS#74). This group is much more experienced than last year and has added talent and should be one of the Big 10's best.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Badgers averaged 4.1 ypc rushing allowing just 27 sacks in 2001 and had all 5 starters returning last season so big things were expected. Surprisingly the O-line allowed 46 sacks and averaged just 4.1 ypc rushing again. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are RT Jason Jowers (14 sts, 2 yr st'r), C Al Johnson (14 sts, 3 yr st'r, 2nd Tm B10, Rimington Finalist, #2DC of DAL) and LT Ben Johnson (14 sts, 3 yr st'r, #7DC of DET). Alvarez always does a good job compiling talent on the offensive front and this year's unit should be solid once again but it is clearly less experienced and a little less talented.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Badgers defensive front has been inexperienced in each of the last two years with just one starter returning in 2001 (allowed 4.2 ypc). Last year zero starters returned and they had to replace the Big 10 Defensive POY in Wendell Bryant (#1DC of ARZ). Alvarez was still high on the D-line despite the lack of experience heading into last season. They yielded 4.0 ypc and the team recorded just 20 sacks. Alvarez has done a good job recruiting at this position as the unit possesses three players who ranked in the Top 5 at their positions coming out of HS and I list them in the 2 deep below. This year the only loss is DE Jake Sprague (14 sts, 65 tkls, 6 sks, HM B10). Seven of the top 8 are back. Not even listed below are Traison Lewis (6-2 234 Jr, PS#49), Matt Gajda (6-4 280 Sr) and Andres Lezama (6-3 272 So). I look for true frosh Justin Ostrowski (PS#5) and Jr Darius Jones (PS#5) to both have big impacts this season and I think the Badgers will be much tougher against the run than they have been the last three years.


SS Jim Leonhard

LINEBACKERS - A linebacker has led the Badgers in tackles in 19 of the last 21 seasons but none of them were able to accomplish that feat last year, mostly due to injuries. Six different LB's started with Alex Lewis gaining the most starts (10) and their top LB, Jeff Mack, missing six games with an injury. Last year's LB crew had to replace two starters and one backup and had just one starter returning. This year everyone is back and the group is extremely deep with 4th & 5th stringers capable of contending for playing time. I list a comprehensive 3 deep below and not listed is Reginald Cribbs (6-1 221, PS#27, John Gillen (6-4 245 So, PS#84), Paul Joran (6-3 227 rFr, PS#74) who was the Scout Team MVP, Jacob Van Der Geest (6-1 207 So,) and this year's talented true frosh. This looks like one of the deepest LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Badgers finished #4 in my pass D rankings in 1999 and #12 in 2000 thanks mostly to CB Jamar Flecther, who won the Thorpe Award as the top DB in the country. In 2001 Fletcher and one other starter departed and they dropped to #44. Last year it appeared they would have two starters returning but SS Michael Broussard left the team prior to the year and three backups also left the team over the summer. Wisconsin dropped to #54 allowing 54.9% and while they did record 22 interceptions, they also allowed 22 TD's. Jim Leonhard (5-8 180 walk-on) had an amazing year with 11 interceptions setting a Wisconsin record and leading the NCAA. He was also the #2 tackler and had 25 pbu's and moves to FS this year. Overall the unit is much more experienced as the only loss is CB BJ Tucker (14 sts, 76 tkls, 5 int, 12 pbu, #6DC of DAL). Brett Bell has a load of potential but has had problems finding a spot but may have landed one at CB this year. The secondary, much like the entire defense looks to be much stronger in 2003.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Badgers finished #1 in my special teams rankings in 1999 and #5 in 2000 but had to replace their super punter and kicker and dropped down to #102 in 2001 costing their special teams coach his job (he took over at Iowa and they had the #3 unit last year). Brian Murphy was appointed the new special teams coach last year and UW moved up to #46. Scott Campbell (PS#19), who has good depth and hang time on KO's, reported a little out of shape and could not beat out walk-on Mike Allen for the starting FG job. Allen hit 12 of 19 FG's with a long of 48 including the game winner vs Colorado. He lost his job temporarily after missing 3 FG's vs UNLV and Campbell saw time hitting 3 of 4 FG's with a long of 42. Both are back. RJ Morse averaged 41.6 on his punts in 2001 but saw that number drop to 37.4 last year. In Morse's first 32 punts, 15 were fair caught and 14 were inside the 20 but he went into a slump in the second half of the year. Alvarez said he was going to use one of his limited scholarships on a punter this year but did not sign one. Jim Leonhard set a school record for PR yards in a season with 434 topping Nick Davis' 427 set in 1998. He is back as is top KR Brandon Williams (20.9). I look for Wisconsin to have continued improvement in this area.

COACHES - UW used to be a perennial Big 10 doormat. From 1985-'90 they averaged just one Big 10 win per season. Alvarez has changed the Badgers fortunes drastically guiding the team to 8 bowls. He is 7-1 as a head coach in bowl games and last year they upset Big 12 North Champ Colorado. Only Woody Hayes has more Rose Bowl wins (4) than Alvarez (3). He is now in his 14th year and was Big 10 Coach of the Year in 1998 and is already Wisconsin's all-time leader in wins with 92. He will be taking over the AD duties in 2004. His OC is Brian White who enters his ninth year here and former UNLV Head Coach Jeff Horton is the QB coach. DC Kevin Cosgrove is now in his ninth year in that position so this is the most stable coaching staff in the Big 10.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Wisconsin finished #4 in the country in 1999 but fell to "just" 9-4 in 2000. They had to replace 27 of 60 lettermen in 2001 and suffered a rare losing season at 5-7. Of the 110 squad members that year there were only 26 juniors & seniors. They are a little short on scholarships as they are in the middle of their 5 year probation for the "Shoe Box Scandal". As you would expect this year the team is a veteran group with 16 returning starters and their 12 lettermen lost are the fewest in the league. The Badgers were just 2-6 in Big 10 play being outgained by 63 ypg (4th worst in conf) last year. They also benefited from +18 in turnovers. Also in four of their 8 victories last year they trailed in the 4Q and their league mark was their worst Big 10 record in 11 years. Last year's team had just 3 returning starters on defense and should be improved with 9 starters back. In fact, I rate them in the Top 20 among D's this year. They must replace 3 starters on the offensive front as well as their QB but Jim Sorgi has plenty of experience at QB and they get the large addition of Lee Evans who missed last year with injury. The Badgers get to avoid Michigan on the schedule and have 3 road games in which they could be favored and keep in mind the Badgers are 13-7 the last 5 years on the Big 10 road. This team is capable of a 6 or 7 win Big 10 season and should they upset Ohio St on October 11th, the Badgers have a shot at getting back to the Rose Bowl.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Jim Sorgi Sr. 6-5 199 PS#50. 5 sts in 3Y, 2247 yds (55%), 16-12 ratio, 186 rush. Matt Schabert (6-2 201 Jr) PS#34. 207 ttl yds in '01. Devin Hollins (6-0 212 So) PS#98.

RB ANTHONY DAVIS JR. 5-8 194 PS#85. 11 sts as rFr, 1466 yds (5.0), **1st Tm B10**, 13 sts LY, 1555 yds (5.2). Dwayne Smith (5-11 223 So) PS#88. 1 st as true, 552 yds (5.0), 4 rec.

FB MATT BERNSTEIN SO. 6-2 270 PS#79. 9 starts as rFr, 66 yards (3.3), 5 rec (6.8), huge. Greg Root (6-2 255 So) wrestler in HS. Martin Howard (5-10 223 rFr) PS#425.

WR BRANDON WILLIAMS SO. 5-11 170 PS#113. #1 as true w/52 rec (12.8), 706 ret yds. Darrin Charles (6-6 206 Jr) **PS#26**. 9 sts, 39 rec (13.1), 2Y. Enrique Cook (6-2 190 rFr) PS#40.

WR LEE EVANS SR. 5-11 196 PS#73. 12 sts in '01, **1st Tm B10**, 75 rec (20.6), Med RS LY. **Jonathan Orr** (6-3 188 So). 13 sts, 47 rec (17.9). Brandon White (6-3 187 So) PS#77.

TE BOB DOCHERTY JR. 6-6 267 PS#39. 1 start as true. 6 sts LY (inj), 10 rec (11.8). Tony Paciotti (6-4 262 Jr) PS#23. 2 sts in 2001, 10 sts LY. Mark Bell (6-4 251 Jr).

C Donovan Raiola So. 6-3 290 PS#104. Dominic's brother. 1 st as rFr at RG, 5 gms. Jason Palermo (6-3 289 So) PS#101DL. Scout Tm MVP in 2001. 2nd string as rFr.

RG JONATHAN CLINKSCALE JR. 6-3 298 PS#125. 6 sts as rFr (5 of last 6). 13 starts at RG in 2002. Kalvin Barrett (6-2 315 Jr) PS#64. 6 starts as rFr. 2 starts in 2002, 7 games.

LG DAN BUENNING JR. 6-4 303 PS#146. 12 starts as rFr (all but 13 plays). 12 starts at LG in 2002. Matt Lawrence (6-5 279 So) PS#110. Jeff Lang (6-6 287 So) PS#93.

RT Mike Lorenz Jr. 6-5 314 **PS#51**. 2 games as rFr. 12 games LY, lettered. Randy Gyllin (6-3 305 Fr) PS#85, in for spring. Carlos Harper (6-5 **427** So) is PS#119.

LT Morgan Davis Jr. 6-5 318 2nd string as rFr. 12 gms at LT in 2002, lettered. Jake Wood (6-6 291 So) PS#101. **Joe Thomas** is **PS#12**. Fred Nieforth (6-8 305 Sr).

K MIKE ALLEN JR. 6-2 182 6 of 9 FG's, long of 50 as true. 12 of 19 FG's in '02, long of 48, 30 of 30 xp's. Scott Campbell (6-0 238 Sr) PS#19. 56 yd FG at JC, 3 from 50+.

DE ERASMUS JAMES SR. 6-4 258 PQ. 2 sts in '01, 36 tkls, 6 sks. +20 lbs LY, 13 sts, 57 tkls, 4 sks, 17 QBH, 4 tfl. **Justin Ostrowski** (6-5 255 Fr) **PS#5**. Mark Gorman (6-4 260 rFr) PS#238.

DT JASON JEFFERSON JR. 6-3 302 PS#379. 12 sts LY, 45 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 pbu, 3 QBH. Lyle Maiava (6-2 295 So) PS#104. Nick Cochart (6-1 271 Sr) 6 tkls 2Y. Matt Katula (6-6 272 Jr).

DT ANTTAJ HAWTHORNE JR. 6-3 297 **PS#5**. 3 sts as true, 16 tkls, 2 tfl. 14 sts in '02, 68 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl, 12 QBH. Mike Kleber (6-2 292 So) PS#105. Andre Williams (6-2 289 rFr) PS#180.

DE Darius Jones Jr. 6-3 276 **PS#5LB**. 1 st, 10 tkls in '01, med RS, 3 sts LY, 42 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl, 6 pbu, 8 QBH. Jonathan Welsh (6-4 225 Jr) PS#229. 3 sts. 53 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl, 2Y.

OLB KAREEM TIMBERS JR. 6-3 213 **PS#22DB**. 7 sts LY, 27 tkls, 1 int. LaMarr Watkins (6-1 212 So) PS#70RB. 6 sts as true. 41 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 int. Chris Catalano (6-1 200 Jr) PS#84.

ILB JEFF MACK SR. 6-0 245 PS#181. 11 sts as rFr, 55 tkls. 7 sts in '01, 34 tkls. 8 sts LY (miss 6 inj) 72 tkls, 6 tfl. Mark Zalewski (6-2 234 rFr) PS#52. Kyle McCorison had 4 sts, 46 tkls LY, 61 tkls, 2 int, 10 pbu, 4.35 spd. Chuckie Cowans (5-8 165 Jr) PS#236. Johnny Sylvain (5-10 181 So) PS#51.

ILB ALEX LEWIS SR. 6-1 234 PS#75JC. 10 sts, 86 tkls, 11 tfl here LY. Broderick Williams (6-0 230 Sr) 38 yds at RB in '01. 6 sts, 67 tkls LY. Elliot Goode (6-2 238 So) PS#62. 14 tkls LY.

CB SCOTT STARKS JR. 5-10 170 PS#131. L/10 sts as true, 64 tkls, 3 int, 10 pbu. 14 sts LY, 61 tkls, 2 int, 10 pbu, 4.35 spd. Chuckie Cowans (5-8 165 Jr) PS#236. Johnny Sylvain (5-10 181 So) PS#51.

CB Brett Bell Jr. 6-0 191 **PS#10**. 2 starts at FS last year, 33 tkls, 2 pbu. Levonne Rowan (6-1 178 So) PS#65. 10 gms as true. Travann Hayes (5-11 177 Jr) **PS#13WR**.

SS RYAN AIELLO SR. 6-1 196 PS#92. 9 tkls in '01. 12 sts at FS in '02, 105 tkls, 1 sk, 1 pbu. Dontez Sanders (6-1 210 So) PS#78WR. 12 tkls as rFr. Cody Childs (5-10 207 rFr).

FS JIM LEONHARD JR. 5-8 180 12 tkls as true. 14 sts LY, 99 tkls, **#1 in NCAA w/11 int**, 25 pbu, **3rd Tm AA**. Robert Brooks (5-10 174 Jr) PS#91. 52 tkls in 2Y. Joe Stellmacher (6-1 198 rFr).

P RJ MORSE JR. 6-1 252 28 punts, 41.6 average as true. 74 punts in 2002, 37.4 average, 24 inside 20, 34.7 net. Kenneth DeBauche (6-2 195 Fr) 44.3 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

DL Justin Ostrowski 6-5 255 PS#5
OL Joe Thomas 6-8 260 PS#12
RB Michael Turner 5-10 185 PS#29
OL Danny Kaye 6-8 285 PS#33
QB Tyler Donovan 6-1 176 PS#29
OL Andrew Weininger 6-6 305 PS#46
WR Ernest Mason 6-0 180 PS#43
OL Luke Knauf 6-4 295 PS#68
DL Marcus Coleman 6-6 305 PS#77
WR Brandon Tobias 6-5 215 PS#63
LB Jamal Cooper 6-4 210 PS#67
LB Kurt Ware 6-4 243 PS#90
LB Brandon Kelly 6-4 220 PS#104
WR Johnny White 6-2 202 PS#132
K Matthew Domonkos 5-8 164 PS#40

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UW	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	at W Virginia	A					
Sep. 6	Akron	A					
Sep. 13	UNLV	A					
Sep. 20	N Carolina	A					
Sep. 27	at Illinois	A					
Oct. 4	at Penn St	G					
Oct. 11	Ohio St	A					
Oct. 18	Purdue (HC)	A					
Oct. 25	at Northwestern	G					
Nov. 1							
Nov. 8	at Minnesota	A					
Nov. 15	Michigan St	A					
Nov. 22	Iowa	A					
Nov. 29							

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

UW has lost the last 6 to Michigan by an average of 7.5 ppg.
Wisconsin has a positive turnover ratio in 6 of the last 7 seasons.
Wisky has struggled as a HF going 4-12 ATS since 2000.

Badgers are 4-10 ATS vs non-conference foes since 1999.
Wisconsin is 3-6 ATS the last 10 road openers (3-1 ATS the last 5).

Wisky is 11-0 SU, but 6-5 ATS vs the MAC since 1989 (0-2 ATS last 2).
Wisconsin is 4-0 SU but 0-4 ATS their last 4 home openers.

LY's game was ended by a power failure & Vegas considered it a "no play".
Badgers have won the last 3 games by an average score of 43-10.

The Tar Heels will make their way up to Camp Randall for the 1st time ever.
Badgers are 4-1 SU & ATS in the 3rd game of a 3+ homestand since 1992.

UW is 7-4 ATS their L/11 matchups with the Illini (0-2 SU & ATS L/2).
Badgers are 8-4 ATS in their L/12 Big 10 openers, but 2-4 ATS the L/6.

UW is 5-3 SU & 4-2 ATS all-time vs Penn St (2 no liners in '53 & '70).
Wisconsin is 9-5 ATS the last 14 on grass.

Wisky is 3-6-1 SU, but 7-3 ATS the last 10 meetings.
Badgers are 6-3 ATS as a home dog since 1996.

Badgers are 3-7 ATS the last 10 series meetings with Purdue.
Wisconsin is 4-2 ATS their last 6 Homecoming games.

Wisconsin is 1-5 ATS vs the Wildcats the last 6.
The Badgers are 8-2 ATS the week prior to a bye week.

The home team is 8-3 ATS the last 11 meetings.
Wisconsin is 3-6 ATS in their last 9 road finales.

The favorite is 8-2 ATS in the last 10 series meetings.
The Badgers are 9-2 ATS their last 11 November games at home.

Badgers are 5-11-1 SU & 10-7 ATS vs Iowa, but 5-1 SU & 4-2 ATS L/6.
Wisconsin is 11-1 ATS in their last 12 Camp Randall finales.

BARRY ALVAREZ (Career 92-61-4)

14th Year at Wisconsin

Alvarez's records AT WISCONSIN

92-61-4	Straight Up	29-28	Home Favorite
74-71	Vs The Spread	13-10	Home Dog
29-28	Off A SU Loss	15-18	Away Favorite
55-49	Vs Conference	17-15	Away Dog
		19-22	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (8-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (24,25,3)
Lost: 12 (7,4,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 78,023

BIG 10

RB Anthony Davis

STADIUM: CAMP RANDALL STADIUM (76,634)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	8-4	10-1	9-2	8-4	5-7	7-6	54-29
ATS	6-6	5-7	8-3	7-4	4-8	5-6	6-6	41-40
Home Fav	2-3	2-2	5-1	4-1	1-4	0-4	3-4	17-19
Home Dog	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	2-0	1-0	6-3
Away Fav	2-1	1-2	3-1	1-2	2-2	1-1	1-1	11-10
Away Dog	1-2	0-3	0-1	2-0	1-0	2-1	1-1	7-8
Favorite	4-4	3-4	8-2	5-3	3-6	1-5	4-5	28-29
Dog	2-2	2-3	0-1	2-1	1-2	4-1	2-1	13-11
Grass	1-1	1-3	3-2	2-1	2-1	2-0	1-2	12-10
Artificial	5-5	4-4	5-1	5-3	2-7	3-6	5-4	29-30
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	5-3	6-2	4-4	4-4	4-4	30-26
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-2	3-0	1-2	0-4	1-2	2-2	11-14
Off SU Win	4-2	5-3	6-3	6-2	2-5	2-2	2-3	27-20
Off SU Loss	2-3	0-3	1-0	1-1	2-2	3-3	4-2	13-14

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Anthony Davis	300	1585	30	1555	13	5.2
Dwayne Smith	110	564	12	552	6	5.0
Brooks Bollinger	160	729	263	466	8	2.9
Matt Bernstein	20	66	0	66	3	3.3
Jim Sorgi	23	52	55	-3	0	-0.1
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brooks Bollinger	245	131	53.5	1758	14	4
Jim Sorgi	70	38	54.3	536	1	2
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Jonathan Orr	47	842	17.9	8	43	
Brandon Williams	52	663	12.8	3	41	
Darrin Charles	25	323	12.9	2	28	
David Braun	9	131	14.6	0	34	
Bob Docherty	10	118	11.8	1	29	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
R.J. Morse	74	2765	37.4	56	33.6	1	24

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Mike Allen	30-30	4-5	4-5	4-9	0-0	12-19	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ryan Aiello	105	1	0	1	0
Jim Leonhard	99	0	1	25	11
Alex Lewis	86	1	10	1	0
B.J. Tucker	76	0	1	12	5
Jeff Mack	72	0	6	4	0
Anttaj Hawthorne	68	2	5	2	0
Broderick Williams	67	1	0	1	1
Jake Sprague	65	6	3	2	0
Scott Starks	61	0	0	10	2
Erasmus James	57	4	4	3	0
Kyle McCorison	46	0	2	0	0
Jason Jefferson	45	1	1	2	0
Darius Jones	42	5	5	6	1
LaMarr Watkins	41	0	4	1	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jim Leonhard	36	434	12.1	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon Williams	32	670	20.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Outback	+8'	Georgia	6-33	L
98	Rose	+9	UCLA	38-31	W
99	Rose	-14	Stanford	17-9	L
00	Sun	-5'	UCLA	21-20	L
02	Alamo	+7	Colorado (OT)	31-28	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

WISCONSIN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	26.6	20	190	4.1	165	53.1	13.4	+18	2002	2	23.0	18	149	4.0	224	54.9	16.2
5*	26.1	20	177	4.1	213	50.5	14.9	+2	2001	5	28.8	19	170	4.2	201	50.2	12.9
8*	25.2	19	196	4.1	163	55.7	14.2	+7	2000	8	20.4	20	151	4.3	241	50.0	19.2
8	34.1	22	274	5.2	142	55.7	12.2	+11	1999	8	12.8	17	110	3.5	188	50.3	23.2
9*	31.8	17	216	4.3	114	52.5	10.4	+23	1998	8	11.9	16	92	2.7	200	54.4	24.6
6*	22.4	19	189	4.0	157	54.9	15.5	-2	1997	5	23.5	17	156	4.3	218	61.2	15.9

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Fresno St	25	57 - 198	3.5	11 - 25	160	6	15	19 - 34	1.8	22 - 43	275	0	+2
at UNLV	20	37 - 158	4.3	14 - 26	191	2	11	31 - 167	5.4	12 - 26	138	2	+5
W Virginia	24	45 - 156	3.5	18 - 28	291	1	17	39 - 180	4.6	17 - 36	219	1	+1
N Illinois	17	41 - 68	1.7	15 - 23	207	10	22	48 - 182	3.8	18 - 33	273	5	+3
Arizona	21	47 - 260	5.5	15 - 22	165	1	13	30 - 154	5.1	14 - 32	138	0	+2
Penn St	18	36 - 92	2.6	15 - 25	217	7	23	36 - 149	4.1	21 - 37	287	1	0
at Indiana	20	48 - 222	4.6	13 - 25	121	2	21	35 - 95	2.7	24 - 36	310	4	+1
Ohio St	20	44 - 180	4.1	11 - 19	160	5	14	44 - 178	4.0	12 - 19	204	2	-2
at Michigan St	23	56 - 313	5.6	10 - 19	135	1	21	38 - 159	4.2	15 - 27	206	2	+3
at Iowa	14	33 - 78	2.4	11 - 30	137	3	19	37 - 130	3.5	17 - 30	275	3	-2
Illinois	13	39 - 135	3.5	13 - 24	162	3	26	43 - 185	4.3	22 - 34	319	0	+3
at Michigan	15	43 - 195	4.5	7 - 20	60	4	17	36 - 216	6.0	19 - 28	136	0	+2
Minnesota	29	68 - 416	6.1	6 - 12	134	0	20	36 - 130	3.6	15 - 33	282	0	+1
† Colorado	21	51 - 193	3.8	12 - 24	163	1	13	44 - 123	2.8	9 - 18	77	0	-1
TOTALS	280	645 - 2664	4.1	171 - 322	2303	46	252	516 - 2082	4.0	237 - 432	3139	20	+18
AVERAGES	20.0	46 - 190	4.1	12 - 23	165	3.3	18.0	37 - 149	4.0	17 - 31	224	1.4	1.3

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at San Diego St	-10	26-14	W
Ohio U	-16'	45-0	W
UNLV	-38	52-7	W
Northwestern	-12	38-7	W
at Indiana	-9'	24-20	L
Purdue	-6	31-24	W
at Illinois	-21'	37-3	W
at Iowa	-7	31-0	W
Minnesota	-21'	26-7	L
at Michigan	+3	10-27	L
Penn St	-1'	24-3	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Murray St	-42	49-10	L
Ball St	-36'	50-10	W
at Cincinnati	-27	12-17	L
Michigan	+3'	16-21	L
at Ohio St	+7	42-17	W
at Minnesota	-2'	20-17 OT	W
Indiana	-14'	59-0	W
Michigan St	-2	40-10	W
at Northwestern	-23	35-19	L
at Purdue	+1	28-21	W
Iowa	-31'	41-3	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Michigan	-33	19-7	L
Oregon	-6'	27-23	L
Cincinnati	-14'	28-25 OT	L
Northwestern	-16'	44-47 2OT	L
at Michigan	+8	10-13	W
Ohio St	+1'	7-23	L
at Michigan St	-3	17-10	W
Purdue	+5'	24-30 OT	L
at Iowa	-16	13-7	L
Minnesota	-5	41-20	W
at Indiana	-6'	43-22	W
at Hawaii	-19	34-18	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Virginia	-10	26-17	L
at Oregon	+11'	28-31	W
Fresno St	-4'	20-32	L
at Penn St	+1'	18-6	W
W Kentucky	NL	24-6	–
Indiana	-14'	32-63	L
at Ohio St	+11	20-17	W
at Illinois	+5'	35-42	L
Michigan St	-4	28-42	L
Iowa	+1'	34-28	W
Michigan	+5	17-20	W
at Minnesota	-3	31-42	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Fresno St	-9'	23-21	L
at UNLV	-5'	27-7	N/A
W Virginia	-10'	34-17	W
N Illinois	-22	24-21	L
Arizona	-4'	31-10	W
Penn St	-2'	31-34	L
at Indiana	-11	29-32	L
Ohio St	+7	14-19	W
at Michigan St	-4	42-24	W
at Iowa	+9'	3-20	L
Illinois	-6	20-37	L
at Michigan	+10'	14-21	W
Minnesota	-7'	49-31	W

PENN ST NITTANY LIONS

QB Zack Mills

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Zack Mills took over the QB job as a rFr. The lefty threw for 1,669 (55.2%) with a 9-12 ratio while rushing for 344 yards starting four games including the final two. Mills added 10 lbs last year and got off to a great start. In the first six games he threw for 1,566 yards (261 ypg) including his dynamite effort against Nebraska. Mills hurt his shoulder against Wisconsin and was not the same in the second half of the year. Of course, the emergence of LJ cut down on the amount of times he had to throw, but in the final seven games Mills threw for just 121.5 ypg including the bowl where he hit just 8 of 24 for 67 yards and was pulled in the 3Q. Mike Robinson is faster (4.4 speed) and has a stronger arm than Mills. Robinson was used in the 'slash' role and had 5 TD's in the first three games but then was not used as much down the stretch. He finished as the team's second leading rusher with 263 net yards (5.3). In the bowl he guided the team to a go-ahead FG and for the season he hit 10 of 17 for 119 yards. Robinson had 9 rec's (4.9) as well. The #3 QB is Chris Ganter (6-1 197 So, PS#57), who is the OC's son, and got in one pass last year and had a fake FG TD run vs Virginia. Tom Lundquist (6-3 210 So, PS#156) and Vince Gliatta (6-1 200 Fr, PS#166) fill in the depth chart. Penn St has two solid QB's who will fight hard for the job and they should put up much bigger stats this year since they lose their 2,000 yard rusher.

RUNNING BACKS - In Joe Paterno's first 399 games they never totaled less than 34 yards rushing but in the 26 games prior to last year they failed to top that total 6 times. Paterno said at the end of 2001 that his biggest regret was not giving the ball to Larry Johnson 20-25 times a game, instead of relying on a TB by committee. He said he would correct that in 2002 and the results were amazing. Johnson averaged 20.8 carries per game with backup RB Michael Gasparato (PS#36) getting just 32 total carries (4.9). Johnson set a school record with 257 yards against Northwestern then broke that record with 279 vs Illinois and in that game had an 84 yard TD run called back on a hold. Two weeks later his 327 yards vs Indiana reset the school record. For more on his amazing season see Hardcore Fans on page 319. His average of 8.02 ypc in the regular season was the NCAA's best ever with Mike Rozier averaging 7.8 in 1983. He leaves some huge shoes to fill. Gasparato is the best receiver of the RB's and will challenge for the job. Donnie Johnson (6-0 207 rFr, PS#45DB) has 4.38 speed and has been compared to Garrison Hearst. Tim Shaw (PS#60), and Chris Wilson (6-2 230 rFr, PS#37) will also contend. FB Sean McHugh's blocking paved the way for Johnson's season. He is one of the nation's biggest and strongest FB's. Not listed at FB below is BranDon Snow (6-1 235 rFr, PS#11). It wouldn't surprise me if VHT signee (and PA HS POY) Austin Scott (PS#16) took over as the feature back. There is plenty of talent on board but it will be impossible to duplicate a season like Johnson had last year.

RECEIVERS - Dropped passes plagued this unit in both 2000 and 2001. Last year the top two receivers returned although they had to replace their starting TE. The unit showed a lot of improvement. This year they must replace their top WR, Bryant Johnson (48, 19.1, #1DC of ARZ). Almost everyone else is back including the other two starters. Tony Johnson (PS#9) figures to be the go-to man this year. Returning TE Casey Williams will battle a couple of VHT's who played a little as rFr for the starting spot. Not listed at TE below is Mike Lukac (6-3 257 Sr, 4 sts, 7 rec) and Matt Kranchick (6-8 253 Sr, 2 rec). Not listed at WR are this year's signees. This unit has more overall experience but with the loss of their top guy, the talent-level is about the same. I do expect their production to increase as the team will rely more on the pass.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Penn St fans were not too high on the O-line heading into last year and despite the fact that four starters returned they bemoaned the fact that it was basically the same group that paved the way for just 3.4 ypc rushing in 2001 while allowing 32 sacks. The student newspaper gave the OL an "F" grade following the Ohio St game for example. Things would really change down the stretch and the line paved the way for 5.65 ypc rushing while allowing just 18 sacks on 351 pass attempts (5.1), showing the benefits of having a veteran offensive front. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are C Joe Iorio (13 sts, 2 yr st'r, HM B10), G Tyler Lenda (12 sts, 2 yr st'r, HM B10), T Gus Felder (13 sts, 3 yr st'r, HM B10) and OT Matt Schmitt (13 sts) as well as backup Eric Rickenbach (2nd string, 7 gms). I list the 2 deep below and only two players return who saw significant action last season so it will be extremely tough to match last year's outstanding production. All five starters are VHT's, ranking among the Top 28 OL's coming out of high school. All five second stringers are VHT's as well.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 PSU allowed 4.4 ypc rushing while recording just 23 sacks which was surprising due to the plethora of talent on the line. Last year they had to replace one starter but had seven of their top eight DL's back including 1st round DC's this year in NT Jimmy Kennedy and DE Michael Haynes. Haynes was poorly conditioned in 2001 but proved dominant in 2002 with his 15 sacks tying the school record held by Larry Kubin. This year they lose DE Haynes (13 sts, 80 tkls, 15 sks, #1DC of CHI, 1st Tm AA), DT Kennedy (13 sts, 87 tkls, 5.5 sks, B10 DL of Yr, 1st Tm AA, #1DC of STL), DT Anthony Adams (13 sts, 67 tkls, 13 tfl, HM B10, #2DC of SF) and DL Tim Falls (1 st, 6 tkls, 1.5 tfl). Not listed below is DE Patrick Hall (6-3 238 rFr, PS#116QB). DT Charles Rush (PS#4) was practicing on the O-line in the spring. Kennedy said that Tamba Hali will be the next AA on the D-line and he secured a starting spot in the spring. Kennedy and Adams provided over 600 lbs of bulk in the middle and this year's D-line, which does have ten VHT's in the 3 deep is smaller and less experienced.

LINEBACKERS - Penn St is known as "LB U" and just a few years ago LaVar Arrington was the second overall pick in the NFL draft. The LB coach is Ron Vanderlinden, who used to be the coach at Maryland. In 2001 "LB U" actually had two former walk-ons starting at LB. Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 23 starts and 160 tackles. Projected starting MLB Sam Ruhe suffered a neck injury and missed the year. He moved to DE this spring. ILB Gino Capone, who Vanderlinden said "runs our defense" missed three games due to injury. This year all three starters return and five players are back with starting experience. I list the 2 deep below. Not listed below is TC Cosby (6-0 224 Jr, PS#73) who had 15 tackles last year and JR Zwierzynski (6-2 231 rFr, PS#16RB).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Penn St has had three top 10 finishes in my pass D rankings in the past six years. Most of those finishes were with veteran secondaries. In 2001 the Lions had their lowest finish at #69 with just six interceptions. Last year they had to replace one starter and two backups but then HERO Yaacov Yisrael had to redshirt due to a knee injury and Calvin Lowry who took over the starting job, broke his tibia in his second start and was lost for the year. The unit basically had two starters returning and did climb a liittle up to #49 and while they allowed 63.4% completions, they gave up 15 TD's with 20 int's. The Lions were young at the start of the year allowing 345 yards to UCF, 414 to LT and 261 to Iowa but did not allow over 260 yards in any game the rest of the season. This year seven players return with starting experience. The only losses are CB Bryan Scott (13 sts, 77 tkls, #2DC of ATL) and FS Shawn Mayer (13 sts, 144 tkls, 5 tfl). Mayer became the first DB to lead the team in tackles for two straight years. They also get Yisrael back and I list the 2 deep below. I look for the Lions to continue to climb higher in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Penn St always blocks a lot of kicks as they had 11 blocks in 2000 and 2001. Last year LB Derek Wake blocked 4 FG's or xp's. P David Royer was a three year starter and a big reason why PSU was #13 in my special teams rankings in 2001. Most of the key players returned last year but PSU finished at just #38. The net punting slipped from 38.0 to 35.6 (still solid). Larry Johnson averaged 26.1 on his KR's in 2001 but fell to 19.9 while Tony Johnson averaged 24.0. This year they also lose top PR Bryant Johnson (#1 in Big 10,12.9). They usually do well in PR's, however, as they had to replace their top man from 2001 who averaged 11.1 yet improved. PSU actually was stronger than their ratings suggest as they have a powerful field position weapon in David Kimball who had 56 TB's on 79 KO's. Due to the fact that information on touchbacks is not readily available, I'm not able to put them into the special teams rankings. He is back for his senior year. K Robbie Gould hit 17 of 22 FG's with a long of 51 with 2 of those misses from 50+. While they must find a new punter and returnman, this unit should stay near the top of the rankings.

COACHES - Joe Paterno is the all-time career leader in wins for coaches and has bagged two National Titles and 4 times has finished undefeated yet not won the National Title. He's won more bowl games than any other coach. His OC is Fran Ganter who enters his 33rd year. The DC is Tom Bradley who is in his 24th year, 3rd as DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Joe Paterno had just his second and third losing seasons in his tenure here in 2000 and 2001. This was a team that was #2 in the country in 1999 but had gone 11-20 after their loss to Minnesota that year, prior to 2002. Since an 0-4 start in 2001 the team has gone 14-6 and could easily have won all six of those games with hardluck losses to Virginia and Illinois in 2001 and last year ref calls cost them vs both Iowa and Michigan (where they lost both in OT) as well as a questionable non-pass interference call against Ohio St where they suffered a 6 point loss. All four losses last year were by a combined 20 points. The team was much stronger last year as in 2001 they were outgained by an average of 102 ypg in Big 10 play. Last year PSU was second best in the league outgaining foes by 110.8 ypg despite the fact they finished fourth. They also outscored foes by 16.8 ppg which was the 2nd best mark in the league. Their offense (#7) and defense (#9) were both rated in my Top 10 at the end of the season. Last year's PSU team went from -11 turnovers to +14, the prototype Turnovers=Turnaround team as their record went from 5-6 to 9-4. This year they suffer some heavy graduation losses including four starters on the O-line, Heisman finalist RB Larry Johnson and 3 of 4 starters on the D-line. Overall, NFL draft-wise, they lose four #1 and two #2 DC's, the most of any school in the NCAA. This year's squad is not as good as the 2002 version but could come close to matching the nine win total, especially with Paterno suffering a rare bowl loss last year.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB ZACK MILLS JR. 6-3 216 **PS#15**. 4 sts in '01, 1669 yds (55%) 9-12 ratio. 13 sts LY, 2417 yds (57%) 17-10 ratio, 342 rush. Mike Robinson (6-2 225 So) QB/RB/WR in '02.
RB Austin Scott Fr. 6-1 205 **PS#16**. Michael Gasparato (5-11 206 Jr) PS#36, 220 ttl yds as So. Ricky Upton (5-11 226 Sr) PS#88. FB LY, TB in spg. Tim Shaw (6-1 229 So) PS#60.
FB SEAN McHUGH SR. 6-6 265 **PS#3TE**. 2 sts in '01, 67 yds (missed 7). 6 sts in '02, 99 yds, solid blk'r. **Paul Jefferson** (6-1 261 Sr) PS#112. 4 sts in 3 yrs, 198 total yds.
WR TONY JOHNSON SR. 5-11 209 **PS#9RB.** 14 rec as true. 4 sts in '01, 27 rec (18.7). 11 sts LY, 34 rec (16.1). Josh Hannum (6-0 171 rFr) PS#26. Ryan Scott (6-2 193 Jr) PS#97DB.
WR Gerald Smith Jr. 5-10 190 **PS#13DB**. 2 sts LY. 11 rec (11.7). Kinta Palmer (6-4 188 So). Terrance Phillips (5-11 187 So) **PS#23**. Ernest Terrell (6-3 197 So) #2 B10 200m.
TE CASEY WILLIAMS SR. 6-0 237 1 st, 16 games in 2000 & '01. 11 sts LY, 24 rec (10.7). HM B10. Andrew Richardson (6-5 263 So) **PS#11**, 1 rec. Isaac Smolko (6-5 256 So) **PS#15**.
C Dave Costlow Sr. 6-3 280 **PS#8DL**. 14 snaps as rFr. 2nd string in both '01 (3 gms) & LY (5 gms). Nick Marmo (6-5 298 Jr) **PS#17OL**. 3 games in '01, 1 game in 2002.
RG EZ Smith So. 6-1 283 **PS#13**. 6 sts as rFr (5 at LG, 1 at RG). Scott Davis (6-3 294 Jr) **PS#29DL**. 9 gms in 2 yrs. Steve Roach (6-2 314 rFr) PS#143. Moved from DL.
LG CHRIS McKELVY SR. 6-4 327 **PS#9OL.** 8 gms as true. 9 sts, 672 snaps in '01. 8 sts LY. Tyler Reed (6-4 311 So) **PS#10OL**. 4 gms LY. Robert Price (6-0 300 rFr) PS#74DL.
RT John Wilson So. 6-6 313 **PS#28OL.** 1 gm as rFr. Chris Auletta (6-4 288 Fr) **PS#31** in '02. Grayshirted due to injury. Lee Lispi (6-5 271 Fr) PS#108 in '02. Grayshirt.
LT Damone Jones Sr. 6-5 310 **PS#19**. 40 snaps as rFr. 2nd string in '01 but 1 gm, 4 plays. 2nd string LY & lettered. Mark Farris (6-6 287 rFr) **PS#9**. Tom McHugh (6-3 284 So).
K ROBBIE GOULD JR. 6-1 167 PS#73. 6 of 10 FG's, L/46 as **true**. 17 of 22 FG's in '02, L/51. 2 of 4 from 50+. Dave Kimball (PS#2) 3 of 4 PAT's. 56 TB's on 79 KO's.

DE JOHN BRONSON JR. 6-3 266 PS#56TE. 9 tkls in '01. 11 sts LY, 41 tkls, 4 sks, 3 tfl. Sam Ruhe (6-6 265 Jr) **PS#15**. 20 tkls, 4.5 tfl in 2000 & '01. Jason Alford (6-3 273 rFr) **PS#42**.
DT Tamba Hali So. 6-3 271 **PS#13**. 10 tkls, 1 tfl as **true**. Jason Robinson (6-3 277 Jr) **PS#38**. 14 gms, 4 tkls in 2 yrs. Mike Pawlikowski (6-4 253 Jr). John Shaw is **PS#31**.
DT Charles Rush So. 6-2 298 **PS#4**. 7 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr. OL in spg. Levi Brown (6-5 312 rFr) **PS#47DL**. Scott Paxson (6-5 273 So) **PS#58**. Ed Johnson (6-2 277 rFr) PS#154LB.
DE Jeremiah Davis Jr. 6-5 249 **PS#28**. 2 tkls, 88 plays as rFr. 1 st, 17 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Lavon Chisley (6-5 264 So) PS#79WR, 12 tkls, 1 int LY. Matthew Rice (6-4 269 So) **PS#34**. 9 tkls.
OLB LaMAR STEWART JR. 6-0 241 **PS#18**. 32 tkls, 3 sks as **true**. 10 sts LY, 62 tkls, 3 pbu, 2 tfl. 400 bench, 4.6 spd. **Deryck Toles** (6-0 213 Sr) **PS#22RB, 15 sts**, 3 yrs, 104 tkls, 11.5 tfl.
ILB GINO CAPONE SR. 6-1 238 **PS#31RB**. 29 tkls in 2000 & '01. 10 sts LY, 86 tkls, 3 tfl, **2nd Tm Big 10**. Andy Ryland (6-2 234 Sr) 3 sts, 23 tkls. Tim Johnson (6-4 235 Jr) **PS#7**.
OLB DEREK WAKE JR. 6-3 242 **PS#17LB**. 10 tkls as **true**. 11 sts in '02, 51 tkls, 3.5 sks, 6 tfl. Jimi Mitchell (6-2 219 Jr) PS#83DB. 11 tkls. Dethrell Garcia (6-2 232 So) **PS#35DL**.
CB Maurice Humphrey rFr. 5-11 190 PS#80. PO LY. Allen Zemaitis (6-2 197 So) PS#72. 1 st as rFr, 12 tkls, 1 tfl. Gio Vendemia (6-0 185 So) Vince Gliatta (6-1 200 Fr) PS#166OB LY.
CB RICH GARDNER SR. 5-11 185 1 st, 24 tkls in' 01, 389 snaps. 12 sts LY. 64 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu. Calvin Lowry (6-0 191 So) **PS#28,** 2 sts, 14 tkls (inj). Anwar Phillips (6-1 180 So) 1 st, 20 tkls.
SS Yaacov Yisrael Sr. 6-0 195 **PS#10WR**. 11 sts in '01, 71 LY, 3 tfl, 1 int, 9 pbu. Med RS LY. Andrew Guman (6-3 214 Jr) PS#115, 26 tkls L/2Y. **James Kanuch** (6-1 187 rFr) **PS#12**.
FS CHRIS HARRELL JR. 6-2 202 PS#69WR. 11 sts LY, 85 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu, 4 tfl. Paul Cronin (6-2 207 So) 1 st LY, 16 tkls, 5 tfl. 2 int, 1 pbu. Jonathan Jackson is PS#86.
P Jeremy Kapinos rFr. 6-1 234 PS#39K. 37.0 avg in HS with 13 inside the 15. Added 20 lbs. Robbie Gould handled FG's. Dave Kimball (6-1 197 Sr) PS#2 does kickoffs.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

OL	Joel Holler	6-6 330 PS#11
RB	Austin Scott	6-1 205 PS#16
OL	Dan Mazan	6-4 295 PS#25
DL	John Shaw	6-5 278 PS#31
LB	Paul Posluszny	6-3 215 PS#32
WR	Terrell Golden	6-3 205 PS#48
RB	Rodney Kinlaw	5-11 179 PS#41
WR	Tony Hunt	6-2 220 PS#77
DB	Jonathan Jackson	6-1 180 PS#86
WR	Brandon Way	5-11 175 PS#144
OL	Chadd Albright	6-5 310 PS#260
WR	Brent Wise	6-0 190 PS#191
K	Nathan Weltman	6-1 200 PS#43
OL	Pat Weber	6-3 275 PS#369
DL	Amani Purcell	6-5 250 PS#345

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Sep. 6	Boston College	G					
Sep. 13	at Nebraska	A					
Sep. 20	Kent St	G					
Sep. 27	Minnesota	G					
Oct. 4	Wisconsin (HC)	G					
Oct. 11	at Purdue	G					
Oct. 18							
Oct. 25	at Iowa	G					
Nov. 1	Ohio St	G					
Nov. 8	at Northwestern	G					
Nov. 15	Indiana	G					
Nov. 22	at Michigan St	G					
Nov. 29							

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Penn St is 5-6 ATS on artificial turf the last 11, but 4-0 ATS the last 4.
Penn St is 7-1 ATS in conf road games the last 2 years.
Glad to see you go, PSU is 0-6 SU vs Michigan the last 6.

Penn St is 16-0 SU since 1980 & 7-2 ATS vs Temple since 1988.
PSU is 5-9 ATS their last 14 season openers.

Last meeting was in 1992 & PSU is 7-1 SU but 2-6 ATS vs BC since 1985.
Penn St is 26-5 SU vs Big East opponents since 1990, but 2-5 ATS L/7.

First visit to Nebraska since 1981 a 30-24 SU & ATS win for Penn St.
Penn St is 6-1 ATS as an away dog the last 2 years.

The Nittany Lions are 5-1 SU & 3-2 ATS vs the MAC.
Entering 2003, PSU was 9-4 ATS at home vs non-conference opposition.

PSU is 4-2 SU but only 1-5 ATS vs Minnesota in this young series.
Penn St is 2-8 ATS in their 1st conference game of the season S/'93.

PSU is 2-4 ATS vs Wisconsin since joining the Big 10.
Penn St is 6-3 ATS the last 9 Homecoming games.

Penn St is 6-0 SU & 4-2 ATS vs Purdue winning the last 4 ATS.
The Nittany Lions are 1-7 ATS the last 8 before a bye.

PSU is 1-4 SU & ATS the last 5 meetings with Iowa.
Penn St is 8-4 ATS the last 12 the week after a bye.

Penn St is 3-7 ATS vs the Buckeyes since 1993.
PSU is 6-3 the last 9 as a home dog of 7 or less.

The Nittany Lions are 5-0 SU & 4-1 ATS vs Northwestern since 1996.
Penn St is 10-0 SU, but just 3-7 ATS the last 10 after Ohio St.

PSU is 6-0 SU & 5-1 ATS vs Indiana the last 6 series meetings.
Penn St is 11-1 SU & 10-2 ATS in home finales dating back to 1991.

Penn St is 4-1 SU & ATS vs Michigan St the last 5.
The Nittany Lions are 2-8 ATS the last 10 road finales.

JOE PATERNO (Career 336-100-3)
38th Year at Penn State

Paterno's records AT PENN ST

336-100-3 Straight Up 60-61-4 Home Favorite
185-159-4 Vs The Spread 8-10 Home Dog
26-30 Off A SU Loss 42-35 Away Favorite
38-42 Vs Conference 29-17 Away Dog
97-81-4 Vs Non-Conf

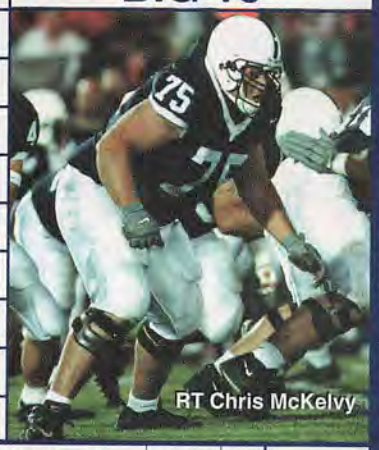
2002 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (15,19,2)
Lost: 23 (11,11,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 107,239

BIG 10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STADIUM: BEAVER STADIUM (107,282)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-2	9-2	8-3	9-3	5-7	5-6	9-3	55-26
ATS	6-6	5-6	5-6	6-6	5-7	7-4	8-4	42-39
Home Fav	3-4	2-4	5-1	3-4	3-2	2-1	4-3	22-19
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-2	1-0	3-2
Away Fav	2-1	3-2	0-3	3-1	1-2	0-1	1-0	10-10
Away Dog	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-3	4-0	2-1	7-8
Favorite	5-5	5-6	5-4	6-5	4-4	2-2	5-3	32-29
Dog	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-1	1-3	5-2	3-1	10-10
Grass	3-5	3-5	5-3	5-5	4-5	5-4	7-4	32-31
Artificial	3-1	2-1	0-3	1-1	1-2	2-0	1-0	10-8
vs Conf	3-5	3-5	3-5	3-5	4-4	6-2	5-3	27-29
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-1	2-1	3-1	1-3	1-2	3-1	15-10
Off SU Win	4-5	4-5	2-5	5-4	1-3	4-1	6-2	26-25
Off SU Loss	1-1	1-0	2-1	0-2	4-3	3-2	2-1	13-10

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Larry Johnson	271	2143	56	2087	20	7.7
Mike Robinson	50	291	28	263	6	5.3
Zack Mills	87	342	141	201	3	2.3
Mike Gasparato	32	163	5	158	1	4.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Zack Mills	333	188	56.5	2417	17	10
Mike Robinson	17	10	58.8	119	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Bryant Johnson	48	917	19.1	4	53	
Tony Johnson	34	549	16.1	3	44	
Larry Johnson	41	349	8.5	3	36	
Casey Williams	24	256	10.7	2	24	
Gerald Smith	11	129	11.7	0	22	
Mike Robinson	9	44	4.9	0	12	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
David Royer	50	2053	41.1	56	35.6	0	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Robbie Gould	42-45	7-7	6-7	2-4	2-4	17-22	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Shawn Mayer	144	1	4	4	4
Jimmy Kennedy	87	5.5	10	3	0
Gino Capone	86	2	1	2	1
Chris Harrell	85	0	4	2	1
Michael Haynes	80	15	8	4	0
Bryan Scott	77	.5	1	10	4
Anthony Adams	67	2	11	4	0
Rich Gardner	64	0	3	8	2
LaMar Stewart	62	0	2	3	0
Derek Wake	51	3.5	6	0	1
John Bronson	41	4	3	0	0
Deryck Toles	32	0.5	4	1	1
Andy Ryland	23	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bryant Johnson	41	528	12.9	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Larry Johnson	11	219	19.9	0
Tony Johnson	7	168	24.0	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Fiesta	+1	Texas	38-15	W
97	Citrus	+13'	Florida	6-21	L
98	Outback	-7	Kentucky	26-14	W
99	Alamo	-7	Texas A&M	24-0	W
02	Capital One	-7	Auburn	9-13	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

PENN ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	34.3	21	229	5.7	195	56.4	12.3	+14	2002	6	17.4	19	115	3.1	215	63.4	18.9
4	22.5	19	120	3.4	226	50.4	15.3	-11	2001	6	25.5	23	206	4.4	237	56.7	17.4
7	22.0	18	142	3.8	183	51.5	14.8	+4	2000	2	24.4	19	156	3.6	208	55.4	14.9
8*	32.1	19	186	4.5	225	56.6	12.8	+2	1999	9	19.5	17	114	2.9	198	51.3	17.3
6	26.4	18	192	4.5	171	50.5	13.7	+3	1998	5	15.3	17	98	2.7	209	53.2	20.1
5	30.5	20	195	4.9	204	52.2	13.1	-8	1997	6	21.2	22	188	4.3	211	55.4	18.9

	OFFENSE				2002 STATS BY GAME		DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
UCF	20	39-153	3.9	13-20	194	0	24	31-65	2.1	32-46	345	3	0
Nebraska	24	43-217	5.0	19-31	259	1	18	45-252	5.6	8-16	76	0	+3
Louisiana Tech	25	44-298	6.8	15-22	169	1	23	23-41	1.8	39-62	414	2	+3
Iowa	25	27-54	2.0	23-44	399	3	20	49-209	4.3	18-30	261	2	0
at Wisconsin	23	36-149	4.1	21-37	287	1	18	36-92	2.6	15-25	217	7	0
at Michigan	16	28-81	2.9	20-34	274	3	22	35-97	2.8	27-41	244	1	0
Northwestern	28	60-423	7.1	11-19	123	1	17	30-9	0.3	29-42	193	5	+1
at Ohio St	8	23-81	3.5	14-28	98	1	18	49-141	2.9	13-20	112	1	+1
Illinois	18	45-315	7.0	13-26	108	0	16	28-75	2.7	26-46	217	1	+1
Virginia	30	51-289	5.7	21-32	244	1	18	22-30	1.4	30-38	260	4	+1
at Indiana	21	44-352	8.0	10-18	137	2	20	35-95	2.7	22-39	180	3	+1
Michigan St	24	50-390	7.8	8-13	146	2	22	46-186	4.0	19-32	202	3	+2
† Auburn	15	36-170	4.7	10-27	98	2	15	50-200	4.0	10-17	78	3	+1
TOTALS	277	526-2972	5.7	198-351	2536	18	251	479-1492	3.1	288-454	2799	35	+14
AVERAGES	21.3	40-229	5.7	15-27	195	1.4	19.3	37-115	3.1	22-35	215	2.7	1.1

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
S Mississippi	-8	34-6	W
Bowling Green	-38	48-3	W
at Pittsburgh	-25	20-13	L
at Ohio St	+15	9-28	L
at Minnesota	-17	27-17	L
Purdue	-8'	31-13	W
Illinois	-34	27-0	L
at Michigan	-3	0-27	L
Northwestern	-24	41-10	W
at Wisconsin	+1'	3-24	L
Michigan St	-6'	51-28	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona	-4'	41-7	W
Akron	-45'	70-24	W
Pittsburgh	-34	20-17	L
at Miami, Fl	-2	27-23	W
Indiana	-27	45-24	L
at Iowa	-28	31-7	L
Ohio St	-11	23-10	W
at Purdue	-4	31-25	W
at Illinois	-16	27-7	W
Minnesota	-14	23-24	L
Michigan	-6	27-31	L
at Michigan St	+2	28-35	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† USC	-2	5-29	L
Toledo	-18	6-24	L
LA Tech	-15	67-7	W
at Pittsburgh	-5'	0-12	L
at Ohio St	+12	6-45	L
Purdue	+13	22-20	W
at Minnesota	+7	16-25	L
Illinois	-2'	39-25	W
at Indiana	-1'	27-24	W
Iowa	-17	23-26 OT	L
at Michigan	+15'	11-33	L
Michigan St	-1	42-23	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Fl	+13'	7-33	L
Wisconsin	-1'	6-18	L
at Iowa	+9'	18-24	W
Michigan	+11	0-20	L
at Northwestern	+10	38-35	W
Ohio St	+6'	29-27	W
S Mississippi	-1'	38-20	W
at Illinois	+9	28-33	W
Indiana	-2'	28-14	W
at Michigan St	+2'	42-37	W
at Virginia	-5'	14-20	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCF	-13'	27-24	L
Nebraska	+5	40-7	W
LA Tech	-13'	49-17	W
Iowa	-8	35-42 OT	L
at Wisconsin	+2'	34-31	W
at Michigan	+4'	24-27 OT	W
Northwestern	-25'	49-0	W
at Ohio St	+4'	7-13	L
Illinois	-15'	18-7	L
Virginia	-16	35-14	W
at Indiana	-24	58-25	W
Michigan St	-21	61-7	W

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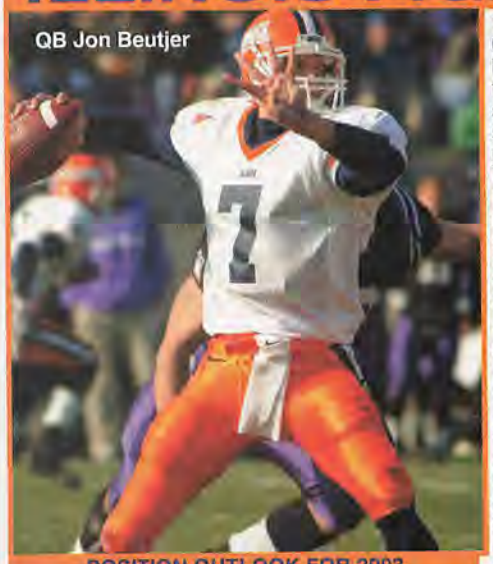
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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Dustin Ward (PS#92) was the backup in 2000 and 2001 with one career start and 440 yards passing in two years. Iowa transfer Jon Beutjer (PS#27) started four games for Iowa in 2000 throwing for 841 yards (61.6%) with a 6-3 ratio while rushing for 72 yards. He was my clear-cut favorite for the starting job last year but Turner alternated QB's (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). Despite not playing in one game and splitting time in four others, Beutjer still led the Big 10 in passing yards per game with 2,511 yards (59%) with a 21-11 ratio. Despite playing with a dinged up shoulder, Ward threw for 877 yards (51.6%) with a 5-5 ratio. Turner said in the offseason "Jon is our starter for 2003, no question." Ward will have to battle to hang on to his backup spot. Chris Pazan (6-2 210 rFr) was PS#28 and has a powerful arm. Tim Brasic (6-2 185 rFr) was PS#48. This unit has a lot more experience than it did heading into last season and hopefully Turner will stick with one QB.

RUNNING BACKS - Ron Turner usually relies on two RB's. The Illini alternated RB's Rocky Harvey and Steve Harvard for two years and they combined for 1,564 yards in 1999. Harvard departed in 2000 but VHT Antonio Harris (PS#14) took over his role and he and Harvey combined for 1,455 yards. In 2001 they had to replace an NFL DC at FB. Harris led the team with 626 yards (3.7) despite breaking his wrist and missing most of the final three games. Harvey had 620 yards (4.3). FB Carey Davis also played some TB after Harris went down and had 467 yards (4.3). They had to replace Harvey last year and Harris became the feature back and finally lived up to his VHT billing. Harris dropped 10 pounds to make himself quicker. He became the first UI RB to top 175 yards in two straight games since Jim Grabowski did it in the mid '60's. In the first six games Harris averaged 80.3 ypg but over the second six he had 141.3 ypg to set the single season school rushing record finishing as the Illini's #2 all-time rusher and was voted the team MVP in 2002. The RB unit was banged up last year as Morris Virgil broke his leg in week seven and was lost for the year. His big game was a 131 yard effort vs Ark St. Former CB James Cooper was the #2 RB at one point. This year Harris departs and the job looks wide open once again. The FB's are solid and I list the players below. Not listed below are Ryan Clifford (5-10 180 Jr) who transferred in from E Michigan, Franklin Payne (6-0 185 rFr, PS#101) as well as FB Jason Davis (5-11 220 So) who had 92 total yards in his true frosh year and this year's crop of true frosh RB's. Ibrahim Halsey (PS#38) grayshirted last year and should become the feature back. This unit looks to be in decent shape for 2003 but it will be tough to replace Harris' record setting production of 1,330 yards (4.8).

RECEIVERS - Brandon Lloyd was the Illini's best receiver when healthy. In 2000 the team had to play without Lloyd who had a broken leg and the rest of the receivers were inexperienced and lacked speed overall. The Illini had a tough 5-6 season. In 2001 with a healthy Lloyd snagging 65 rec's for 1,062 yards (16.3), the team won the Big 10 Title and went to the Sugar Bowl. Converted QB Walter Young also emerged that year with 50 rec's (17.8) and last season all the top receivers were back. This year the losses are large. Gone are Lloyd (65 rec, 15.5, 2nd Tm B10, #4DC of SF), Young (11 sts, 56 rec, 14.7, #7DC of CAR), WR Aaron Moorehead (3 sts, 32, 12.5), TE Kenny Boyle (2 sts, 3 rec) and WR Greg Lewis (3 sts, 38 rec, 14.2). Some players who played safety last year were being tried at WR in the spring and some of this year's new recruits will play immediately including PS#3 JUCO Kelvin Hayden who I plug in at 1st string. The TE spot looks solid and I list the candidates below. Not listed in the 2 deep is TE Mike Trepina (6-3 240 rFr) who was PS#34 but tore his Achilles in the spring. There is some potential in this group, but clearly with the loss of their top four receivers from last year, this unit looks much weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In OL coach Harry Hiestand's first year in 1997, he only had 7 scholarship athletes to work with. Last year he had 16 and the starters averaged 6-5 305. In their Sugar Bowl season the Illini rushed for 3.5 ypc and allowed just 16 sacks but they did have to replace 2 starters who were 3rd Tm AA and 1st Tm Big 10. Last year the OL got off to a slow start with 8 sacks allowed in the first two games but came on down the stretch and paved the way for 4.27 ypc rushing while allowing 24 sacks on the season. This year they must replace LG David Diehl (12 sts, 2nd Tm B10, #5DC of NYG) and RT Tony Pashos (12 sts, 4 yr st'r, #5DC of BAL) who was 1st Tm Big 10 the last two years as well as backup C James Brown (12 games). I list the 2 deep below and they've brought in an outstanding corps of true frosh this year with 3 VHT's including Martin O'Donnell (PS#7). This unit looks to be in about the same shape as it was heading into last season but does look to be a little smaller with the projected starters averaging 293 lbs.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Illini allowed 3.9 ypc rushing and were #2 in the Big 10 with 40 sacks, setting a school record. Last year they had to replace two full-time starters and one backup. Overall they allowed 4.34 ypc rushing while recording just 26 sacks. They should be in better shape this year as five players return with starting experience. The only losses are DT Brett Kautter (6 sts, 23 tkls), DT Jamie Hanton (6 sts, 24 tkls, 3 tfl) and DE Lamont Holden (6 tkls, 2 sks). I list the 2 deep below and VHT Aaron Hodges may finally make an impact after moving over from the O-line. I look for good sized improvement from the defensive front this year.

LINEBACKERS - This school is developing the reputation "LB U" with two Butkus Award winners in a row in '94 and '95 and after a few down years have been seeing stronger play. Last year all three starters returned including their leading tackler, Jerry Schumacher, who once again led the team with 122 tackles and 12 tfl. He was the team's Defensive POY and 2nd Team Big 10. Unfortunately he departs but everyone else is back including three players who logged seven or more starts. This has the makings of a pretty good group even with the loss of its top player.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Illini finished #20 in my pass D rankings in 2001 allowing just 50% completions with a 19-18 ratio. They had the top two pbu men in the NCAA in CB Eugene Wilson (30) and Christian Morton (26) returning last year but had to replace both starting safeties. Injuries and inexperience were a problem but Turner said the safety play greatly improved in the second half of the season as did the team's fortunes. Travis Williams was forced to take off his redshirt against Michigan and ended up starting six games at FS. Morton actually lost his starting job to Mike Hall (PS#15JC) who started the last seven games and had 55 tackles, 2 int, 8 pbu. This year they must replace both starting CB's in Hall and Wilson (12, 66 tkls, 14 pbu, 2nd Tm B10, #2DC of NE) but six of the top eight are back including Morton who hopes to return to his 2001 form. Eric McGoey moved over from WR midyear and got an interception in his first action at safety. Overall the Illini dropped to #70 in my pass D rankings allowing 56.2% with a 13-8 ratio. Despite the loss of their top two CB's, this unit could improve in the rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Illini have also had decent special teams under Turner with their lowest finish being #68. Last season they recorded his highest finish at #39 which was surprising because they had to replace Steve Fitts who had a four year career net punting of 36.7. They did have their top returnman back in Eugene Wilson and also had three capable kickers (see Hardcore Fans). Matt Minnes began the year as the punter but lost his job against Indiana to Steve Weatherford (PS#36). Both are back. Eugene Wilson set a school record for PR yards and was the team's Special Teams POY but he departs. Morris Virgil the team's top KR, is back. Replacing Wilson and topping last year's #39 ranking may be tough.

COACHES - Ron Turner is now in his seventh year here. He was the head man at San Jose St in 1992 and led the Spartans to a 7-4 record. He then moved on to be the OC of the Chicago Bears from 1993 to 1996. He went 0-11 and 3-8 in his first two seasons here but is 28-19 in the last four years including 2001 when the team went 10-2 and were Big 10 champs. His team's have produced three of the top four offenses in terms of total yards in school history including last year when the team had 5,356 (the most ever for an Illini team). The DC is Mike Cassity who enters his third year here and he runs a pressure defense with a lot of blitzes. The team set a school record with 40 sacks in 2001. He was previously the DC at Oklahoma St from 1999 to 2000 and Baylor from 1997 to 1998.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Going into 2001 the Illini had not been above .500 in Big 10 play since 1994 but they earned their first outright Big 10 Title since 1983 with a 7-1 league mark. They finished the regular season 7th in the country and defeated 3 ranked teams. That squad set the school record for most points in a season. Despite having 14 starters back last year, the team only came into the year ranked 34th in the USA Today poll. Despite having to replace QB Kittner last year the offense was solid and set a single season school record with 5,356 yards and the 446.3 ypg was also tops in school history. For just the second time ever they had a 1,000 yard rusher and receiver and led the Big 10 in passing offense. Despite a solid 4-4 finish in the Big 10 the Illini were just 5-7 overall including a shocking home loss to San Jose St. They did play much better down the stretch winning four of their last six games. They lost to the eventual National Champion Ohio St in OT in a game where they had a 21-16 FD edge and had a couple of catches in the EZ on their last drive ruled incomplete. Their offense should still be strong with veteran QB play and capable replacements at the skill positions. Their D allowed 420 ypg last season which was their worst mark since 1969. They have 7 starters back on that side of the ball and should be stronger. While the Illini are 6-2 at home in Big 10 play the last two years, they were just 9-23 at home vs league foes prior to that. Illinois was -8 in turnovers so they should have better fortune this year and also return the most lettermen in the league (55) while losing just 15. They avoid both Ohio St and Penn St in Big 10 play and I will call for the Illini to avoid a 2nd straight losing season.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JON BEUTJER SR. 6-5 211 **PS#27.** 4 sts at Iowa, 841 yds (62%) 6-3 ratio. 7 sts LY, 2511 yds (59%), 21-11 ratio. Dustin Ward (6-3 205 Sr) PS#92. 6 sts, 3Y, 1300 pass (46%) 10-8 ratio.

RB Ibrahim Halsey Fr. 5-11 185 **PS#38** in '02. Morris Virgil (5-10 195 Jr) 216 yds (7.7) until inj LY. PS#215. James Cooper (5-11 200 So) PS#212, 32 yds LY & track sprinter.

FB CAREY DAVIS SR. 6-0 225 1 st, 61 ttl yds as rFr. 11 sts in '01, 467 yds (4.3), 39 rec (7.0). 9 sts LY, 319 rush (5.4), 29 rec (6.9). Brad Haywood (6-1 225 Sr) PS#136, 1 st, 3Y.

WR Ade Adeyemo Jr. 6-0 195 **PS#33.** 7 tkls LY, Mark Kornfeld (6-1 200 Jr) PS#58QB. 2000 Scout Tm POY. Moved to WR LY. Jamaal Clark (6-2 195 Sr) **PS#23** 15 tkls, SS 2Y.

WR Kelvin Hayden Jr. 6-0 198 **PS#3JC.** In for spring. 72 rec (17.8) at JC LY. Eric McGoey PS#97. Also DB. Kendrick Jones (6-1 180 So) PS#128, 1 rec & PR TD LY.

TE ANTHONY McCLELLAN JR. 6-3 243 PS#94. 1 st, 8 rec (15.3) as rFr. 10 sts in '02, 11 rec (14.2). **Melvin Bryant** (6-5 220 rFr) PS#22. Estus Hood (6-4 230 Jr) 8 tkls in 2002.

C DUKE PRESTON JR. 6-5 305 PS#195. 2nd string as rFr, 2 gms. 12 sts at C in 2002. Dave Hilderbrand (6-3 290 Jr) PS#152, 2 letters. Jordan Kruger (6-4 275 So) Ohio U trans.

RG Matt Maddox rFr. 6-4 290 **PS#73OL** in 2002. Kyle Schnettgoecke (6-3 275 So) PS#126, injury plagued as rFr. Martin O'Donnell (6-5 290 Fr) **PS#7OL.**

LG Bryan Koch Jr. 6-3 285 PS#289OL. 2nd string in 2002, 5 games. 445 bench. Mike Zande (6-5 300 rFr) PS#183OL. +30 lbs. James Ryan (6-6 300 Fr) **PS#49OL.**

RT PAT BABCOCK JR. 6-4 285 PS#149. 11 sts as rFr. 12 sts at RG LY, HM B10, moves to OT. Kevin Gage is **PS#69.** HS teammate of O'Donnell (RG).

LT SEAN BUBIN SR. 6-7 300 **PS#39**, 2nd string as rFr. 12 sts, 570 snaps in 2001. 12 sts LY, 3 letters. JJ Simmons (6-6 275 rFr) PS#291OL. Ben Amundsen is PS#154.

K John Gockman Sr. 5-10 170 5 of 7 FG's in '01, all attempted from 40+, 2 of 3 from 50+. 5 of 7 FG's LY, L/48, both misses 50+. JJ Tubbs (5-9 160 Sr) PS#49. 6 of 9 FG's L3Y.

DE DERRICK STRONG SR. 6-4 245 PS#71. 464 plays in '01, 33 tkls, 4 sks, 2 tfl. 12 sts LY, **2nd Tm B10**, 54 tkls. 5 sks, 7 tfl. Scott Moss (6-3 260 So) PS#76LB. Zach Gray (6-3 250 rFr) PS#170.

DT Aaron Hodges Sr. 6-3 285 **PS#18OL.** 79 snaps on OL in 2000 & '01. OL/DL LY, 3 tkls. Charles Gilstrap (6-3 290 Sr) PS#241. 1 st, 23 tkls, 3 yrs. Ryan Matha (6-1 275 So) 10 tkls, 1 sk LY.

DT JEFF RUFFIN SR. 6-4 295 PS#158. 21 tkls in '01. 10 sts LY, 22 tkls, 4 tfl. Mike Maloney (6-3 280 Jr) PS#91. Andrew Burk (6-6 290 rFr) PS#84. Bryan Truttling (6-4 295 rFr) PS#134OL.

DE MIKE O'BRIEN SR. 6-6 225 PS#208. 10 sts as rFr, 33 tkl, 5 sks. 9 sts, 51 tkl, 11 ttl LY. Brian Schaefering (6-5 260 Jr) PS#113DB. 3 sts, 34 tkl, 4 sks. Lee Robinson (6-5 260 Jr), PS#86JC.

OLB Ty Myers Sr. 6-4 235 PS#130. 11 sts in '01, 48 tkls, 3 sks, 2 int, 7 pbu. 7 sts LY, 36 tkls, 4 tfl. **Cyrus Garrett** (6-3 230 rFr) **PS#41.** Winston Taylor (6-0 240 Sr) 11 sts at E Ill in 2000.

MLB MATT SINCLAIR JR. 6-3 230 **PS#30DB.** 8 sts at OLB, #4 w/56 tkls, 5 tfl. Mike Gawelek (6-2 230 Jr) PS#168, 14 tkls, 2 yrs. Lee Sicinski (6-1 210 Jr) PS#205LB. 3 tkls LY.

WLB JOE BEVIS SR. 6-0 220 PS#92. 9 sts, 78 tkls, 7 tfl in 2001. 9 sts, 49 tkls, inj'd in '02. Antonio Mason (6-0 245 So) PS#189, 17 tkls LY. Josh Tischer (6-1 215 So) PS#64.

CB Darnell Ray rFr. 6-1 160 PS#97DB. Hamstring probs LY, RS. 4.5 spd. Steve Harris (6-0 185 rFr) PS#85DB. Sharriff Gillon (5-8 165 rFr), 4.4 spd.

CB Christian Morton Sr. 6-1 180 **PS#39QB.** 12 sts in '01, **2nd Team Big 10**, 70 tkls, 4 int, 26 pbu. 5 sts LY, 16 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu. Anthony Longe (5-11 160 So) PS#109, 7 tkls.

SS MARC JACKSON SR. 6-1 205 **PS#26.** 3 sts, 52 tkls in 2000. RS in '01. 11 sts, 67 tkls, 1 int LY. Eric McGoey (6-3 210 Sr) PS#97WR. 400m on track tm. 25 tkls, 1 int, 6 gms at DB LY.

FS TRAVIS WILLIAMS SO. 6-1 185 PS#158. 6 sts at FS as true, 38 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. Taman Jordan (5-11 195 Jr) 7 sts in 2001, 30 tkls, 2 tfl. Kyle Kleckner (6-0 195 So) PS#157WR.

P STEVE WEATHERFORD SO. 6-4 205 PS#36. 45.4 avg in HS. 23 punts here as rFr. 39.7 avg, 19 KO's, 3 TB's. Matt Minnes (6-2 195 Jr) 33 punts, 37.7 avg in 7 games in 2002.

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OL	Kevin Gage	6-6 285 PS#69
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31-38	Straight Up	8-8	Home Favorite
31-34-1	Vs The Spread	7-12	Home Dog
13-19-1	Off A SU Loss	4-3	Away Favorite
22-25-1	Vs Conference	12-11-1	Away Dog
		9-9	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 55 (16,24,5)
Lost: 15 (9,5,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 55,199

BIG 10

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#39

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ILL	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Aug. 30	† Missouri *(St Louis)*	A					
Sep. 6	Illinois St	A					
Sep. 13	at UCLA	G					
Sep. 20	California	A					
Sep. 27	Wisconsin	A					
Oct. 4	at Purdue	G					
Oct. 11	Michigan St	A					
Oct. 18	at Michigan	A					
Oct. 25	Minnesota (HC)	A					
Nov. 1	at Iowa	G					
Nov. 8	at Indiana	G					
Nov. 15							
Nov. 22	Northwestern	A					
Nov. 29							

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

UI is 3-12 SU & 5-10 ATS as an away dog of less than 10 pts.
Illinois is 17-6 ATS vs Ohio St since 1980.
UI is 4-8 ATS in their first lined home game since 1991.

Illini are 3-5 SU & 2-6 ATS vs Missouri since 1980.
UI is 7-2 ATS their last 9 road openers.

The Redbirds were 4-3 in the Gateway Conference LY, 6-5 overall.
Illinois St opened the 2002 season with a 51-10 loss at Purdue.

Illinois is 6-10-1 ATS the L/17 away in September (5-2-1 ATS L/8).
Fighting Illini are 14-6-1 ATS since 1997 on grass.

The Fighting Illini are 7-1 SU all-time vs Cal, 1st gm was in 1955.
Illinois is 2-7 SU & 1-8 ATS vs the Pac 10 at home since 1985.

The Illini are 4-7 ATS vs the Badgers their last 11, but 2-0 the last 2 years.
UI is 0-9 SU & 2-6-1 ATS in their 1st Big 10 game of the season the L9Y.

The SU winner is 10-1-1 ATS the last 12 series games.
The Illini are 3-1 SU & ATS their last 4 visits to Lafayette.

Illini are 2-7 SU & ATS the last 9 meetings with the Spartans.
The dog has covered five of the last six.

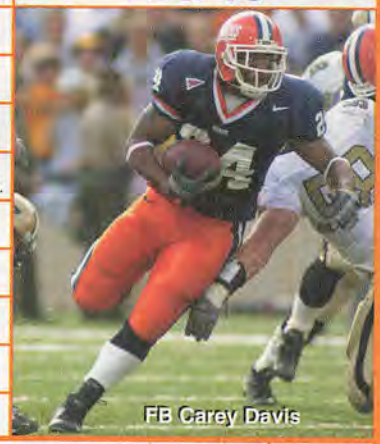
The visitor is 10-2 ATS since 1989 in this series.
May apply: Illini is 7-12-1 SU, but 15-4-1 ATS as a DD road dog S/'89.

Illinois is 3-6 ATS their last 9 vs the Golden Gophers.
The Fighting Illini have won their last 3 Homecoming games SU & ATS.

Illini are 5-3 SU & 5-2-1 ATS vs Iowa their last 8.
UI is 12-6 ATS L/18 November games.

The favorite is 11-5-2 ATS in this series since 1981.
Illinois is 4-7-1 ATS prior to a bye week, but 2-0 the last 2 years.

The visitor has covered 11 of 15 in this series.
UI is 8-3 ATS in home finales.



STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (69,249)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	0-11	3-8	7-4	5-6	10-1	5-7	32-46
ATS	4-7	2-8-1	4-6	7-4	4-7	7-4	7-5	35-41-1
Home Fav	1-1	0-0	0-1	2-0	1-3	3-3	2-1	9-9
Home Dog	0-4	1-5	1-3	1-3	2-0	0-0	2-1	7-16
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-0	0-2	4-3
Away Dog	3-2	1-3-1	3-2	3-1	0-3	2-1	3-1	15-13-1
Favorite	1-1	0-0	0-1	3-0	2-4	5-3	2-3	13-12
Dog	3-6	2-8-1	4-5	4-4	2-3	2-1	5-2	22-29-1
Grass	1-1	1-0-1	2-1	4-1	1-2	4-1	2-1	15-7-1
Artificial	3-6	1-8	2-5	3-3	3-5	3-3	5-4	20-34
vs Conf	3-5	2-5-1	3-5	4-4	3-5	5-3	5-3	25-30-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-3	1-1	3-0	1-2	2-1	2-2	10-11
Off SU Win	0-2	0-0	0-3	4-2	3-2	5-4	3-1	15-14
Off SU Loss	3-5	2-7-1	3-3	2-2	1-4	1-0	4-3	16-24-1

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
91	John Hancock	+6'	UCLA	3-6	W
92	Holiday	E	Hawaii	17-27	L
94	Liberty	-7	E Carolina	30-0	W
99	MicronPC	+2'	Virginia	63-21	W
01	Sugar	+2	LSU	34-47	L

ILLINOIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	28.8	23	164	4.3	282	56.8	15.5	-8	2002	7	25.6	22	190	4.3	230	56.2	16.4
7*	32.5	21	143	3.5	277	54.1	12.9	+4	2001	6	23.8	21	147	3.9	234	50.0	16.0
8*	26.7	21	163	4.1	217	57.3	14.2	-2	2000	4	26.0	23	233	4.8	180	54.8	15.9
6*	32.3	21	174	4.3	234	54.2	12.6	+13	1999	8	22.8	21	170	4.1	218	53.2	17.0
6*	13.5	15	142	3.8	146	46.5	21.3	-11	1998	8	29.6	21	154	3.7	217	55.7	12.5
6	10.8	15	125	3.6	162	42.7	26.5	-10	1997	6	33.5	20	211	4.7	207	59.7	12.5

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Antoineo Harris	278	1377	47	1330	8	4.8
Carey Davis	59	320	1	319	0	5.4
Morris Virgil	28	218	2	216	3	7.7
Jon Beutjer	44	127	120	7	2	0.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jon Beutjer	327	193	59.0	2511	21	11
Dustin Ward	126	65	51.6	877	5	5
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Brandon Lloyd	65	1010	15.5	9	49	
Walter Young	56	822	14.7	6	51	
Greg Lewis	38	538	14.2	4	37	
Aaron Moorehead	32	399	12.5	2	32	
Carey Davis	29	201	6.9	0	23	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Matt Minnes	33	1244	37.7	55	–	1	6
Steve Weatherford	23	912	39.7	57	–	0	4
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Peter Christofilakos	40-40	4-5	3-4	2-3	0-0	9-12	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jerry Schumacher	122	5	7	4	0
Marc Jackson	67	0	1	1	1
Eugene Wilson	66	1	1	14	1
Matt Sinclair	56	1	4	1	0
Mike Hall	55	0	2	8	2
Derrick Strong	54	5	7	4	0
Mike O'Brien	51	3	8	4	0
Joe Bevis	49	1	1	3	0
Travis Williams	38	0	0	2	1
Ty Myers	36	1	3	3	0
Brian Schaefering	34	4	1	0	0
Taman Jordan	30	1	1	2	0
Winston Taylor	28	0	2	0	0
Eric McGoey	25	0	1	0	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Eugene Wilson	23	270	11.7	1	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Morris Virgil	16	332	20.8	0	

2002 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
† Missouri	18	34-67	2.0	18-42	246	4	23	54-285	5.3	15-26	152	0	-1
at S Mississippi	17	42-171	4.1	13-33	163	4	16	45-201	4.5	14-26	171	2	-1
Arkansas St	27	47-290	6.2	20-24	310	1	15	36-118	3.3	14-32	195	0	0
San Jose St	27	29-176	6.1	28-38	426	0	31	44-109	2.5	27-45	408	4	-3
Michigan	29	35-175	5.0	25-49	368	3	20	40-143	3.6	23-39	272	2	-4
at Minnesota	20	33-104	3.2	25-51	339	3	25	56-302	5.4	15-30	144	1	-1
Purdue	17	37-215	5.8	15-30	202	2	32	56-278	5.0	26-36	288	3	+1
Indiana	28	49-248	5.1	18-27	211	0	23	27-81	3.0	26-50	320	4	+2
at Penn St	16	28-75	2.7	26-46	217	1	18	45-315	7.0	13-26	108	0	-1
at Wisconsin	26	43-185	4.3	22-34	319	0	13	39-135	3.5	13-24	162	3	-3
Ohio St	21	34-53	1.6	27-46	305	6	16	45-145	3.2	10-21	176	4	-1
at Northwestern	28	50-209	4.2	21-34	282	0	31	39-170	4.4	31-49	368	3	+4
TOTALS	274	461-1968	4.3	258-454	3388	24	263	526-2282	4.3	227-404	2764	26	-8
AVERAGES	22.8	38-164	4.3	22-38	282	2.0	21.9	44-190	4.3	19-34	230	2.2	-0.7

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wash St	+12'	13-20	W
Mid Tenn St	NL	48-20	–
Louisville	-6'	9-35	L
Iowa	+10	14-37	L
at Northwestern	+14	13-10	W
Ohio St	+36'	0-41	L
Wisconsin	+21'	3-37	L
at Purdue	+24	9-42	L
at Penn St	+34	0-27	W
Indiana	+13'	31-16	W
at Michigan St	+20'	9-41	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-14'	41-3	W
San Diego St	+3'	38-10	W
at Louisville	+12	41-36	W
Michigan St	+7	10-27	L
at Indiana	+2	31-34 OT	L
Minnesota	+1	7-37	L
at Michigan	+24'	35-29	W
Penn St	+16	7-27	L
at Iowa	-6'	40-24	W
at Ohio St	+10'	46-20	W
Northwestern	-13'	29-7	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mid Tenn St	-33'	35-6	L
at San Diego St	-6'	49-13	W
California	-14	17-15	L
Michigan	+7	31-35	W
at Minnesota	-1	10-44	L
Iowa	-12'	31-0	W
at Penn St	+2'	25-39	L
at Michigan St	+2'	10-14	L
Indiana	-8	42-35	L
Ohio St	+7'	21-24	W
at Northwestern	+7'	23-61	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at California	+2'	44-17	W
N Illinois	-20	17-12	L
Louisville	-3'	34-10	W
at Michigan	+6'	20-45	L
Minnesota	-10	25-14	W
at Indiana	-3'	35-14	W
Wisconsin	-5'	42-35	W
at Purdue	+2	38-13	W
Penn St	-9	33-28	L
at Ohio St	-1'	34-22	W
Northwestern	-18'	34-28	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Missouri	-7'	20-33	L
at S Mississippi	+6	20-23	W
Arkansas St	-31'	59-7	W
San Jose St	-23'	35-38	L
Michigan	+7'	28-45	L
at Minnesota	+3'	10-31	L
Purdue	+3'	38-31 OT	W
Indiana	-9	45-14	W
at Penn St	+15'	7-18	W
at Wisconsin	+6	37-20	W
Ohio St	+8'	16-23 OT	W
at Northwestern	-14	31-24	L

MINNESOTA GOPHERS

QB Asad Abdul-Khaliq

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 the Gophers came into the season very inexperienced at this all-important position. Asad Abdul-Khaliq (PS#71) was considered the Gophers QB of the future and he started the first four games but lost his job to JUCO transfer Travis Cole (PS#17) who finished #16 in the country in pass efficiency. In his first year Abdul-Khaliq threw for 676 yards (53.7%) with a 7-4 ratio and 252 yards rushing and was used in the redzone to run the option at times. Cole began 2001 as the starter but Abdul-Khaliq started the last 7 games and threw for 1,393 yards (57.2%) with a 12-6 ratio while rushing for 356 yards. Six of his twelve TD's came in the final two games where he threw for 584 yards. Last year Abdul-Khaliq had the QB job to himself and vs a very soft opening schedule, had a 10-1 ratio and was #1 in the NCAA in pass efficiency after four games. He injured his ankle against Purdue and was hobbled over the next four games. In the last eight games he had just a 9-10 ratio when the competition got tougher. For the season he threw for 2,190 yards (52.4%) with a 19-11 ratio. His 19 TD's on the year were the 2nd best in school history (Mike Hohensee in 1981, 20 TD's). Versus Northwestern the team had the game plan to mostly run the ball and they rested Abdul-Khaliq's ankle and Benji Kamrath (PS#86) got the start. Kamrath had played in two games in 2000 and just one in 2001 but previously hit 6 of 9 passes guiding the team to the win. Brian Cupito (6-1 180 rFr) was PS#76. Abdul-Khaliq is now a senior with 3 years of starting experience and should have by far his best season.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 Tellis Redmon had 1,091 yards (5.9) but surprisingly opted to leave early for the NFL. That decision proved to be a mistake as he went undrafted. Marion Barber II topped 1,000 yards here in 1978. His son rushed for 742 yards (6.3) as a true frosh in just two starts in 2001. Last year he was going to be the starter but suffered a hamstring injury and got in just 19 attempts in the first two games and was able to redshirt. Thomas Tapeh (PS#7) can bench 450 lbs and is a tremendous athlete. He has been bothered by injuries his entire career with just 7 starts but after gaining just 482 yards in his first two years, he rushed for 906 (5.9) last season. Due to injuries to Tapeh and Barber, Terry Jackson became the feature back and rushed for 1,317 (5.5). Jackson had 477 yards against Northwestern and Mich St combined setting a school record for most yards in a two game stretch. Mason says he's not very big nor is he fast but he is a good, tough, football player. All three RB's return giving them three potential 1,000 yard rushers. When the team uses a FB, Brandon Hagen (6-0 215 So) or Tapeh will get the call and I look for more two TB sets this year. You know this unit will be improved, especially if Jackson ends up 3rd string as he was to start last year.

RECEIVERS - UM was inexperienced at WR in 2002 (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). TE Ben Utecht has added 58 lbs since moving from WR and is a solid blocker yet possesses 4.65 speed, while benching 320 lbs. He had 20 rec's in the first five games but unfortunately he suffered a stress fracture in his foot against Purdue and was very limited down the stretch. Healthy for the bowl game, he had 5 rec's and should have a much bigger season this year. Antoine Burns led the team last year with 44 (12.0). He departs as does TE Marvin Baugus (12 sts, 8 rec) and Mays. Aaron Hosack has great size (6-5 210) and led the team in yards (649) averaging a super 22.4. A big time addition this year is Paris Hamilton who is labeled as a fast Ron Johnson as he has 4.37 speed and good size. Last year the Gophers started two TE's in ten of their games but this year I think the FB will see a little more action and that is how I've written the 2 deep. Not listed below at TE is Brian Sykora (6-5 245 rFr, PS#46), Kevin Salmen (6-5 240 So, PS#250OL) and Jarod Posthumus (PS#50QB). With a healthy Utecht and the addition of a top-notch JUCO this unit is more experienced and more talented.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Gophers averaged 5.1 ypc rushing in 2001 while allowing just 19 sacks. Last year they had to replace three starters including a 6th round DC and ended up with two walk-on starters and two true frosh starters. The unit took a small step backwards averaging a still solid 4.65 ypc rushing with 18 sacks allowed. This year the two true frosh now have experience and overall three starters return. They must replace RT Jake Kuppe (10 sts, 601 plays, 3 yr st'r, PS#33), LT Jeremiah Carter (13 sts, 927 plays, HM B10) and G Morgan Kirkland (12 plays). This unit has more experience than it did heading into last year and should be even stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Minnesota had made steady progress under Mason in the rush D category but allowed 4.6 ypc rushing while recording just 14 sacks in 2001. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup including a 7th round DC. It was a small defensive front that averaged 245 lbs per man at the start of the year. The team was mauled at times on the ground and over the last three games of the regular season allowed 344.7 ypg rushing but yielded just 80 to Arkansas in the bowl. The entire front wall returns with the only question mark being DE Charlton Keith who had five starts last year and was dismissed from the team in the spring but there is still a chance he could return in the fall. Even if he does not return the team has six players back with starting experience plus add in super JUCO Keith Lipka and my projected starting four now averages 275 lbs per man. Also watch Anthony Montgomery this year as he just started lifting weights in college and should be a force inside. I look for significant improvement in the Gophers DL this year.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Gophers returned five of their top six LB's including Phil Archer who was #5 in the Big 10 in tackles per game. Mason shook up the lineup putting Archer as a second stringer and he participated in just 283 plays. Walk-on Ben West, who benches 405 lbs, became the starter and had 103 tackles. WLB Terrance Campbell, who is nicknamed "stick" because he weighed just 185 lbs at mid year, is trying to bulk up and is one of two returning starters. The unit gets some solid additions this year in Dominique Sims (PS#5) who moves in from DB, JUCO Brian Smith (PS#186) and four rFr including Eric Washington (PS#93). The only losses this year are SLB Bradley Vance (11 sts, 44 tkls, 6.5 tfl) who quit after being demoted to 2nd string prior to the bowl and Justin Fraley who moves to SS. Not listed below is Stephon Hopkins (6-0 225 rFr, PS#178) and Pat McCarthy (6-0 235 rFr, PS#205). This is an even more experienced group than it was heading into last season and should continue to improve.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Gophers have had a couple of high NFL DC's depart in the last couple of years in SS Tyrone Carter and CB Willie Middlebrooks. The Gophers ranked #78 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and had 3 starters back last year but their lone starter lost was their #1 tackler. CB Mike Lehan was banged up during the year and Ken Williams (4.4 spd, 2nd fastest in USA as HS Jr in 100m hurdles) got in five starts and 652 plays filling in when he was injured. This year 7 of the top 8 are back with the only loss being their top CB, Mike Lehan (9 sts, 32 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu, 626 plays, #5DC of CLE). They moved OLB Justin Fraley to battle Justin Isom for the SS spot so this unit is loaded with experience. Isom also tried out at CB in the spring. Although Ken Williams is not listed as a returning starter, as I mentioned, he got in a lot of plays and is now experienced. Look for the Gophers to continue to climb in the pass D rankings (#59 LY).

SPECIAL TEAMS - Glen Mason always has his team in the upper half of the special teams ratings dating back to his tenure at Kansas. In 1999 and 2000 the Gophers finished #5 and #17 but shockingly in 2001 fell all the way down to #101. This, despite the fact that they had the outstanding kicking duo of punter Preston Gruening and kicker Dan Nystrom. Gruening had an amazing net punting average of 39.2 in 2000 but it fell to just 33.1 and 33.5 the last two years with seven blocked punts. Nystrom became just the fifth player in NCAA history to hit 5 FG's in a bowl and leaves as the school's record holder for points, breaking Chip Lohmiller's mark set in 1987. Nystrom hit an outstanding 20 of 21 FG's for the season. Both of them must be replaced. The top KR last year was Jermaine Mays (19.6) and top PR Danny Upchurch (7.2). Another big loss this year is Mays who had five of the team's six blocked punts on the season. Upchurch was not on the roster in the spring for academic reasons. It may be tough to improve on last year's mediocre #58 finish.

COACHES - The Gophers had been in three bowls in the 21 years prior to Mason's arrival but have now been in three bowls in the last four years under his tutelage. I think he is doing a fine job here and the flirtation with Ohio St a few years back is now a thing of the past. He has co-OC's in Tony Peterson and Mitch Browning. The DC, Greg Hudson, made his debut in the bowl game after being the LB coach all year. They held Arkansas' potent rush attack to 80 yards after allowing 42.3 ppg in the four game losing streak. Last year's DC Moe Ankney is now the assistant head coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1999 and 2000 the Gophers had winning records and trips to bowls. In 2001 I called for them to finish last in the Big 10 and they did just that with a 4-7 overall mark. That was a squad with just 3 returning starters on defense and last year they were a more veteran unit. They played an extremely soft non-conf schedule and I said in last year's magazine that it would not surprise me to see the Gophers start at 5-2 or even 6-1 but the 2H of the season would be tough. The Gophers started last year at 7-1 which was their best start since 1967 and they were #19 in the coaches poll. They would lose their final four Big 10 games by a combined 169-79. They managed to gain some confidence for the upcoming year by upsetting Arkansas in the Music City Bowl, the team's first bowl win in 17 years. Mason said that this year's team is stronger and faster than any of his other six editions here and they should once again get off to a great start with an extremely soft non-conf slate. This year's team should be better equipped to handle tougher games once the Big 10 season rolls around. Last year's team had just one senior on defense and this year they lose just 4 lettermen from that side of the ball with 9 starters back. The offense should be extremely potent with 3 top-notch RB's, a solid O-line and receiving corps and a veteran senior QB. Eight wins has been the top total in the Mason era and I will call for this year's team to not only get back to a 4th bowl in five years but possibly top last year's 8 win total as they avoid both Ohio St and Purdue.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB ASAD ABDUL-KHALIQ SR. 6-1 215 PS#71. 4 sts in '00, 8 sts in '01. 2069 yds (56%) 19-10 ratio, 608 rush, 2Y. 12 sts LY, 2190 yds (52%), 19-11 ratio. 460 rush. Benji Kamrath (6-2 225 Sr).

RB MARION BARBER SO. 5-11 210 PS#115RB. 2 sts in '01, 742 yds (6.3), 353 plays. RS in '02. **Terry Jackson** (5-11 190 Jr) 9 sts LY, 1317 yds (5.5), 7 rec (4.3). HM B10.

FB Thomas Tapeh Sr. 6-1 230 **PS#7**. 4 sts in 2000 & '01, 482 yds (4.4). 4 sts LY, 906 yds (5.0), 563 plays. Chad Redmann (6-3 245 Jr) PS#61TE. 177 plays at TE in '02.

WR AARON HOSACK SR. 6-5 210 PS#189JC. 11 sts here LY, 29 rec (**22.4**). Tony Patterson (6-2 205 Sr) PS#74QB, 3 sts, 46 rec (12.7) 3Y, Keith Matthews (6-2 205 Jr) 6 rec LY.

WR Paris Hamilton Jr. 6-1 190 **PS#23JC, 4.37 spd**. Jared Ellerson (6-1 195 So) PS#177, 1 st, 9 rec LY. Pierre Jackson (5-11 165 rFr) PS#117. Jakari Wallace (5-8 165 So) PS#271.

TE BEN UTECHT SR. 6-6 250 PS#48WR. 6 starts, 8 rec as rFr. 11 sts, **2nd Tm B10** in 2001, 20 rec. 11 sts, 37 rec (13.0) inj'd LY. Matt Spaeth (6-6 265 rFr) PS#48.

C GREG ESLINGER SO. 6-3 280 PS#187OL. 13 sts as **true**, 927 plays, added 30 lbs. Tyson Swaggert (6-4 265 rFr) inj'd LY. Mark McElroy (6-5 275 Jr) **PS#95OL**.

RG JOSEPH QUINN SR. 6-4 285 1 gm as rFr. 1 st, 10 gms in '01, 115 plays. 13 sts, 991 plays in '02. Brandon Harston (6-2 325 Jr) PS#153. 27 tkls, 452 plays, DT L/2Y.

LG MARK SETTERSTROM SO. 6-3 290 PS#130OL. 13 sts at LG as **true**, 925 plays. Trevor McCulloch (6-4 330 So) PS#155OL. Brian Goblirsch (6-2 290 rFr) PS#509.

RT Mike Nicholson So. 6-5 290 PS#135OL. 2nd string but RS as true. 138 plays, backup C in 2002. Joe Ainslie (6-7 300 rFr) PS#117OL. Lance Sannes (6-7 295 So).

LT Rian Melander Jr. 6-6 275 **PS#83**. Inj'd as rFr. 3 sts in '02 incl L/2, 13 games, 482 plays, +20 lbs. Matt McIntosh (6-8 305 Sr) **PS#46**, 79 plays. Brian Moss (6-6 265 rFr) PS#120DL.

K Rhys Lloyd Jr. 6-6 260 PS#153JC. Good size & in for fall. Ryan Duffy handled KO's as true. #1 K in spring. Tom Mollner (6-1 215 rFr). Paul Connaker (6-2 210 rFr).

DE PAUL NIXON SR. 6-1 240 1 st, 13 tkls in '01, speed. 9 sts, 35 tkls, 6 sks, 632 plays, +20 lbs. Keith Lipka (6-3 250 So) **PS#41** in '01. 13 sks at JC LY. Eric Clark (6-3 235) PS#232.

DT DAN KWAPINSKI SR. 6-5 270 PS#258. 11 sts, 23 tkls in '01. 12 sts LY (ACL), 25 tkls, 2 tfl. Scott Stephenson (6-3 285 So) PS#151. 2 sts, 161 plays LY. Eric Stenzel (6-4 265 Jr) PS#59.

DT ANTHONY MONTGOMERY SO. 6-5 315 PS#33TE. Not elig 'til Wk 5 as **true**, 1 st, 14 tkls, 2 tfl. **Darrell Reid** (6-2 265 Jr) 11 sts as rFr, 28 tkls. 12 sts LY, 43 tkls, 8 tfl. Neel Allen (6-3 285 Fr) PS#156.

DE MARK LOSLI SO. 6-6 275 PS#99. L/10 sts as rFr, 37 tkls, 6 sks, 1 tfl, 652 plays. Charlton Keith (6-4 219 So) 5 sts, 7 sks LY but susp & ?. Maurice Buchanan PS#99 LY.

WLB TERRANCE CAMPBELL SO. 6-2 200 "Stick." 185 lbs LY. 6 sts as rFr, 67 tkls. 2 sks, 5 tfl, 642 plays. Mario Reese (6-2 220 rFr) PS#289WR. Eric Washington (6-0 210 rFr) PS#93LB.

SLB BEN WEST SR. 6-2 240 1 st as rFr, 20 tkls. 13 sts LY, 103 tkls, 7 tfl, 852 plays. Dominique Sims (6-1 230 Jr) **PS#5DB**. 1 st, 44 tkls in '01, #1 in spg. Brian Smith PS#186JC in for spg.

DLB Phil Archer Sr. 6-1 245 PS#63. 10 sts in '01, #5 in B10 w/ 113 tkls, 3 tfl, 791 plays. 1 st LY, 283 plays, 37 tkls, 5 tfl. Kyle McKenzie (6-1 230 So) 2 sts, 17 tkls, 1 tfl, 360 plays LY.

CB JUSTIN ISOM SR. 5-8 185 5 sts in '01, 58 tkls, 4 pbu. 13 sts LY, 68 tkls, 3 int, 8 pbu, 1001 plays. Ken Williams (6-0 165 So) 5 sts as rFr, 34 tkls, 1 tfl, 5 pbu, 4.4 spd, 652 plays.

CB UKEE DOZIER JR. 6-1 180 7 sts in '01, 31 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu, 3 tfl, 599 plays. 12 sts LY, 39 tkls, 5 pbu. Trumaine Banks (5-10 190 rFr) PS#125. Byron Williams is PS#325JC.

SS Justin Fraley Jr. 6-0 205 12 sts at CB & LB, 2Y, 89 tkls, 5 tfl. Johnathan Richmond (5-10 195 Jr). Mike Wojciechowski (5-8 185 Jr) 20 tkls, 316 plays last year.

FS ELI WARD SR. 6-0 205 PS#134. 7 sts in '01, 65 tkls, 4 pbu, 3 tfl, 459 plays. 13 sts LY, 116 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu, 1031 plays. 5.5 tfl. Quentin White (5-11 200 So) PS#164, 11 tkls as **true**.

P Pete Ross rFr. 6-0 215 Walk-on punter listed #1 in spring. Mark Rivers (6-5 200 rFr) will battle Pete Ross to replace Gruening who averaged 40.0 in 2002.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

OB	Peter Martinsen	6-4 220 PS#40
RB	Laurence Maroney	5-11 200 PS#42
WR	Paris Hamilton	6-1 200 PS#23JC
DB	Amir Pinnix	6-0 190 PS#65
RB	Maurice Alexander	5-9 185 PS#72
WR	Micah Rucker	6-6 190 PS#82
RB	Justin Valentine	6-2 215 PS#77
DB	Brandon Owens	6-2 200 PS#76
DB	Tony Brinkhaus	6-4 285 PS#112
OL	Jeff Sundsmo	6-6 275 PS#133
DB	Steve Shidell	6-5 260 PS#126
DB	Samad Cain	6-1 185 PS#101
OL	John Shevlin	6-1 205 PS#129
WR	Ernie Wheelright	6-5 210 PS#172

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MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#68

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	Win	Loss
Aug. 30	Tulsa	A						
Sep. 6	Troy St	A						
Sep. 13	at Ohio U	A						
Sep. 20	Louisiana-Lft	A						
Sep. 27	at Penn St	G						
Oct. 4	at Northwestern	G						
Oct. 11	Michigan	A						
Oct. 18	Michigan St (HC)	A						
Oct. 25	at Illinois	A						
Nov. 1	Indiana	A						
Nov. 8	Wisconsin	A						
Nov. 15	at Iowa	G						
Nov. 22								
Nov. 29								

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Golden Gophers are 4-11 ATS the last 15 vs the Buckeyes.
Minny is 5-2 ATS since 1993 when favored by 21 or more points.
Minnesota is 5-2 ATS their last 7 prior to a bye.

The Gophers are just 1-5 ATS lifetime vs the WAC.
Minnesota is 6-2 ATS their last 8 lined home openers.

Gophers are 3-0 SU & 2-1 ATS vs Independent teams.
Minnesota is 9-4 ATS vs non-conference foes since 1998.

Minny is 4-2 ATS since 1998 as an away favorite.
Gophers are 5-2 SU & ATS in their last 7 road openers.

The Gophers are 2-0 SU & ATS in this short series.
UM is 7-0 SU & 6-1 ATS since 1995 vs current SBC members.

Minny has lost 4 of their last 5 Big 10 openers both SU & ATS.
Gophers are 4-2 SU & 5-1 ATS in this "Governor's Victory Bell" series.

The visitor in this series has won 8 straight ATS.
Minnesota is 3-9 SU & 0-12 ATS in the 2nd of 2+ road tilts since 1992.

UM's only SU win in this "Little Brown Jug" gm S/'77 was at Ann Arbor in '86.
Since '91, the Gophers are 3-7 ATS losing those 10 by an avg score of 42-12.

Minny is 5-1 ATS the last 6 vs Michigan St.
Gophers are 2-7 SU & 3-6 ATS vs the Spartans at home since 1980.

Minnesota is 6-3 ATS the last 9 in this series.
UM is 1-7 SU & 2-6 ATS the last 8 away vs the Fighting Illini.

The home team is 7-2 ATS in this matchup since 1990.
The Gophers are 8-2 ATS since 1998 in the 1st of 2+ home games.

The home team is 6-2 ATS the last 8 in the series.
Minnesota is just 2-6-1 ATS when favored in this series.

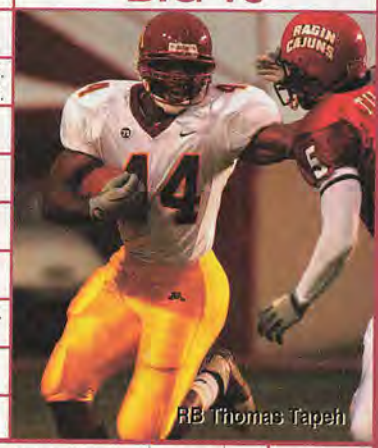
Gophers are just 1-9 ATS the last 10 battles for the "Floyd of Rosedale".
Minnesota is 2-9 ATS in road finales since 1992.

GLEN MASON (Career 93-101-1)
7th Year at Minnesota
Mason's records AT MINNESOTA

34-37	Straight Up	12-8	Home Favorite
35-30	Vs The Spread	7-8	Home Dog
21-12	Off A SU Loss	4-3	Away Favorite
24-24	Vs Conference	12-11	Away Dog
		11-6	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (8-5)
RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 7* DEFENSE: 9
LETTERMEN: Returning: 41 (18,22,1) Lost: 16 (10,4,2)
2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 41,785

BIG 10


RB Thomas Tapeh

STADIUM: HHH METRODOME (64,172)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	3-9	5-6	8-3	6-5	4-7	7-5	37-42
ATS	4-7	7-5	9-2	6-4	5-6	4-6	4-7	39-37
Home Fav	0-2	2-1	2-1	3-1	2-3	1-0	2-2	12-10
Home Dog	1-3	1-2	3-0	0-2	1-0	2-2	0-2	8-11
Away Fav	1-0	0-1	0-0	2-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	5-3
Away Dog	2-2	4-1	4-1	1-0	1-2	1-4	1-3	14-13
Favorite	1-2	2-2	2-1	5-2	3-4	1-0	3-2	17-13
Dog	3-5	5-3	7-1	1-2	2-2	3-6	1-5	22-24
Grass	2-2	3-1	3-1	2-1	2-2	1-2	2-2	15-11
Artificial	2-5	4-4	6-1	4-3	3-4	3-4	2-5	24-26
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	7-1	4-4	3-5	3-5	2-6	26-30
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-2	2-1	2-0	2-1	1-1	2-1	13-7
Off SU Win	2-2	1-2	3-1	3-3	2-3	0-2	3-4	14-17
Off SU Loss	1-5	6-2	6-0	2-1	2-3	4-3	1-3	22-17

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Terry Jackson II	239	1367	50	1317	6	5.5
Thomas Tapeh	181	931	25	906	8	5.0
Asad Abdul-Khaliq	86	460	138	322	5	3.7
Marion Barber III	19	82	13	69	0	3.6
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Asad Abdul-Khaliq	315	165	52.4	2190	19	11
Benji Kamrath	13	8	61.5	122	2	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Aaron Hosack	29	649	22.4	3	67	
Antoine Burns	44	526	12.0	4	49	
Ben Utecht	37	480	13.0	6	75	
Tony Patterson	20	274	13.7	2	42	
Jared Ellerson	9	113	12.6	2	26	
Scooter Baugus	8	102	12.8	1	58	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Preston Gruening	57	2282	40.0	61	33.5	3	13
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Dan Nystrom	42-42	12-12	5-6	3-3	0-0	20-21	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Eli Ward	116	0.5	5	7	2
Ben West	103	1	6	3	0
Justin Isom	68	0	4	8	3
Terrance Campbell	67	2	5	0	0
Bradley Vance	44	3.5	3	2	0
Darrell Reid	43	2	6	0	0
Justin Fraley	42	0	3	1	0
Ukee Dozier	39	0	2	5	0
Mark Losli	37	6	1	2	0
Phil Archer	37	0	5	1	0
Paul Nixon	35	6	2	0	0
Ken Williams	34	0	1	5	0
Charlton Keith	33	7	0	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Danny Upchurch	40	287	7.2	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jermaine Mays	18	352	19.6	0	
Antoine Burns	12	244	20.3	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
85	Independence	+4	Clemson	20-13	W
86	Liberty	+5'	Tennessee	14-21	L
99	Sun	-3'	Oregon	20-24	L
00	MicronPC	-3'	NC State	30-38	L
02	Music City	+7'	Arkansas	29-14	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MINNESOTA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	28.9	21	210	4.7	183	52.3	13.6	0	2002	8	24.5	19	177	4.3	179	55.3	14.5
7*	28.0	21	217	5.1	205	54.7	15.1	+2	2001	3	27.2	23	202	4.6	223	59.1	15.6
5	31.3	21	197	4.4	232	57.4	13.7	+2	2000	8	26.5	20	166	4.1	203	52.3	13.9
11*	30.7	19	226	4.9	183	52.7	13.4	-2	1999	7	16.3	18	141	3.4	179	46.7	19.6
7	20.8	17	141	3.6	171	45.9	15.0	-1	1998	7	22.6	19	104	2.6	245	54.3	15.4
7*	19.8	14	131	3.1	158	53.4	14.5	-1	1997	6	27.8	18	134	3.3	234	56.4	13.2

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE							
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
SW Texas St	20	40-202	5.1	8-11	193	0	10	44-75	1.7	8-16	54	4	0
at Louisiana-Lft	22	44-212	4.8	18-27	246	2	7	25-35	1.4	12-27	98	1	+2
Toledo	18	43-263	6.1	10-16	110	0	22	39-233	6.0	23-31	195	0	+1
Buffalo	26	54-299	5.5	16-26	189	3	14	28-49	1.8	20-35	190	5	0
at Purdue	17	34-83	2.4	16-48	233	2	20	46-153	3.3	19-32	190	2	+1
Illinois	25	56-302	5.4	15-30	144	1	20	33-104	3.2	25-51	339	3	+1
Northwestern	26	70-418	6.0	6-9	101	1	28	39-306	7.8	21-35	216	0	-1
at Michigan St	23	60-390	6.5	7-14	147	1	15	26-51	2.0	17-29	229	4	0
at Ohio St	7	36-53	1.5	10-20	59	4	16	51-178	3.5	10-16	144	5	+1
Michigan	23	36-127	3.5	18-37	209	1	22	48-253	5.3	15-26	225	1	-2
Iowa	19	32-80	2.5	18-30	205	3	27	56-365	6.5	9-17	100	0	-6
at Wisconsin	20	36-130	3.6	15-33	282	0	29	68-416	6.1	6-12	134	0	-1
† Arkansas	21	45-168	3.7	17-32	266	0	19	31-80	2.6	18-40	208	3	+4
TOTALS	267	586-2727	4.7	174-333	2384	18	249	534-2298	4.3	203-367	2322	28	0
AVERAGES	20.5	45-210	4.7	13-26	183	1.4	19.2	41-177	4.3	16-28	179	2.4	0.0

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-27'	17-14	L
at Houston	+3	14-7	W
Memphis	-3'	41-14	W
at Purdue	+9'	21-56	L
Penn St	+17	17-27	W
at Ohio St	+38	15-45	W
Michigan St	+7'	19-18	W
Michigan	+12'	10-15	W
at Wisconsin	+21'	7-26	W
at Indiana	+3	19-20	W
Iowa	-7	49-7	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio U	-22	33-7	W
UL Monroe	-27	35-0	W
Illinois St	NL	55-7	–
at Northwestern	-6'	33-14	W
Wisconsin	+2'	17-20 OT	L
at Illinois	-1	37-7	W
Ohio St	-3'	17-20	L
Purdue	+3	28-33	L
at Penn St	+14	24-23	W
Indiana	-14	44-20	W
at Iowa	-20	25-21	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UL Monroe	-27	47-10	W
Ohio U	-20	17-23	L
at Baylor	-8	34-9	W
at Purdue	+13	24-38	L
Illinois	+1	44-10	W
Penn St	-7	25-16	W
at Ohio St	+13	29-17	W
at Indiana	-7	43-51	L
Northwestern	-5	35-41	L
at Wisconsin	+5	20-41	L
Iowa	-14	27-24	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Toledo	+5	7-38	L
Louisiana-Lft	-24'	44-14	W
Purdue	+4	28-35 OT	L
at Illinois	+10	14-25	L
at Northwestern	+12'	17-23	W
Michigan St	+2'	28-19	W
Murray St	NL	66-10	–
Ohio St	+2	28-31	L
at Michigan	+15'	10-31	L
at Iowa	+12'	24-42	L
Wisconsin	+3	42-31	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Texas St	NL	42-0	–
at Louisiana-Lft	-13	35-11	W
Toledo	-7	31-21	W
Buffalo	-31	41-17	L
at Purdue	+3	15-28	L
Illinois	-3'	31-10	W
Northwestern	-16'	45-42	L
at Michigan St	+4'	28-7	W
at Ohio St	+13'	3-34	L
Michigan	+6'	24-41	L
Iowa	+11'	21-45	L
at Wisconsin	+7'	31-49	L

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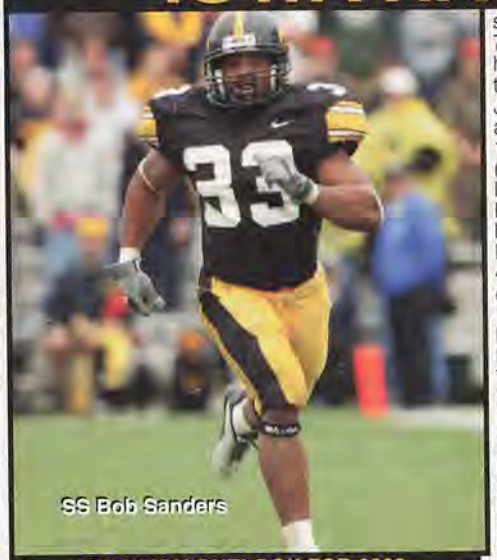
SS Bob Sanders

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Brad Banks saw action in ten games as the backup in 2001 throwing for 582 yards (60.3%) with a 4-2 ratio while rushing for 81. He was #3 in the Big 10 in pass efficiency and was a fan favorite. Last year the starting job was his and he responded with a phenomenal season. He simply led the NCAA and set a school record in pass efficiency and his total of five interceptions for the year was a record low for the team. His mobility really set him apart from the long line of pocket passers UI has had recently as he rushed for 519 gross yards, the most by a Hawks QB since 1976. Banks had two key fumbles against Iowa St which allowed the Cyclones to come back and hit just 15 of 36 in the bowl game but was the key factor in the Hawkeyes' 11 wins and was a Heisman finalist. Nathan Chandler (6-7 250 Sr) is a completely different type of QB. He was PS#26JC and threw for 2,455 yards (65%) with a 26-8 ratio while rushing for 400 at JUCO in 2001. Last year he played in five games throwing for 161 yards (60%) with a 1-0 ratio. He is a big pocket passer but can throw well on the run. Jason Manson (PS#50) is more of a Banks-type QB. He threw for 7,200 yards with an 89-5 career ratio in HS while rushing for 800 yards and 12 TD's as a senior. Matt Bohnet adds depth (PS#100) and Cy Phillips (6-6 231 rFr) was PS#64. This year they add two top-notch true frosh. I expect Chandler to win the starting job, but it will be extremely difficult for anyone to replicate Banks' outstanding numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Ladell Betts became the first ever Hawkeye to lead the team in rushing for four straight years including back- to-back 1,000 yard seasons in 2000 and 2001. Last year they had to replace Betts and the leading returner, Aaron Greving had 333 yards (5.6) in 2001. Greving suffered a sprained ankle in late August and was hindered by the injury. He rushed for 120 yards (3.1) and ended up quitting the team after five games. Fred Russell (PS#47), who originally signed with Michigan in 1999 and spent a year at Milford Academy, had a breakout season. He rushed for 722 yards in his first five games despite being hobbled by shoulder and hand injuries. He became just the 10th Iowa back to top 1,000 yards in a season and had the 4th best rushing total in school history with 1,264 yards and an impressive 5.7 ypc. He is a nice combination of power and 4.28 speed. Jermelle Lewis (PS#15) had some fumble problems early but did well when called upon with 709 yards (5.8) in 13 games. Lewis tore his ACL this spring so his level of participation this year is questionable. Ferentz said that this year's signees, PS#14 Albert Young and PS#34 AJ Johnson should be ready to play right away. Both FB's are back and listed below. Not listed is walk-on TB Marcus Schnoor (6-1 201 So) who had 127 yards (4.4). With everyone back (provided Lewis is healthy) this year and added talent, it looks like one of the Big 10's strongest RB corps.

RECEIVERS - The Hawks had to replace three WR's last season but returned 2 of their top 3 receivers including former walk-on TE Dallas Clark. Clark blossomed in 2002 earning 1st Team AA with 43 rec's (17.3). The John Mackey Award winner opted to leave early for the NFL draft (#1DC of IND). WR CJ Jones (12 sts, 38, 12.3) also leaves. The leading receiver was Maurice Brown who had 48 grabs and a solid 20.1 ypc despite being in Ferentz's dog house at the start of the year. He set a new Iowa record with 11 TD receptions and benches 355 pounds with 4.38 speed. Ed Hinkel (PS#62) had 13 starts and was #4 with 22 catches (9.9). I list a 2 deep below and they do look weaker at the TE slot with minimal experience and zero VHT's. Keep an eye on Calvin Davis (PS#70) who set state track records in HS. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Warren Holloway (5-10 184 Jr, PS#100), Matt Melloy (6-3 200) and TE Ryan Majerus (6-3 220 rFr, PS#109LB). This group is about as experienced as it was last year but with the loss of a player like Clark, I'll call this unit a little weaker in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Kirk Ferentz was an OL coach for six years in the NFL which means this position is one of his top priorities. In his first couple of years the OL was inexperienced and shuffled often. In 2001 the unit paved the way for 4.3 ypc rushing while allowing 20 sacks. Texas Tech's DC said, "They are the most athletic OL we will face. It looks like a bunch of well built basketball players in football uniforms" prior to their bowl game. Last year all five starters returned and they were clearly one of, if not the top O-line in the country. As expected, they opened up the holes for 5.0 ypc rushing and allowed just 13 sacks. Unfortunately, the majority of last year's OL departs. Gone are C Bruce Nelson (13 sts, 3rd Tm AA, 4 yr st'r, #2DC of CAR), RG Andy Lightfoot (13 sts), LG Eric Steinbach (13 sts, 1st Tm AA, #2DC of CIN), RT David Porter (13 sts, 2nd Tm B10), top reserve OL Ben Sobieski (co-MVP offense, #5DC of BUF) and backup C Pete Traynor. Not only do most of the starters depart but OL coach Joe Philbin has moved on to the NFL. I like the overall talent and it still should be one of the better OL's in the Big 10, but clearly is less experienced than last year's outstanding NFL bound unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Hawkeyes allowed 3.2 ypc rushing while recording 24 sacks in 2001. Last year the losses were heavy on the defensive front as they had to replace three full-time starters and two backups. One of those losses, DE Aaron Kampman, who was an NFL DC, led the Big 10 in sacks. The lone returnee up front was DT Colin Cole and he was a dominating force in the middle with 85 tackles, 9 sacks and 9 tfl earning 1st Tm Big 10 honors. He is a big loss but the only other departure is backup Scott Webb (1 tkl). Starting DE Jonathan Babineaux has bulked up to 280 lbs and moves inside to make room for Matt Roth. Roth, who started just one game, actually was #2 in the Big 10 in sacks and he and Hodges are a formidable duo on the outside. I list the rest of the talented 2 deep below. Last year's inexperienced group allowed just 2.56 ypc rushing while recording 38 sacks and while Cole's presence will be missed on the inside, this year's version could be just as strong.

LINEBACKERS - The Hawks had to replace two players who combined for seven starts and were the #4 and #5 tacklers last year but basically had two starters returning. This year the top guy leaves in Fred Barr (13 sts, #1 tkl'r, 1st Tm B10) and also backups Tony Burrier (15 tkls, 2 tfl) and Mike Follett (6 tkls) who moves to TE. OLB Grant Steen tied an NCAA LB record with 3 interceptions vs Indiana and was 2nd Tm Big 10. I list a 3 deep below. This unit is about as experienced as it was heading into last year but with the loss of its top player, may be down a notch in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Hawkeyes finished #37 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and the four players who started the final five games all returned. Prior to the season starting CB Benny Sapp was dismissed so basically the team had two full-time starters returning. Despite allowing 273 ypg passing, they still ranked #21 in my pass D rankings as they allowed just 56.1% with 15 TD's and 20 int's vs the 12th toughest slate of opposing QB's. This year they must replace CB DJ Johnson (11 sts, 15 pbu, co-MVP def), FS Derek Pagel (13 sts, 90 tkls, 4 int, 2nd Tm B10, #5DC of NYJ) and SS Scott Boleyn (1 st, 43 tkls, 2 int). They do return their star in SS Bob Sanders who is one of the hardest hitters in the NCAA and has been 1st Tm Big 10 in each of the last two seasons. Despite his presence, I think this group overachieved last year and will probably take a step or two back in 2003.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The special teams had an amazing season and were a big part of the stretch in which Iowa was outfirstdowned 102-66 in their first four Big 10 games and yet managed to win all four. The unit had five TD's including two off of blocked punts. Punter David Bradley showed remarkable improvement going from a net of 32.6 in 2001 to 37.0. When including FG's in the ratings, Iowa finished #2 last year. Nate Kaeding won the Lou Groza Award hitting 21 of 24 FG's with a long of 55 setting the school records for consecutive FG's (14) and points by a kicker. Iowa led the Big 10 in KR defense (15.8). The team does lose super KR CJ Jones (26.6) but Jermelle Lewis had a 25.7 average including a TD. Top PR Ed Hinkel (12.0) also returns. While I can't see them duplicating last year's tremendous season, this is a group that clearly will contend for #1 special teams honors.

COACHES - Kirk Ferentz enters his fifth year and simply guided the team to its first Big 10 Title since 1990 and most wins in school history. Ferentz was the OL coach with the Cleveland/ Baltimore NFL franchise from 1993-'98 and had been the head coach at Maine from 1990-'92. He was the AP Coach of the Year. His OC is Ken O'Keefe who enters his fifth year in that position. He was the head coach at Fordham in 1998 and at Allegheny from 1990-'97. DC Norm Parker enters his fifth year. Parker was named the SEC DC of the Year in '97 while at Vandy. DL coach Ron Aiken was named the 2002 AFCA Div I Assistant Coach of the Year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Iowa had a tremendous season sharing the Big 10 Title and getting to the Orange Bowl. Their final ranking of #8 was the highest they have finished a season since 1960. The Hawkeyes were just 8-31 in a 39 game stretch until their final 3 games of the 2000 season but since then have gone an outstanding 20-8. In 2001 the team was a consensus 10th place pick in the Big 10 but I had them ranked 7th. They ended up actually tying for 4th with a 4-4 record and outgained Big 10 opponents by 51.1 ypg, the 3rd best in the league. Every year after I write the magazine I go through the individual games for the upcoming season during the months of May and June and predict a favorite or underdog in each contest. Even though I called for Iowa to finish in the middle of the pack in the Big 10 last year, when doing the individual games, I had them favored vs 10 of their 12 opponents prior to the season. After a tough early loss to Iowa St (a game in which they led 24-7) they finished the regular season 11-1 (were +15 in turnovers) just three years after a 1-10 finish in 1999. Interestingly, in Iowa's first four Big 10 games they were outfirstdowned by a 102-66 margin but came up with victories in each. They dominated the second half of their Big 10 schedule outgaining their opponents by 194 ypg. This year Iowa has just 11 starters back which is tied with Penn St for the fewest in the league and they must replace AP POY QB Brad Banks as well as four fifths of its outstanding O-line and two of their top three receivers. The defense should still be solid with 7 starters back. Unfortunately the Big 10 schedule maker did them no favors as the two teams they avoid in league play are Indiana and Northwestern (last year they avoided Ohio St and Illinois). Due to the tougher schedule and graduation losses, I look for Iowa to drop in the Big 10 standings.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Nathan Chandler Sr. 6-7 250 PS#26JC. 2455 (65%) 26-8 ratio @JC in '01. 161 yds LY. Jason Manson (6-1 185 rFr) PS#50. Matt Bohnet (6-3 222 So) PS#100. Cy Phillips PS#64LY.

RB FRED RUSSELL JR. 5-8 190 PS#47. 4.28 spd. 11 sts, 1264 yds (5.7), **1st Tm B10. Jermelle Lewis** (5-11 212 Jr) **PS#15**, 709 yds (5.8). Torn ACL in spg. Albert Young is **PS#14.**

FB EDGAR CERVANTAS SR. 6-3 243 4 tkls at LB in 2000. 20 yds, 10 gms in '01. 13 sts LY. 134 yds (4.8) solid blk'r. Aaron Mickens (5-10 235 Jr) 7 games. Kevin Sherlock (5-11 240 So) 8 yds.

WR ED HINKEL SO. 6-1 183 PS#62. 13 sts as rFr, 22 rec (9.9), 27 PR (12.0). Clint Solomon (6-4 190 So) PS#264QB, 14 rec (11.4) as **true**. David Vickers (6-2 185 rFr) PS#91.

WR Maurice Brown Sr. 6-2 216 355 bench. **4.38 spd!** #1 LY w/48 rec, #4 in NCAA w/20.1 ypc. Calvin Davis (6-1 187 rFr) PS#70. Ramon Ochoa (5-10 189 Sr) 5 rec (12.8).

TE Erik Jensen Sr. 6-3 259 PS#73RB. 2 sts, 27 gms, 8 rec, 3Y. Tony Jackson (6-3 270 Jr) 2 rec as rFr. Mike Follett (6-5 245 So) PS#66QB. Ben Gates (6-6 248 So) PS#31.

C Eric Rothwell Sr. 6-3 290 PS#158. 8 gms, 2Y, 2nd string LY. Ben Cronin (6-5 285 So) **PS#52**. Brian Ferentz (6-2 275 So) PS#129. Mike Elgin (6-4 257 rFr) PS#224LB.

RG Chris Felder rFr. 6-7 310 **PS#150L**. Added 20 lbs in RS year. Peter McMahon (6-7 323 Jr). 12 games in '02, 2 letters, RG/RT in spring. **Mike Jones** is **PS#2.**

LG David Walker So. 6-2 311 PS#83DL. 500 bench. Auburn transfer. Kory Borchers (6-6 290 Sr) PS#63DL. 2nd string as rFr. L/3 sts in '01. 2nd string LY. 12 games.

RT Sam Aiello Sr. 6-5 305 **PS#31. 5 sts** as rFr (miss 4 w/inj). First 4 sts in '01 until neck inj. 2nd string LY in 6 gms. Susp'd in spg. **Blake Larsen** (6-7 310 So) **PS#3** in '01.

LT ROBERT GALLERY SR. 6-7 317 PS#51TE. 10 sts as rFr (4 at TE, 6 at RT). 12 sts T in '01. 13 sts LY, **1st Tm Big 10**, passed up NFL. CJ Barkema (6-8 290 So) PS#74WR.

K NATE KAEDING SR. 6-0 177 PS#16. 14 of 22 FG's as true L/49. 12 of 16 in '01 L/47. **Lou Groza Award winner LY**. 21 of 24 L/55. 3 of 3 from 50+. Kyle Schlicher (5-9 180 rFr) PS#7.

DE Matt Roth Jr. 6-4 258 **PS#25LB**. 19 tkls as true. **#2 in Big 10 in sacks** LY w/10, 1 st, 48 tkls. Derreck Robinson (6-5 282 Jr) PS#69. 6 tkls LY. Tyler Luebke (6-1 285 Jr).

DT JONATHAN BABINEAUX JR. 6-2 280 3 sts at FB in 2000. 12 sts at DE in '02, 53 tkls, 7 sks. Fabian Dodd (6-3 297 So) PS#80DL. 4 tkls as rFr. Matt Neubauer (6-6 254 So) PS#93LB.

DT JARED CLAUSS SR. 6-5 280 PS#144DL. 28 tkls, 6 tfl in '01. 13 sts LY, 59 tkls, 6 sks, 5 tfl, HM B10. Jory Helms (6-2 280 Sr) PS#231LB. Steve Burch (6-2 277 rFr) PS#201LB.

DE HOWARD HODGES SR. 6-2 255 27 tkls in 2000 & '01. 13 sts LY, **1st Tm B10**, 62 tkls, 9 sks, 2 tfl. Richard Kittrell is **PS#32**. Strongest recruit. Eric Zilisch (6-5 250 rFr) PS#69DL.

OLB GRANT STEEN SR. 6-3 242 12 sts in '01, 67 tkls, 4 tfl. 13 sts LY, **2nd Tm B10** 57 tkls, 5 tfl, 3 int. Jermire Roberts (6-2 222 Sr) PS#83JC, 12 tkls. George Lewis (6-2 236 Jr).

MLB KEVIN WORTHY SR. 6-2 235 PS#200, 25 tkls as true. 27 tkls in '01. 13 sts, 84 tkls, 2 sks LY. Abdul Hodge (6-2 232 So) PS#51WR. 38 tkls, 400 bench. Tom Busch is **PS#46.**

ILB Chad Greenway So. 6-4 240 PS#48QB. Rec'd from inj w/15 tkls LY. Edmond Miles (6-1 217 rFr) PS#60LB. 400 bench. Mike Klinkenborg is **PS#44**. Tom Revak (6-3 235 Jr) PS#231.

CB Jovon Johnson So. 5-9 172 2 sts as **true**, 31 tkls, 4 int, 2 pbu, 4.41 spd. Adolphus Shelton (5-10 184 So) PS#194, 3 tkls, 1 int as rFr. Miquel Merrick (6-0 190 rFr) PS#115.

CB ANTWAN ALLEN SO. 5-10 173 PS#121. 13 sts as rFr, 60 tkls, 2 int, 9 pbu, top cover CB here. Richey Williams (5-10 172 rFr). Chigozie Ejiasi (6-0 200 Jr) 24 tkls in 2 years.

SS BOB SANDERS SR. 5-8 202 · 52 tkls, 3 tfl as true. Hard hitter. **1st Tm B10** 2Y. 11 sts, 122 tkls, 4 int, 12 pbu in '01, 12 sts, 102 tkls, 2 int, 12 pbu. Marcus Paschal (6-0 192 rFr) PS#215QB.

FS Sean Considine Jr. 6-0 202 17 tkls as rFr. 26 tkls, 1 pbu LY. Chris Smith (5-11 195 Sr) 1 st in 2000, 2 sts in 2001, 42 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu, 3Y. Brian Kline (6-0 200 rFr) PS#267.

P DAVID BRADLEY JR. 6-2 205 PS#147QB, 3300 yds pass in 2Y at HS. 41 punts as rFr with 36.7 avg & net of 32.6. 53 punts LY, 39.5 avg & improved net to a super 37.0.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

OL	Mike Jones 6-5 306 PS#2
RB	Albert Young 5-10 205 PS#14
QB	Drew Tate 6-0 170 PS#18
DL	Richard Kittrell 6-5 285 PS#32
RB	AJ Johnson 6-0 220 PS#34
WR	James Townsend 6-1 185 PS#41
LB	Mike Klinkenborg 6-2 230 PS#44
LB	Tom Busch 5-11 230 PS#46
DL	Jonathan Zanders 6-2 185 PS#103
WR	Champ Davis 6-2 208 PS#76
DL	Bryan Mattison 6-3 240 PS#111
QB	Eric McCollom 6-0 175 PS#81
OL	Clint Huntrods 6-6 255 PS#136
WR	Herb Grigsby 6-0 164 PS#115
DL	George Esharetun 6-3 290 PS#155
DL	Alex Willcox 6-2 265 PS#172
LB	Mike Humpal 6-2 210 PS#148
WR	Scott Chandler 6-7 210 PS#150
DL	Kenny Iwebema 6-4 220 PS#221

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#15

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UI	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	Miami, Oh	G					
Sep. 6	Buffalo	G					
Sep. 13	at Iowa St	G					
Sep. 20	Arizona St	G					
Sep. 27	at Michigan St	G					
Oct. 4	Michigan (HC)	G					
Oct. 11							
Oct. 18	at Ohio St	G					
Oct. 25	Penn St	G					
Nov. 1	Illinois	G					
Nov. 8	at Purdue	G					
Nov. 15	Minnesota	G					
Nov. 22	at Wisconsin	A					
Nov. 29							

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

UI is 15-6-1 ATS the last 6 years as a home favorite.
Iowa is 4-1 SU & ATS the last 5 vs Northwestern.
Hawkeyes are 5-2 ATS the last 7 vs Indiana.

Hawkeyes are 6-1 SU & 5-2 ATS vs the MAC since 1998.
Iowa is 8-2 SU in home openers the last 10 & 2-0 SU & ATS the last 2.

Hawkeyes are 9-0 ATS as a double digit favorite under Ferentz.
The Hawkeyes are 11-5-1 ATS in their 2nd of B2B home gms since '93.

UI is 15-5 SU & 12-8 ATS the L/20 vs ISU but is 0-5 SU & ATS the L/5.
Iowa is 3-6 ATS the last 9 road openers.

IU us 1-3 SU & 0-4 ATS the L/4 meetings vs Pac 10 teams since 1989.
May apply: Iowa is 10-4 ATS their last 14 games off a SU loss.

UI is 12-6-1 SU & 13-6 ATS vs MSU L/19, including 8-2 ATS on the road.
Iowa is 9-3 ATS the last 3 years in Big 10 road games.

Iowa is 4-11-1 SU but 11-4-1 ATS vs Michigan the last 16.
Hawkeyes are 2-9 ATS their last 11 Homecoming games.

Hawkeyes are 3-13-1 SU & 4-13 ATS vs OSU since 1980.
Iowa is 1-5 ATS their last 6 games after a bye.

The Hawkeyes are 4-1 SU & ATS vs Penn St the last 5.
Iowa has outrushed Penn St by an avg of 157-44 ypg the last 2.

UI is 7-11-1 ATS vs Illinois since 1980 & are 4-7-1 ATS as a favorite.
Iowa is a solid 15-5 SU & ATS at home in November the last 20.

UI is 9-3-1 SU & 8-5 ATS the L/13 vs PU, but 1-2 SU & 0-3 ATS the L/3.
The favorite is 10-5 ATS the last 15 in this series.

Hawkeyes are 7-3 SU & 9-1 ATS vs Minny the last 10 series meetings.
UI is 17-4-1 SU & 16-6 ATS in home finales & 10-1 ATS the last 11.

Iowa is 2-6 ATS their last 8 trips to Madison.
The Hawkeyes are 1-5 SU & 2-4 ATS in road finales the last 6 years.

KIRK FERENTZ (Career 34-47)
5th Year at Iowa

Ferentz's records AT IOWA

22-26	Straight Up	10-4	Home Favorite
27-18-1	Vs The Spread	5-5-1	Home Dog
13-9	Off A SU Loss	3-3	Away Favorite
20-11-1	Vs Conference	9-6	Away Dog
	7-7 Vs Non-Conf		

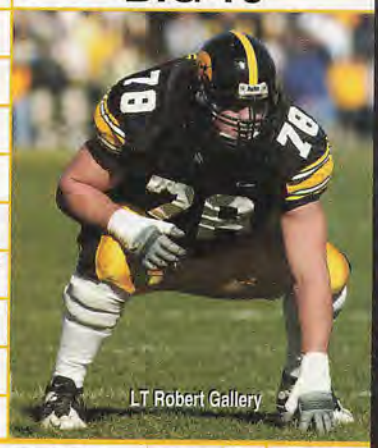
2002 RECORD: **(11-2)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (19,18,2)
Lost: 24 (15,9,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 64,643

BIG 10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STADIUM: KINNICK STADIUM (70,397)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	7-4	3-8	1-10	3-9	6-5	11-1	39-40
ATS	7-4	6-3-1	3-8	4-7	8-4	6-4-1	9-3	43-33-2
Home Fav	2-3	4-0-1	1-2	1-0	0-1	4-1	5-2	17-9-1
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	1-2	2-3	3-2	0-0-1	0-0	7-7-1
Away Fav	3-1	1-2	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	2-1	8-6
Away Dog	1-0	1-1	0-4	1-4	5-1	1-1	2-0	11-11
Favorite	5-4	5-2-1	2-2	1-0	0-1	5-3	7-3	25-15-1
Dog	2-0	1-1	1-6	3-7	8-3	1-1-1	2-0	18-18-1
Grass	4-3	6-2-1	2-7	4-5	6-3	5-3-1	8-3	35-26-2
Artificial	3-1	0-1	1-1	0-2	2-1	1-1	1-0	8-7
vs Conf	6-2	4-3-1	2-6	3-5	6-2	4-3-1	7-1	32-22-2
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-0	1-2	1-2	2-2	2-1	2-2	11-11
Off SU Win	5-2	3-2-1	1-2	0-1	2-1	2-3-1	7-3	20-14-2
Off SU Loss	2-1	3-1	1-6	4-5	5-3	3-1	1-0	19-17

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Fred Russell	**220**	**1338**	**74**	**1264**	**9**	**5.7**
Jermelle Lewis	**123**	**737**	**28**	**709**	**8**	**5.8**
Brad Banks	81	519	96	423	5	5.2
Edgar Cervantes	**28**	**136**	**2**	**134**	**1**	**4.8**
Marcus Schnoor	**29**	**132**	**5**	**127**	**1**	**4.4**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brad Banks	294	170	57.8	2573	26	5
Nathan Chandler	**20**	**12**	**60.0**	**161**	**1**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Maurice Brown	**48**	**966**	**20.1**	**11**	**65**
Dallas Clark	43	742	17.3	4	95
C.J. Jones	38	468	12.3	9	62
Ed Hinkel	**22**	**218**	**9.9**	**1**	**22**
Clinton Solomon	**14**	**159**	**11.4**	**1**	**43**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
David Bradley	**53**	**2093**	**39.5**	**54**	**37.0**	**0**	**20**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nate Kaeding	**57-58**	**7-9**	**6-6**	**5-6**	**3-3**	**21-24**	**55**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Fred Barr	114	1	9	5	0
Bob Sanders	**102**	**1**	**0**	**12**	**2**
Derek Pagel	90	0	1	6	4
Colin Cole	85	9	9	1	0
Kevin Worthy	**84**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Howard Hodges	**62**	**9**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Antwan Allen	**60**	**1**	**0**	**9**	**2**
Jared Clauss	**59**	**6**	**4**	**2**	**0**
Grant Steen	**57**	**1**	**4**	**4**	**3**
Jonathan Babineaux	**53**	**7**	**2**	**1**	**1**
Matt Roth	**48**	**10**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Scott Boleyn	43	0	1	2	2
Abdul Hodge	**38**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ed Hinkel	**27**	**325**	**12.0**	**1**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
C.J. Jones	19	506	26.6	1
Jermelle Lewis	**14**	**360**	**25.7**	**1**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Sun	+5'	Washington	38-18	W
96	Alamo	-3'	Texas Tech	27-0	W
97	Sun	-6'	Arizona St	7-17	L
01	Alamo	+1	Texas Tech	19-16	W
02	Orange	+4'	USC	17-38	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

IOWA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	37.2	21	214	5.0	210	58.0	11.4	+15	2002	5	19.7	22	82	2.6	273	56.1	18.0
8*	32.6	20	175	4.3	218	65.0	12.1	0	2001	8	21.5	18	117	3.2	208	55.2	15.1
6*	16.9	17	91	2.7	215	56.9	18.1	-3	2000	6	27.5	22	194	4.5	247	56.7	16.0
6*	14.7	16	94	3.0	207	53.7	20.4	-5	1999	4	31.5	23	245	5.0	218	56.4	14.7
4	15.6	16	81	2.2	186	50.5	17.1	-1	1998	6	26.1	19	187	4.4	212	53.4	15.3
7*	34.3	18	217	5.0	189	52.8	11.8	+8	1997	7	13.3	15	119	3.0	156	44.9	20.8

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Akron	26	45-376	8.4	12-20	217	0	23	36-67	1.9	28-38	296	3	+2
at Miami, Oh	22	40-188	4.7	18-27	256	0	25	17-14	0.8	33-51	343	4	0
Iowa St	21	42-222	5.3	12-21	178	3	22	39-85	2.2	23-37	361	1	-2
Utah St	25	49-300	6.1	17-33	218	0	15	20-21	1.1	24-41	223	1	+1
at Penn St	20	49-209	4.3	18-30	261	2	25	27-54	2.0	23-44	399	3	0
Purdue	14	37-158	4.3	14-22	226	2	30	29-97	3.3	35-59	410	1	+1
Michigan St	15	40-127	3.2	9-21	157	1	21	33-55	1.7	22-46	194	4	+4
at Indiana	17	37-168	4.5	11-16	190	0	26	45-146	3.2	21-48	335	6	0
at Michigan	22	49-177	3.6	18-29	222	0	12	20-22	1.1	17-39	149	5	+1
Wisconsin	19	37-130	3.5	17-30	275	3	14	33-78	2.4	11-30	137	3	+2
Northwestern	24	50-245	4.9	12-12	230	0	20	36-99	2.8	24-41	199	2	+2
at Minnesota	27	56-365	6.5	9-17	100	0	19	32-80	2.5	18-30	205	3	+6
† USC	18	22-119	5.4	15-36	204	2	30	49-247	5.0	21-31	303	2	-2
TOTALS	270	553-2784	5.0	182-314	2734	13	282	416-1065	2.6	300-535	3554	38	+15
AVERAGES	20.8	43-214	5.0	14-24	210	1.0	21.7	32-82	2.6	23-41	273	2.9	1.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
C Michigan	-34	38-0	W
Iowa St	-28	9-27	L
at Arizona	+12	11-35	L
at Illinois	-10	37-14	W
Michigan	+9	9-12	W
Northwestern	-10	26-24	L
at Indiana	+3	7-14	L
Wisconsin	+7	0-31	L
at Purdue	+14	14-36	L
Ohio St	+25	14-45	L
at Minnesota	+7	7-49	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nebraska	+27	7-42	L
at Iowa St	+4	10-17	L
N Illinois	-14'	24-0	W
at Michigan St	+21'	3-49	L
Penn St	+28	7-31	W
at Northwestern	+4'	21-23	W
Indiana	+2'	31-38	L
at Ohio St	+22'	11-41	L
Illinois	+6'	24-40	L
at Wisconsin	+31'	3-41	L
Minnesota	+20	21-25	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Kansas St	+29	7-27	W
W Michigan	-7'	21-27	L
Iowa St	+3	14-24	L
at Nebraska	+41'	13-42	W
at Indiana	+14	33-45	W
Michigan St	+9	21-16	W
at Illinois	+12'	0-31	L
Ohio St	+19	10-38	L
Wisconsin	+16	7-13	W
at Penn St	+17	26-23 OT	W
Northwestern	+12	27-17	W
at Minnesota	+14	24-27	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kent St	-27	51-0	W
Miami, Oh	-15	44-19	W
Penn St	-9'	24-18	L
at Purdue	+3'	14-23	L
at Michigan St	+5	28-31	W
Indiana	-9'	42-28	W
Michigan	+6	26-32	T
at Wisconsin	-1'	28-34	L
at Northwestern	-9'	59-16	W
Minnesota	-12'	42-24	W
at Iowa St	-4	14-17	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Akron	-19	57-21	W
at Miami, Oh	-5'	29-24	L
Iowa St	-3'	31-36	L
Utah St	-22	48-7	W
at Penn St	+8	42-35 OT	W
Purdue	-9	31-28	L
Michigan St	-5	44-16	W
at Indiana	-13	24-8	W
at Michigan	+3'	34-9	W
Wisconsin	-9'	20-3	W
Northwestern	-29'	62-10	W
at Minnesota	-11'	45-21	W

NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Cats had to replace Zak Kustok who was brilliant at running their spread offense and had competed 57.2% in 2001 with a 20-10 ratio. Tony Stauss (PS#12) was Kustok's backup and threw for 136 yards (60.5%) with a 1-1 ratio while rushing for 76 yards. He fought off all challengers and began 2002 as starter vs Air Force but struggled and Brett Basanez (PS#24) started the next game. There were FIVE QB changes in the game vs TCU and Alexander Webb (6-0 195 rFr, PS#91) appeared to be close to taking the starting job but suffered a lacerated liver and redshirted. Basanez ended up leading all frosh in the NCAA with 2,204 yards (58.5%) with a 7-7 ratio. He broke his fibula vs Minnesota and missed the next two games. True frosh Derell Jenkins (PS#33) was forced into the backup role and then burned his redshirt vs Indiana in one series. He got more action against Iowa showing his blazing 4.5 speed but then broke his hand and missed the season finale. There is a chance that Jenkins may redshirt this year but keep in mind he also was tried at RB in the spring. Stauss, who threw for 535 yards (61.1%) with a 2-3 ratio, is more of a drop back passer and not a perfect fit for this offense. He transferred to N Dakota St in the offseason. Joseph Ferguson (6-1 180 rFr) who was PS#59 and reported late last year due to an auto accident is also in the mix. Basanez, who was 175 lbs when he enrolled, increased his weight to 200 last year but maintained his mobility until the injury. This unit is vastly more experienced than it was heading into last season and Basanez threw for a career high 368 yards in the season finale vs Illinois despite wearing a brace on his leg and could be in for a huge sophomore season.

RUNNING BACKS - Northwestern was the only team in the Big 10 to have three different RB's top 1,000 yards in a season from 1995 to 1999. Last year the team had to replace Damien Anderson who left as the all-time leading rusher here and it was a RB by committee early (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). Noah Herron (230 lbs) was the biggest of the RB's and had four starts rushing for 365 yards (5.5). The surprise was Jason Wright (PS#168). Walker decided to make him the feature back vs Duke and he ripped off three consecutive 100 yard games and didn't slow down finishing 1,234 yards with a super 5.6 ypc and was also the star of the special teams unit. In the season finale vs Illinois he aggravated an injury on the first play but fought through it and rushed for 119 yards and was voted the team MVP. The great news for the Wildcats is that he returns as does Herron. Also in the mix at RB are Terrell Jordan (5-10 185 So), FB Gilles Lezi (6-0 245 Sr), and TB Erryn Cobb (6-1 225 rFr, PS#152). It will be tough for Wright to top last year's numbers but this unit is more experienced and should be stronger in 2003.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Cats had to replace their top WR who led the team with 807 yards as well as their starting TE and then had a projected starter, Jovan Witherspoon, quit the team prior to the year. Also VHT TE Trai Essex (PS#2) was moved to LT in August. The most dependable WR was senior Jon Schweighardt who led the team with 58 grabs (12.4). True frosh Mark Philmore earned a lot of playing time and was 3rd on the team in receptions (31, 7.9) with returning starter Kunle Patrick being #2 (49, 11.4). The unit got an upgrade in talent with the insertion of speedy Jeff Backes at WR at season's end and he had 18 rec's (7.1). The good news is that practically everyone is back with the only losses being Schweighardt and backup TE Eric Worley (2 sts, 12 rec). Also Backes and TE Joe Wohlscheid moved to different positions in the spring. An interesting switch also sees the addition of senior DE Ray Bogenrief (37 tkls, 2 tfl) to the TE spot which he last played in HS. This unit is loaded with VHT's and HT's and all now have experience so I think it should be a much improved receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 a veteran OL paved the way for 4.1 ypc rushing while allowing just 19 sacks. Last year they had to replace three starters and one backup due to graduation with three of those players being VHT's. They did return C Austin King who Walker said was by far the best C that he'd ever coached. They moved TE Trai Essex to LT in August and he started all 12 games. He was suspended for academic reasons in spring but is expected to return. Overall the unit opened holes for 4.31 ypc and while they allowed 20 sacks, a good portion of them came at the beginning of the year due to the QB's holding on to the ball too long. It was a top-notch unit. This year they must replace their top 2 OL's in C Austin King (12 sts, 4 yr st'r, #4DC of TB) and RG Jeff Roehl (12 sts, 2nd Tm B10, 3 yr st'r, PS#30) as well as RG Derek Martinez (4 sts). Also one of the players who had been expected to take King's place at C, Carl Majetka (5 sts), quit the team prior to the spring. Three players return with starting experience and the group I list below includes 5 VHT's. Walker moved TE Joe Wohlscheid, DL Jim Devine and DL Greg Lutzen into the mix which bolsters the depth. Even with the loss of their top two OL's, this unit actually has a little more experience and could come close to matching the production of last year's fine unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cats rush D was weak in both 2000 and 2001 as they gave up a combined 205 ypg and 4.5 ypc. Last year they appeared to have two starters returning to the defensive front but one quit the team prior to the year and the unit started four underclassmen. Not only were they inexperienced but also on the small side and they were overwhelmed during the year allowing 313.6 ypg rushing including 5.4 ypc and the defense as a whole recorded just 6 sacks on the year! This year the only losses are DE Onaje Grimes (41 tkls), DT Matt Anderson (4 sts, 31 tkls, 2 pbu) and DT Ben Kennedy (5 tkls). The Wildcats experimented with a 3-3-5 defense in the spring which allowed 3 DL (Bogenrief, Lutzen and Devine) to move over to the other side of the ball. This should be one of the most improved D-lines in the country this year as they are much more experienced, older and the group has added some much needed girth.

LINEBACKERS - Four times in the last eight years a Wildcat LB had led the Big 10 in tackles per game but none have come in the past three years. Doug Szymul was leading the Big 10 in tackles but was actually benched prior to the Penn St game but still ended up leading the team with 106 tackles. Last year the team had to replace two top-notch starters and then had projected starting OLB Dan Pohlman quit football to concentrate on baseball. The big loss to the defense as a whole was when its leader, Pat Durr, went down to injury in the first game so the only experienced LB at that point was soph John Pickens who had 22 tackles as a true frosh in 2001. As I chronicled in the DL, the unit had horrible numbers vs the rush as well as putting pressure on QB's and the inexperience of the front 7 was the culprit. This year the LB's are in much better shape. The only loss is Vince Cartaya (3 sts, 43 tkls) and not only do seven players (5 soph's or juniors) who started last year return, but they also get back Durr who sat out last season after recording 103 tackles and 9 tfl in 2001. This could be the most improved LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year the Cats had to replace 3 players who combined for 17 starts but had 4 players back with starting experience. With the front seven putting little pressure on opposing QB's, the Cats allowed 60.3% with a 20-8 ratio vs a light slate of opposing QB's and finished #115 in my pass D rankings. This year they do lose two productive players in CB Raheem Covington (12 sts, 4 int, 9 pbu, HM B10) and SS Mark Roush (11 sts #4 tkl'r). Six of the top 8 do return and I list a 3 deep below. CB Marvin Ward had 7 starts in 2001 and started the first two last year but was plagued by a nagging ankle problem, losing his spot. In the new defense the Cats will use 5 DB's extensively which may be a good thing as four of the team's six fastest players are DB's. RB/WR Jeff Backes, one of the team's fastest players, is a strong addition at CB and will fight for the starting job. This group doesn't have many VHT's but they do have a good amount of experience and even with the loss of their top two DB's, they can only move up in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Last year the team finished #90 in my special teams rankings (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). Prior to the season Walker talked about the great speed that the team had and how it would aide them on special teams so the -5 in the TD/Blk category was surprising as was the poor coverage on punts and KO's. I expect everything to be vastly improved this year with most of the key players back and the only question mark being who will handle the FG's. Look for NU to make a solid rise in the special teams rankings this year.

COACHES - Randy Walker returns for his fifth year as HC here. With the exception of 2000 when he was the Big 10 Coach of the Year and guided the team to an unexpected bowl bid as co-Big 10 champions, his other three seasons have all been losing ones. He comes from Miami (OH) where he had a record of 59-35-5. OC Mike Dunbar enters his second year here calling the plays and his third year overall. He has head coaching experience at both N Iowa and C Washington. DC Greg Colby is in his second year and he was the DC at Kent St from '98 through 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In the last 8 years Northwestern, Michigan and Ohio St have each captured three conference titles. The Cats are a great story as their high academic standards make recruiting tougher than the rest of the Big 10 and yet they continue to overachieve. In 2000 the Big 10 media selected NU last in the league. I went out on a limb and called them the 4th most improved team in the country and they went an amazing 8-3 during the season. In 2001 the Big 10 media overreacted picking them first in the conference. I didn't make too many Wildcats fans happy when I pegged them for 9th place in the Big 10 one year after they had benefitted from +13 in turnovers. The 2001 team was hit hard by injuries and didn't have the good fortune they did the year prior and finished just 4-7. Last year I pegged them to finish 2nd last in the Big 10 as they had some massive graduation losses with just 9 starters back. Prior to last year Walker said the Cats were actually more talented than the team that shared the Big 10 Title in 2000 and called them the fastest, quickest team that had ever been fielded at Northwestern. Last year's team went just 3-9 but their 9 losses were to teams with a combined record of 76-39 (66.1%). This year they lose just 16 lettermen and have 16 starters back. After allowing 41.1 ppg on defense, this year's stop unit should have much more bite and I like the overall athletic talent on that side of the ball. On the other side the big question mark is the O-line as the skilled players are solid including QB Basanez and RB Wright. The non-conf slate is soft and the Cats are capable of 3 or 4 victories there which means they need just 2 or 3 more in Big 10 play to avoid a losing record. Last year's Wildcat team was outgained by 114.0 ypg but will be far more competitive this year and I'll call for them to top last year's 3 win total and flirt with the .500 mark.

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OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

QB BRETT BASANEZ SO. 6-2 200 PS#24. 9 sts as rFr, 2204 yds (59%) 7-7 ratio, 235 rush. Derell Jenkins (6-1 190 So) PS#33, 49 yds rush. Alexander Webb (6-0 195 rFr) PS#91.

RB JASON WRIGHT SR. 5-10 210 PS#168. 12 starts, 1234 yds (5.6), 27 rec (9.9). Noah Herron (5-11 230 Jr) PS#72. 5 sts, 365 yds (5.5), 15 rec (12.3), 99 return yards.

WR Mark Philmore So. 5-10 175 PS#255. Fork Union. 1 st, 31 rec (7.9) as "true". Brandon Horn (6-1 210 So) PS#81, 6 rec (12.0). Shaun Herbert (6-1 180 rFr) PS#115WR.

WR ROGER JORDAN SR. 6-3 215 PS#50. 2 sts, 11 rec (10.4), inj in '01. 6 sts, 23 rec (9.0) LY. Sam Cheatham PS#44. Jonathan Fields (5-8 170 So) PS#221DB, 2 rec.

WR KUNLE PATRICK SR. 6-0 205 **PS#21**. 34 rec (10.9) as rFr. 10 sts in '01, 56 rec (12.0). 12 sts LY, 49 rec (11.4). Ashton Aikens (6-2 205 Jr) PS#52RB. 20 rec (8.9) 2 yrs.

TE RAY BOGENRIEF SR. 6-3 265 PS#92. 14 tkls, 1 sk in '01. 37 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Taylor Jones (6-3 260 So) PS#144, 1 rec as rFr. Sean Mansfield (6-3 235 So) PS#127 12 gms as **true**.

C Jim Devine rFr. 6-2 280 PS#110DL. Moved to OL in the spring. Scott Crohn (6-0 270 Jr). Weightlifting champ in high school. 1 tkl in '01. Trevor Rees is PS#156.

RG Bill Newton Jr. 6-7 310 PS#247. 2nd string LY, 1L. Joe Tripodi (6-3 280 rFr) PS#104. Fred McConnell (6-3 310 Fr) is PS#117. Greg Lutzen (6-4 270 So) PS#134. 21 tkls as rFr.

LG MATT ULRICH JR. 6-2 305 **PS#66OL**. 2nd string as rFr, 9 games. Team's strongest. 12 sts at LG in 2002 also C. Donnie Baskin (6-2 295 Jr) saw limited action in 2002.

RT Zach Strief So. 6-7 335 **PS#99OL**. 3 sts as rFr at RT including last 2. Ike Ndukwe (6-5 325 Jr) **PS#76OL**, 2nd string in '02. Vince Clarke (6-5 300 So) PS#461.

LT TRAI ESSEX JR. 6-4 280 **PS#2TE**. 3 rec (7.7), 11 gms at TE as true. 12 sts at LT LY. Joe Wohlscheid (6-7 280 So) PS#50TE. 5 sts as rFr, 3 rec (11.0). Rick McDole (6-6 320 rFr) **PS#94**.

K BRIAN HUFFMAN JR. 6-1 220 **PS#8K**. Did KO's in 2000 in 6 gms. RS in '01. 0-1 on FG's & P LY. 22 FG's, long of FG in HS 10 from 40+. Slade Larscheid (6-1 185 rFr).

DEFENSE

DE LOREN HOWARD SO. 6-4 270 **PS#33**. 12 sts as **true**, 81 tkls, 13.5 tfl, only 7% body fat, 385 bench. 1st Tm Fr AA. #6 Big 10 in tfl. Warren Anderson PS#132. 42 career sks in HS.

DT LUIS CASTILLO JR. 6-4 290 PS#69. 2 sts as true, 22 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 pbu. 8 sts LY, 84 tkls. HS Hvywt wrst champ. Barry Cofield (6-5 275 So) PS#88, 36 tkls as true. Ryan Keenan is PS#113.

DT COLBY CLARK JR. 6-2 282 PS#88. 11 sts, 55 tkls, 10 tfl, 10 QBH as rFr. 12 sts, 81 tkls, 6 tfl LY. Ron Bardwell (6-3 310 rFr) PS#378. David Ngene is PS#150OL.

DE DAVID THOMPSON SO. 6-3 255 PS#111. 12 starts as rFr, 73 tkls, 4.5 tfl, 1 int. DeMaris Wilson (6-4 265 So) 9 tkls, 6 games last year. Mark Koehn is PS#153RB.

OLB TIM McGARIGLE SO. 6-1 215 PS#204. Last 5 starts as true, 98 tkls, 1 tfl. **Doug Szymul** (6-0 220 Sr) **#1 tkl'r** w/106, 6 sts, 1 int. Adam Kadela is PS#80. Trevor Rees is PS#156.

MLB PAT DURR SR. 6-1 235 PS#103RB. 11 sts, 103 tkls, 9 tfl in '01. Inj'd LY. **John Pickens** (6-2 235 Jr) **PS#44**. 8 sts, 101 tkls, 1 sk LY. Ryan Peterson (6-2 235 Jr) 1 st, 19 tkls LY.

OLB BRADEN JONES SO. 6-2 230 PS#60. 9 sts as rFr, 76 tkls, 2 tfl. Susp over winter. Eric VanderHorst (6-2 240 So) 3 sts, 36 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Demetrius Eaton (6-2 230 rFr) PS#150RB.

CB HERSCHEL HENDERSON JR. 6-3 195 PS#353. 22 tkls as true. 9 sts in '02, 48 tkls, 4 pbu. Marquice Cole (5-9 175 So) PS#317, 3 tkls as true. Cory Dious (5-9 160 rFr) PS#412.

CB Jeff Backes So. 5-9 190 **PS#35**. 3 sts as rFr, 18 rec (7.1), 124 rush, 499 ret yds. Marvin Ward (5-11 200 Jr) PS#275. 7 sts in '01, 55 tkls, 10 pbu. 3 sts LY (inj) 49 tkls, 2 pbu.

SS Dominique Price Jr. 6-0 205 PS#333. 4 sts as true, 2 int, 45 tkls. 6 sts LY, 68 tkls, 1 tfl. Campbell Black (6-3 205 rFr) PS#229. Frederic Tarver (6-2 215 So) PS#194WR.

FS JARVIS ADAMS JR. 5-10 210 39 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu as rFr. 8 sts LY, 77 tkls, 1 int, 1.5 tfl. **Torri Stuckey** (5-11 205 Sr) PS#89RB. 2 sts, 235 yds at RB in '01. 50 tkls, 93 KR yds LY.

P BRIAN HUFFMAN JR. 6-1 220 **PS#8K**. KO's in '00, RS in 2001. 66 punts in 2002. 41.5 avg, net of 32.7, 14 inside the 20, 4 TB's. Ryan Pederson (6-3 215 So), solid leg.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

WR	Sam Cheatham 5-10 175	PS#44
LB	Adam Kadela 6-2 235	PS#80
OL	Fred McConnell 6-3 310	PS#117
DB	Deante Battle 5-10 180	PS#95
DL	Warren Anderson 6-3 250	PS#132
WR	Nick Roach 6-2 220	PS#110
OL	David Ngene 6-3 255	PS#150
OL	Trevor Rees 6-2 275	PS#156
OL	Austin Matthews 6-5 275	PS#180
RB	Mark Koehn 6-3 230	PS#153
WR	Reggie McPherson 6-1 175	PS#156
LB	Kyle Wagner 6-2 230	PS#174
OL	Trevor Schultz 6-3 265	PS#227
QB	Chris Malleo 6-3 220	PS#149

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	at Kansas	A					
Sep. 6	Air Force	G					
Sep. 13	Miami, Oh	G					
Sep. 20	at Duke	G					
Sep. 27	at Ohio St	G					
Oct. 4	Minnesota	G					
Oct. 11	at Indiana	G					
Oct. 18							
Oct. 25	Wisconsin (HC)	G					
Nov. 1	at Purdue	G					
Nov. 8	Penn St	G					
Nov. 15	Michigan	G					
Nov. 22	at Illinois	A					
Nov. 29							

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Wildcats are 7-15 ATS the last 22 vs Iowa.
Northwestern is 16-8 ATS as a home dog since 1995.
Wildcats have not been favored over Ohio St in the past 20+ years.

Northwestern is 18-7 ATS their last 25 games on artificial surfaces.
The Wildcats are 12-5 ATS the last 17 non-conference road games.

The dog is 1-4 ATS in this series since 1988.
NU is 7-14-2 SU & 7-13 ATS in their 1st home game since 1980.

Northwestern is 0-3 SU & 0-2 ATS vs Miami, Oh since 1982.
NU is just 1-4 ATS vs the MAC since 1995.

The Wildcats are 6-3 SU & ATS vs Duke since 1989.
Northwestern is 15-6 ATS their last 21 September road games.

NU is 0-19 SU & 7-11-1 vs Ohio St since 1978.
Northwestern is 10-4-1 ATS the last 15 games when a 24 pt or more dog.

The dog is 9-2 ATS the last 11 in this series.
Northwestern is 14-6 ATS as a conference home dog since 1995.

The favorite is 14-3 ATS the last 17.
The Wildcats are 3-7 SU & ATS the last 10 at Bloomington.

The home team is 10-3 ATS in this series since 1988.
Northwestern is 6-2 ATS the week after a bye since 1992.

The visitor is 9-1-1 ATS the last 11 in this series.
Northwestern is 6-10 ATS in November the last 16 games.

The home teams has covered 5 of the last 6 ATS in this series.
NU is 0-5 SU & 1-4 ATS being outscored by an avg of 38-16 vs PSU S/'96.

The Wildcats are 6-1 ATS vs Michigan since 1992.
When these 2 met in '00, 105 pts were scored w/1189 yds of total off between the 2.

The dog is 9-4 ATS in this series the last 13 games.
Northwestern is 7-2 ATS in season finales the last 9 years.

RANDY WALKER (Career 77-63-5)
5th Year at Northwestern
Walker's records AT NORTHWESTERN

18-28	Straight Up	4-6	Home Favorite
21-23-1	Vs The Spread	6-7	Home Dog
9-15-1	Off A SU Loss	2-2	Away Favorite
14-17-1	Vs Conference	9-8-1	Away Dog
		7-6	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (15,21,1)
Lost: 16 (9,6,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 28,032

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	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	5-7	3-9	3-8	8-3	4-7	3-9	35-45
ATS	5-6	7-5	6-6	4-7	8-3	3-7-1	6-6	39-40-1
Home Fav	0-4	1-2	1-2	0-1	4-0	0-4	0-1	6-14
Home Dog	1-0	4-0	2-1	2-3	1-1	0-1	3-2	13-8
Away Fav	2-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	2-1	0-0	6-4
Away Dog	2-1	1-2	2-3	2-3	3-1	1-1-1	3-3	14-14-1
Favorite	2-5	2-3	2-2	0-1	4-1	2-5	0-1	12-18
Dog	3-1	5-2	4-4	4-6	4-2	1-2-1	6-5	27-22-1
Grass	2-2	6-5	4-4	4-6	5-3	2-7-1	5-6	28-33-1
Artificial	3-4	1-0	2-2	0-1	3-0	1-0	1-0	11-7
vs Conf	4-4	6-2	3-5	2-6	6-2	1-6-1	5-3	27-28-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-3	3-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-3	12-12
Off SU Win	3-5	1-3	0-2	3-0	4-3	1-3	2-1	14-17
Off SU Loss	2-0	5-2	5-4	1-6	3-1	1-4-1	4-4	21-21-1

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jason Wright	219	1281	47	1234	12	5.6
Noah Herron	66	370	5	365	7	5.5
Jeff Backes	23	131	7	124	1	5.4
Brett Basanez	67	235	139	96	4	1.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Brett Basanez	325	190	58.5	2204	7	7
Tony Stauss	113	69	61.1	535	2	3
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jon Schweighardt	58	719	12.4	3	38	
Kunle Patrick	49	558	11.4	2	30	
Jason Wright	27	266	9.9	0	30	
Mark Philmore	31	245	7.9	0	24	
Eric Worley	12	226	18.8	1	48	
Roger Jordan	23	207	9.0	0	20	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Brian Huffman	66	2737	41.5	71	32.7	2	14
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
David Wasielewski	26-28	5-6	3-5	1-3	1-4	10-18	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Doug Szymul	106	0	0	1	1
John Pickens	101	1	0	1	0
Tim McGarigle	98	0	1	0	0
Mark Roush	93	0	1	0	0
Luis Castillo	84	0	0	2	0
Loren Howard	81	0	13	0	0
Colby Clark	81	1	5	1	0
Jarvis Adams	77	0	1	0	1
Braden Jones	76	0	2	1	0
David Thompson	73	.5	4	0	1
Dominique Price	68	0	1	0	0
Raheem Covington	50	0	3	9	4
Torri Stuckey	50	0	0	0	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kunle Patrick	19	142	7.5	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Jason Wright	18	513	28.5	1
Jeff Backes	18	472	26.2	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
48	Rose	NL	California	20-14	–
95	Rose	+3	USC	32-41	L
96	Citrus	+8'	Tennessee	28-48	L
00	Alamo	+14'	Nebraska	17-66	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NORTHWESTERN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	22.7	21	157	4.3	232	57.9	17.2	-6	2002	5	41.1	25	314	5.4	189	60.3	12.2
10*	29.1	25	186	4.1	257	57.3	15.2	-1	2001	6	34.4	25	205	4.4	263	55.4	13.6
7*	36.8	23	255	5.1	213	56.3	12.7	+13	2000	9	33.3	22	205	4.6	222	52.5	12.8
6	12.8	16	141	3.1	143	41.8	22.2	-6	1999	6	27.4	19	188	4.3	200	48.3	14.2
3	17.8	15	93	2.5	202	53.1	16.6	-3	1998	5	28.1	18	163	3.8	207	53.3	13.1
3	20.3	17	132	3.5	188	54.7	15.8	+9	1997	6	24.0	21	189	4.2	203	59.8	16.3

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
2002 STATS BY GAME													
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Air Force	12	27 - 41	1.5	19 - 36	180	2	31	74 - 476	6.4	5 - 8	47	0	-1
TCU	18	44 - 106	2.4	16 - 35	169	2	18	49 - 174	3.6	14 - 25	267	2	-6
Duke	18	39 - 185	4.7	21 - 35	245	1	20	47 - 240	5.1	13 - 28	188	0	+2
at Navy	28	51 - 285	5.6	20 - 26	260	2	30	65 - 378	5.8	15 - 25	300	0	+5
at Michigan St	24	36 - 212	5.9	19 - 43	265	2	27	48 - 276	5.8	15 - 26	263	1	0
Ohio St	18	27 - 113	4.2	24 - 45	283	0	23	56 - 285	5.1	11 - 22	170	0	+1
at Minnesota	28	39 - 306	7.8	21 - 35	216	0	26	70 - 418	6.0	6 - 9	101	1	+1
at Penn St	17	30 - 9	0.3	29 - 42	193	5	28	60 - 423	7.1	11 - 19	123	1	-1
Purdue	12	30 - 118	3.9	18 - 35	150	1	24	69 - 407	5.9	8 - 10	144	0	0
Indiana	22	39 - 240	6.2	19 - 29	256	0	20	56 - 232	4.1	13 - 21	150	1	-1
at Iowa	20	36 - 99	2.8	24 - 41	199	2	24	50 - 245	4.9	12 - 12	230	0	-2
Illinois	31	39 - 170	4.4	31 - 49	368	3	28	50 - 209	4.2	21 - 34	282	0	-4
TOTALS	248	437 - 1884	4.3	261 - 451	2784	20	299	694 - 3763	5.4	144 - 239	2265	6	-6
AVERAGES	20.7	36 - 157	4.3	22 - 38	232	1.7	24.9	58 - 314	5.4	12 - 20	189	0.5	-0.5

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UNLV	-17'	41-7	W
Duke	-12'	10-44	L
at Rice	+5'	23-14	W
at Wisconsin	+12	7-38	L
Illinois	-14	10-13	L
at Iowa	+10	24-26	W
Michigan	+14	6-12	W
Ohio St	+29	10-36	W
at Michigan St	+10	5-29	L
Purdue	+13'	21-56	L
at Penn St	+24	10-41	L
at Hawaii	-16'	47-21	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Oh	+4	3-28	L
TCU	+8	17-7	W
at Duke	+8	15-12 OT	W
at Purdue	+28	23-31	W
Minnesota	+6'	14-33	L
at Indiana	+8	17-34	L
Iowa	-4'	23-21	L
Wisconsin	+23	19-35	W
at Michigan	+23	3-37	L
Michigan St	+19	0-34	L
at Illinois	+13'	7-29	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Illinois	-8	35-17	W
Duke	-13'	38-5	W
at TCU	+11	14-41	L
at Wisconsin	+16'	47-44 2OT	W
at Michigan St	+11'	37-17	W
Indiana	-4	52-33	W
Purdue	+3'	28-41	L
at Minnesota	+5	41-35	W
Michigan	+7'	54-51	W
at Iowa	-12	17-27	L
Illinois	-7'	61-23	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UNLV	-3'	37-28	W
at Duke	-16	44-7	W
Michigan St	-7'	27-26	L
at Ohio St	+3	20-38	L
Minnesota	-12'	23-17	L
Penn St	-10	35-38	L
at Purdue	+5	27-32	T
at Indiana	-3	21-56	L
Iowa	+1	16-59	L
Bowling Green	-6	42-43	L
at Illinois	+18'	28-34	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Air Force	+1/E	3-52	L
TCU	+6	24-48	L
Duke	-6	26-21	L
at Navy	+3	49-40	W
at Michigan St	+24'	24-39	W
Ohio St	+25	16-27	W
at Minnesota	+16'	42-45	W
at Penn St	+25'	0-49	L
Purdue	+13'	13-42	L
Indiana	+2'	41-37	W
at Iowa	+29'	10-62	L
Illinois	+14	24-31	W

MICHIGAN ST SPARTANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Jeff Smoker (PS#3) had six starts as a true frosh in 2000 throwing for 1,365 yards (52.3%) with a 6-7 ratio. In 2001 he had eleven starts throwing for 2,579 yards (63.4%) with a 21-8 ratio and was #1 in the Big 10 in pass efficiency. He earned the nickname "Buddy Lee" during the season as he took many hits with the O-line underperforming. Much was expected of him in 2002. He got off to a decent start and after five games had twelve TD passes, tops in the Big 10. However, he was benched in the 3Q vs Iowa and then was suspended after the Minnesota game and would not play the rest of the year. He threw for 1,593 yards (56.2%) with a 13-10 ratio. He is currently the #3 all-time leading passer here and is trying to work his way back from suspension. Damon Dowdell (PS#72) started the last five games. Dowdell threw for 1,097 yards (55.8%) with a nice 10-4 ratio while rushing for 108 gross yards. Aaron Alexander (6-5 196 So) was PS#20. He broke a bone in his foot in August and missed the first part of the season. He played in four games but hit just 1 of 7 passes for 44 yards. He was moved to WR in spring to get on the field. It would not surprise me to see Drew Stanton (6-3 225 rFr, PS#16) earn the starting job as Smith is very high on him and compares him to Dave Ragone. Coaches like their own recruits and true frosh Stephen Reaves ran the same offense in HS and will also contend. Everyone is now back and last year's QB production was way below expectations so I look for solid improvement.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year MSU had to replace their leading rusher, TJ Duckett, who rushed for 1,420 yards (5.4) in 2001. I projected David Richard, a true freshman (PS#10LB) as the starter. Surprisingly Bobby Williams stuck with former FB Dawan Moss who moved to TB in the spring. Granted, Moss did some tremendous off season work, lowering his weight from 250 to 228, improving his speed to 4.56 and bench to 450. Moss gained 327 yards on just 38 attempts against the NCAA's two worst run defenses in E Michigan and Northwestern for a super 8.6 ypc. Versus the rest of the opponents he faced, he had just 265 yards on 87 carries and a poor 3.04. It was obvious every time Richard came in a game that he was the superior back. It wasn't until Moss was suspended from the team following the Michigan game that Richard earned the starting role and he had 136 yards vs Indiana and ended up leading the team with 654 (4.9). His team leading total was the lowest since 1986. In the season finale Jaren Hayes (PS#30), a smaller back but the fastest here (4.32 spd), rushed for 113 yards against Penn St. Not only is Moss gone, but Richard opted to transfer to Missouri. It would not surprise me to see Tyrell Dortch (PS#4) earn the starting job. Dortch rushed for 210 yards as a true frosh in 2000 but was forced to move to the secondary due to injuries in 2001 and suffered a severely broken leg. He spent last year recovering and has a good combination of size and speed. He will battle Hayes and this year's top signees for the top spot. Not listed below is Jerramy Scott (5-10 185 rFr, PS#71WR), Jason Teague (5-9 185 So), true frosh Jehuu Caulcrick who could play right away and Sylvester "Bobo" Brown. Brown rushed for 1,257 yards at Milford Academy in 2001 and 1,370 yards last year with 33 TD's and should be a factor. Last year's rushing stats were not tremendous but with the loss of the unit's top two, they will probably only equal those numbers.

RECEIVERS - In 2001 I projected Charles Rogers (#1DC of DET) on my 1st Team Big 10 despite the fact that he had not taken a snap in his college career. Rogers at 6-4 200 with 4.25 speed did not disappoint me setting a school record for yards receiving in a season with 1,470 (21.9) and an all-time bowl record with 270 yards receiving. In 2000 the Spartans' top three receivers had 11 yards less combined than Rogers did in 2001. The team lost its starting TE and three of its top four receivers last year but Rogers was back. Rogers went through a stretch where he had some dropped passes but the Biletnikoff winner finished with 1,351 yards (19.9). Rogers opted to leave early for the NFL (2nd overall pick!!) and came up just 90 yards short of Andre Rison's school record for career receiving yards in just 2 years. Also gone this year is WR BJ Lovett (33 rec, 11.6). They return their top two TE's and Eric Knott (PS#1) was second in rec's with 35. The leading returning WR, Ziehl Kavanaght, had just 11. The feature WR this year could be Kyle Brown (PS#6) who redshirted last year after a knee injury and I list the 2 deep below. Not listed below at TE are Ryan Woods (6-4 246 So, 1 st, 11 rec, 2Y) and Matt Walters (6-3 242 Jr) who had 25 rec's (13.1) at JUCO in 2001. Also QB Aaron Alexander moved over to WR during the spring and has the talent to be a big-time contributor. There is some talent in this group but with the loss of a player like Rogers, it clearly looks weaker in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 MSU had just one starter returning but paved the way for 3.7 ypc rushing while allowing 44 sacks. Last year a veteran unit returned including all five starters. Joe Patrick, who had six starts in 2001, did miss the entire year due to injury and starting LT Ulish Booker was lost to a knee injury with three games left. Overall MSU averaged 3.97 ypc rushing and they did trim the sack total to 33. The unit, which is loaded with VHT's, is now a senior dominated group and the only losses from last year are Booker (8 sts, 2 yr st'r) and Patrick. Basically eight of the top ten return. As I mentioned in the QB writeup the O-line struggled at times last year but OC Baldwin was very impressed with how physical the line was in the spring. This year the line also must learn different schemes in the brand-new offense but should improve upon 2002's numbers.

DE Clifford Dukes

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Spartans allowed 4.4 ypc rushing while the team recorded just 18 sacks. Last year they had to replace two full-time starters including a fifth round DC but did have six of their top eight returning. Not much went right for the Spartans last year and the defense allowed 4.73 ypc rushing while recording just 17 sacks. Basically everyone returns although they do lose a VHT in Alphonso Townsend (1st, 13 tkls, PS#24). There is good talent on this line and I list the 3 deep below. This should be one of the most improved D-lines in the NCAA this season.

LINEBACKERS - The Spartans had to replace one starter last year due to graduation but had five of their top six back. Four different players logged starts during the season and basically everyone returns once again. The only losses are backups Chris Smith (9 tkls) and James Cooper (3 tkls). Seth Mitchell (PS#21) probably would have had a much bigger impact last season but he missed six games with a knee injury and I show him taking over one of the starting LB slots. With basically everyone back, this looks like a more formidable LB corps in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - MSU finished #36 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and last year only had to replace one full-time starter and one backup due to graduation. They had seven players returning with starting experience. Again not much went right for MSU last season, despite the fact that the Spartans allowed just 49.4% with a 22-13 ratio, they dropped down to #48 because they took on a light slate of opposing QB's. This year the losses are much heavier. Gone are 3 of their top 4 CB's in Broderick Nelson (8 sts, 51 tkls, 17 pbu), Cedric Henry (12 sts, 30 tkls, 2 int) and DeMario Suggs (2 sts, 55 tkls, 8 pbu). Also departing this year is SS Thomas Wright (12 sts, #1 tkl'r, 4 int, 4 pbu) and backup safety Robert Flagg (8 tkls). The team did get two substantial additions this spring in Greg Cooper (PS#11) who originally signed at Michigan and JUCO DeAndra Cobb. While the overall experience level may be down a notch or two, it wouldn't surprise me to see this group improve upon last year's pass efficiency ranking provided those two newcomers have the impact expected.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Spartans finished #77 in my special teams rankings in 2001. Williams originally thought that true frosh Agim Shabaj (PS#33) would take over the top return duties as he has 4.3 speed and averaged 15.7 on PR's in high school. He played in just 6 games due to a knee injury. The Spartans did cut down on their punt blocks allowed going from seven to zero but allowed three defensive TD's. After their meltdown against Iowa in which they allowed two TD's, they moved some defensive starters to the special teams unit. Charles Rogers, who had been such a dangerous returner in 2001, was limited to just 3 returns. JUCO Jason Daily won the job as starting punter (40.4, 34.3 net). Ziehl Kavanaght was the top PR (8.7) and speedy Jaren Hayes was the top KR (18.9). Kicker Dave Rayner (PS#27) hit 10 of 16 FG's with a long of 53. The team allowed 24.2 per KR almost 7 yards more than the previous season. New head coach John L. Smith's Louisville team blocked nine kicks last year, finishing a +10 in the TD/Blk category so you can expect improvement in that area as well. Overall, MSU dropped to #99. With all of the key players back, this unit can only improve.

COACHES - The Spartans were expected to contend for just their second Rose Bowl since 1966 last year but after a 49-3 loss to their rival Michigan left a very talented team at 3-6, they fired Bobby Williams. They did beat Indiana 56-21 under interim HC Watts. New Head Coach John L Smith was hired just prior to Louisville's bowl and that really affected the team's performance in the bowl game. Smith is in his 15th year and has a 110-60 record and has led his teams to 6 straight bowl games. Smith was given a contract that pays him $1.26 million more than Coach Carr of Michigan. His OC is Dave Baldwin who was the OC at Baylor in 2002, Cincinnati in 2001 and San Jose St's head coach from 1997-2000. DC Chris Smeland follows Smith over from Louisville.

PHIL'S FORECAST

As mentioned under Coaches above, the Spartans were one of the most underachieving teams in the country last year finishing 4-8 despite the presence of WR Charles Rogers. Things just snowballed and they were actually outgained by 96.2 ypg in league play, the worst in the conference and finished with just a 2-6 mark. John L. Smith steps into a great situation as he inherits 7 starters on offense and 8 on defense with just 17 lettermen lost. Teams tend to buy into a new coaches program when they have solid early season success and the Spartans should be favored in each of their first three games and have a chance at opening as strong as 4-2 or 5-1. Unfortunately the 2H of the schedule is when it gets tough and this year's Spartans team could compare to last year's Minnesota team which was ranked as high as #17 in the polls after 8 weeks. The Spartans still should easily top last year's 4 win total and are capable of getting back to a bowl as there is plenty of talent on hand.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB DREW STANTON rFR. 6-3 225 **PS#16**. Best arm. **Jeff Smoker** (6-3 215 Sr) **PS#3**. 5537 yds (64%) 40-25 ratio, 3Y. **Damon Dowdell** (6-1 225 Jr) 1459 yds (54%) 12-6 ratio 2Y.

RB Tyrell Dortch Jr. 5-10 209 **PS#4**. 210 rush (5.8) as **true**. DB until inj in '01. 225 bench 23x's. Jaren Hayes (5-9 178 So) **PS#30, 4.32 spd**. #3 rusher w/340 yds (5.6) as a **true**.

WR MATT TRANNON FR. 6-7 210 PS#16TE in 2002. Re-signed this year. Ziehl Kavanaght (5-11 180 Sr) Canadian. 410 ttl yds in 2002. Jamar Jones (6-3 198 Fr) PS#278.

WR Kyle Brown So. 6-1 201 **PS#6WR**, 4.4 spd. Ben Steckler (6-4 218 So) PS#87, 1 rec LY. Robert Gallegos (5-9 169 rFr). Aaron Alexander (6-5 196) **PS#20QB**.

WR Agim Shabaj So. 5-10 188 **PS#33WR**. 4.37 spd. 6 rec (7.5) as **true** (only 6 gms due to inj). Terry Love is PS#45. Paul Cummings (6-1 188 Jr). Charles Barber (6-0 165 Jr).

TE ERIC KNOTT JR. 6-3 272 **PS#1TE**. DE as **true**. 365 bench. #2 w/35 rec (10.0) LY. **Jason Randall** (6-5 256 Jr) PS#46. 20 rec (12.8) 10 sts, best blocker of the TE's.

C BRIAN OTTNEY SR. 6-6 302 **PS#29**. 9 sts as rFr. 12 sts in '01, 82 pancakes. 12 sts LY, 400 bench. Christopher Morris (6-4 297 So) PS#85. Joe Brooks (6-4 299 Sr) PS#411.

RG PAUL HARKER SR. 6-3 299 **PS#52**. 10 sts as **true** in '98. 1 st in '01 but med RS. 8 sts in '02. **William Whitticker** (6-6 315 Jr) **PS#67**. 11 sts in '01. 2nd string last year.

LG JOE TATE SR. 6-5 304 1 st @DE as rFr, 13 tkls. 6 sts in '01. 400 bench. 9 sts LY. Kyle Cook (6-4 296 rFr) **PS#53**. Scout Tm POW 3x's. Joe Karaska (6-3 315 rFr) PS#102.

RT STEVE STEWART SR. 6-5 314 PS#106. 1 st, 78 min as rFr. 12 sts in '01, 389 min. 12 sts LY, 400 bench. Sean Poole (6-6 302 Jr) **PS#26**, 2 letters. Peter Clifford (6-7 319 Fr).

LT Stefon Wheeler So. 6-5 320 2nd string as **true** but RS. L/3 sts LY. Gordon Niebylski (6-4 293 So) **PS#92**, 2nd string as rFr. DeMarco Monroe (6-4 330 Sr) **PS#35**. 2L.

K DAVE RAYNER JR. 6-2 208 PS#27. Hit 8 of 14 FG's in '01, long of 41. 10 of 16 in '02, long of 53, 2 of 2 from 50+. Mark Bojovic (5-11 207 Sr). Kyle Mayer (6-1 187 rFr).

DE GREG TAPLIN SR. 6-5 257 PS#95. 4 sts in 2000, 21 tkls. 6 sts in '01, 27 tkls. 10 sts LY, 38 tkls, 2 sks. Clifton Ryan (6-2 281 rFr) **PS#33LB**. Daryl Melvin (6-6 227 Jr) **16 sks** at JC LY.

DT KEVIN VICKERSON JR. 6-5 287 **PS#40**. 2 sts as **true**, 13 tkls, 1 sk. Split starts LY. 42 tkls, 6 tfl. Matthias Askew (6-6 292 Jr) **PS#29**. 46 tkls, 6 tfl LY. Greg Yeaster (6-1 265 Jr).

DT BRANDON McKINNEY JR. 6-3 312 **PS#46**. 26 tackles, 2 sacks splitting starts last year. **Kyle Rasmussen** (6-4 287 Sr) PS#59. **28 starts**, 118 tackles, in the last 3 years.

DE CLIFFORD DUKES JR. 6-3 266 PS#138LB. 5 sts as rFr, 41 tkls, 2 sks. First 9 sts LY, 39 tkls, 4 sks, 4 tfl. Luc Mullinder (6-4 291 Sr) Canadian. 3 tkls LY. David Herron (6-1 251 rFr) PS#175RB.

WLB SETH MITCHELL SO. 6-2 242 **PS#21**. Miss 1st 6 LY (inj) L/5 sts, 29 tkls as rFr. **Mike Labinjo** (6-1 270 Sr). 12 sts in '01. 5 sks, 12 tfl, 7 sts LY, 62 tkls. **Mike Bazemore** (6-2 242 So) **PS#37DL**.

MLB RONALD STANLEY JR. 6-0 225 PS#65. 11 sts. 43 tkls, 2 sks in 2001. 12 sts LY, 99 tkls, 9 tfl. Mark Goebel (6-2 230 Sr) PS#79RB. 13 tkls as **true**, 37 yds in 10 games at FB LY.

BLB MONQUIZ WEDLOW SR. 5-11 198 PS#70. 2 sts in '01, 38 tkls, 3 tfl. 11 sts LY, 90 tkls, 3 sks, 3 pbu. Steve Kielp (6-6 227 rFr) PS#68DB. Delton Ashburn (5-11 181 Fr) **4.29 spd.**

CB Greg Cooper Fr. 5-11 185 **PS#11 LY**. Roderick Maples (5-10 186 Jr) PS#67. 1 sts as rFr, 16 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. 14 tkls, 1 pbu LY. Carlos Alexander (5-11 170 rFr) PS#54.

CB Ashton Watson So. 6-0 173 PS#61. 3 sts, 20 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu as **true**. DeAndra Cobb (5-10 180 Jr) **PS#115JC**, 1060 ret yds, 517 rush yds at JC. In for spg. Darren Barnett (6-0 175 So).

SS Derron Ware So. 6-3 215 **PS#42**. 3 tkls, 10 games as **true**. Eric Smith (6-1 186 So) PS#301. Knee surgery in '01. 38 tkls, 3 sts, 1 sk as rFr. Anthony Belasco (5-9 196 rFr).

FS JASON HARMON JR. 5-11 191 PS#171. 2 sts, 7 tkls, 104 min until broken ankle in '01. 8 sts until inj LY. 64 tkls, 3 int, 2 pbu. Jeremiah McLaurin (5-11 181 Sr) 18 tkls, 23 games in 2Y.

P JASON DAILY SR. 6-2 179 PS#88JUCO. 40.7 avg at JC in '01. 66 punts here in '02, 40.4 avg, net of 34.3. Brandon Fields (6-5 216 rFr) PS#37, 41.7 average in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

WR	Terry Love 5-11 161 PS#45
RB	Jehuu Caulcrick 6-0 234 PS#55
QB	Sean Clayton 6-4 233 PS#109
QB	Stephen Reaves 6-1 187 PS#111
OL	John Masters 6-4 273 PS#212
LB	Kaleb Thornhill 6-1 222 PS#170
DB	Delton Ashburn 5-11 181 PS#207
LB	Kris Bush 5-11 184 PS#198
DE	Darryl Melvin 6-6 227 PS#147JC
RB	Sylvester Brown 5-9 204 PS#233
RB	Maurice Smith-Davis 6-1 225 PS#240
WR	Jamar Jones 6-3 198 PS#278
OL	Joe Toth 6-2 278 PS#388
DB	Cole Corey 5-10 185 PS#326
OL	Peter Clifford 6-7 319 PS#408
DB	Irving Campbell 5-11 165 PS#341
OL	Mike Gyetvai 6-7 323 PS#527

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	W Michigan	G						The Spartans are 5-11 ATS in road openers. MSU is 6-2-1 ATS the last 9 as a home dog. Michigan St is 6-10 ATS as a road favorite since 1993.
Sep. 6	Rutgers	G						Spartans are 8-0 SU & 7-1 ATS vs the MAC since 1994. MSU is 2-9 ATS the last 2 years as a home favorite.
Sep. 13	Louisiana Tech	G						Michigan St is 1-5 ATS the last 3 years as a double digit home favorite. MSU is 1-4 ATS in the 2nd of 2 or more back-to-back home games.
Sep. 20	at Notre Dame	G						This is the 1st meeting between these two teams & the only time MSU played a WAC opponent was LY (vs Rice 27-10, losing ATS as a 30 pt fav). The SU winner has covered 9 of the last 10 games in this series. MSU is 5-1 SU & ATS their last 6 vs the Irish.
Sep. 27	Iowa	G						Michigan St is 2-9 ATS their last 11 vs Iowa. The underdog is 6-3 ATS in the last 9 series meetings.
Oct. 4	Indiana (HC)	G						Michigan St is 2-6 ATS the last 8 years on Homecoming day. Spartans are 9-5 ATS vs the Hoosiers since 1987.
Oct. 11	at Illinois	A						Spartans are 7-2 SU & ATS last 9 meetings vs the Fighting Illini. Michigan St is 8-14-1 ATS the last 23 Big 10 road games.
Oct. 18	at Minnesota	A						Michigan St is 6-2 ATS in their 2nd of back-to-back away games since '92. MSU is 3-7 ATS the last 10 meetings with Minnesota.
Oct. 25								
Nov. 1	Michigan	G						The home team is 13-4 ATS in this instate rivalry. The SU winner has covered 9 out of the last 10 in this series.
Nov. 8	at Ohio St	G						Michigan St is 4-8 SU but 9-3 ATS the last 12 vs Ohio St. MSU has avoided letdown with a 12-5 ATS mark after Michigan.
Nov. 15	at Wisconsin	A						Michigan St is 1-3 SU & ATS the last 4 away vs Wisconsin. MSU is just 3-10 ATS in their final road game.
Nov. 22	Penn St	G						Michigan St is 4-1 ATS at home vs Penn St since 1993. Spartans are an outstanding 11-0-1 ATS in their home finale.
Nov. 29								

JOHN L. SMITH (Career 110-60)
1st Year at Michigan State

Smith's records AT MICHIGAN ST

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
		0-0	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (23,20,2)
Lost: 17 (6,11,0)

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STADIUM: SPARTAN STADIUM (72,027)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	7-4	6-6	9-2	5-6	6-5	4-8	43-36
ATS	8-3	5-5-1	6-6	8-3	6-5	5-6	2-9-1	40-37-2
Home Fav	5-1	2-1	3-2	4-1	3-1	1-4	1-5	19-15
Home Dog	0-0	1-2	2-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-1-1	6-4-1
Away Fav	1-0	1-2	0-1	2-1	0-2	0-1	0-0	4-7
Away Dog	2-2	1-0-1	1-3	1-1	2-1	3-1	1-3	11-11-1
Favorite	6-1	3-3	3-3	6-2	3-3	1-5	1-5	23-22
Dog	2-2	2-2-1	3-3	2-1	3-2	4-1	1-4-1	17-15-2
Grass	2-1	1-1-1	1-2	2-1	2-3	2-1	2-9-1	12-18-2
Artificial	6-2	4-4	5-4	6-2	4-2	3-5	0-0	28-19
vs Conf	7-1	2-5-1	4-4	6-2	4-4	3-5	1-6-1	27-27-2
vs Non-Conf	1-2	3-0	2-2	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-3	13-10
Off SU Win	4-2	4-2	2-4	7-1	2-3	3-2	0-3-1	22-17-1
Off SU Loss	3-1	0-3-1	4-1	1-1	3-2	2-3	1-6	14-17

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
David Richard	133	678	24	654	5	4.9
Dawan Moss	125	644	52	592	4	4.7
Jaren Hayes	**61**	**346**	**6**	**340**	**4**	**5.6**
Charles Rogers	6	88	14	74	0	12.3
Damon Dowdell	**41**	**108**	**128**	**-20**	**1**	**-0.5**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jeff Smoker	**203**	**114**	**56.2**	**1593**	**13**	**10**
Damon Dowdell	**165**	**92**	**55.8**	**1097**	**10**	**4**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Charles Rogers	68	1351	19.9	13	65
B.J. Lovett	33	383	11.6	4	35
Eric Knott	**35**	**349**	**10.0**	**4**	**36**
Jason Randall	**20**	**255**	**12.8**	**3**	**31**
David Richard	14	88	6.3	0	16

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Jason Daily	**66**	**2668**	**40.4**	**66**	**34.3**	**0**	**13**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Dave Rayner	**34-35**	**1-3**	**5-7**	**2-4**	**2-2**	**10-16**	**53**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Thomas Wright	126	2	0	4	4
Ronald Stanley	**99**	**2**	**7**	**1**	**0**
Monquiz Wedlow	**90**	**3**	**1**	**3**	**0**
Jason Harmon	**64**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**3**
Mike Labinjo	**62**	**1**	**4**	**3**	**1**
Demario Suggs	55	0	4	8	1
Broderick Nelson	51	0	1	17	0
Kyle Rasmussen	49	1	0	0	0
Matthias Askew	**46**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**1**
Kevin Vickerson	**42**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**0**
Clifford Dukes	**39**	**4**	**4**	**2**	**0**
Greg Taplin	**38**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Eric Smith	**38**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Cedric Henry	30	0	2	1	2

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ziehl Kavanaght	**33**	**287**	**8.7**	**1**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jaren Hayes	**31**	**585**	**18.9**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Independence	+6'	LSU	26-45	L
96	Sun	-7'	Stanford	0-38	L
97	Aloha	+5	Washington	23-51	L
99	Citrus	+2'	Florida	37-34	W
01	Silicon Valley	+4'	Fresno St	44-35	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MICHIGAN ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	26.3	21	142	4.0	229	55.2	14.1	-7	2002	7	33.2	21	214	4.7	189	49.4	12.1
6*	31.2	23	155	3.7	293	59.4	14.3	-1	2001	5	25.9	20	181	4.4	206	52.1	14.9
4	17.9	21	170	3.9	196	54.1	20.5	-8	2000	6	21.2	16	154	4.0	164	51.6	15.0
9*	31.5	19	147	3.8	222	55.6	11.7	-3	1999	8	20.4	17	76	2.3	229	52.6	14.9
4	28.0	20	129	3.2	246	54.1	13.4	+3	1998	8	24.5	19	172	4.2	192	48.8	14.8
6*	28.5	20	187	4.3	192	59.6	13.3	0	1997	9	19.8	16	131	3.6	185	53.0	16.0

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
E Michigan	31	48-369	7.7	15-25	256	0	12	20-54	2.7	23-49	187	0	-1
Rice	14	32-58	1.8	16-27	213	4	18	53-216	4.1	4-11	27	1	+4
California	24	30-87	2.9	20-38	265	3	23	36-135	3.8	20-35	246	1	-4
Notre Dame	19	34-53	1.6	19-34	281	6	15	39-127	3.3	9-24	198	4	-1
Northwestern	27	48-276	5.8	15-26	263	1	24	36-212	5.9	19-43	265	2	0
at Iowa	21	33-55	1.7	22-46	194	4	15	40-127	3.2	9-21	157	1	-4
Minnesota	15	26-51	2.0	17-29	229	4	23	60-390	6.5	7-14	147	1	0
Wisconsin	21	38-159	4.2	15-27	206	1	23	56-313	5.6	10-19	135	1	-3
at Michigan	13	30-59	2.0	15-35	178	4	28	53-188	3.5	19-31	253	3	-1
at Indiana	22	43-289	6.7	17-26	203	1	17	33-107	3.2	23-48	257	1	+3
Purdue	17	22-67	3.0	18-32	253	2	26	66-307	4.7	14-26	248	0	+2
at Penn St	22	46-186	4.0	19-32	202	3	24	50-390	7.8	8-13	146	2	-2
TOTALS	246	430-1709	4.0	208-377	2743	33	248	542-2566	4.7	165-334	2266	17	-7
AVERAGES	20.5	36-142	4.0	17-31	229	2.8	20.7	45-214	4.7	14-28	189	1.4	-0.6

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Colorado St	-5'	16-23	L
at Oregon	E	14-48	L
Notre Dame	+7	45-23	W
at Michigan	+8	17-29	L
C Michigan	-28	38-7	W
Indiana	-9'	38-31 2OT	L
at Minnesota	-7'	18-19	L
Northwestern	-10	29-5	W
at Ohio St	+27'	28-24	W
Purdue	+2'	24-25	W
Illinois	-20	41-9	W
at Penn St	+6'	28-51	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oregon	-10	27-20	L
E Michigan	-32	51-7	W
at Notre Dame	+6'	23-13	W
at Illinois	-7	27-10	W
Iowa	-21'	49-3	W
Michigan	+2'	34-31	W
at Purdue	-2'	28-52	L
at Wisconsin	+2	10-40	L
Ohio St	-5'	23-7	W
at Northwestern	-19	34-0	W
Penn St	-2	35-28	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Marshall	-8	34-24	W
at Missouri	-9'	13-10	L
Notre Dame	-4	27-21	W
Northwestern	-11'	17-37	L
at Iowa	-9	16-21	L
Wisconsin	+3	10-17	L
at Michigan	+16'	0-14	W
Illinois	-2'	14-10	W
at Ohio St	+14'	13-27	W
Purdue	+8	30-10	W
at Penn St	+1	23-42	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
C Michigan	-27	35-21	L
at Notre Dame	+9	17-10	W
at Northwestern	+7'	26-27	W
Iowa	-5	31-28	L
at Minnesota	-2'	19-28	L
at Wisconsin	+4	42-28	W
Michigan	+6	26-24	W
Indiana	-7	28-37	L
at Purdue	+3	14-24	L
Penn St	-2'	37-42	L
Missouri	-7'	55-7	W

2002 RESULTS

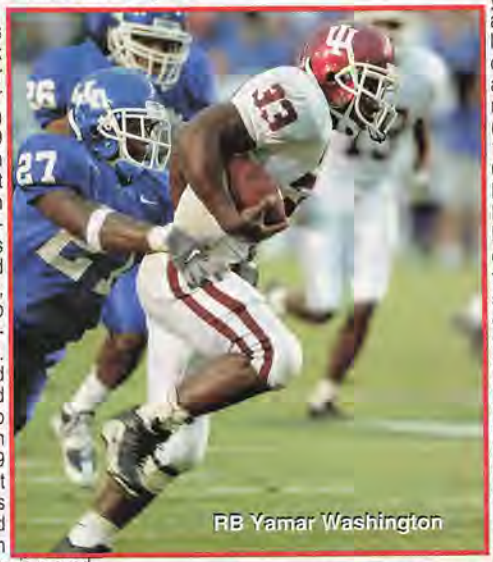
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Michigan	-37	56-7	W
Rice	-30	27-10	L
California	-13'	22-46	L
Notre Dame	-2'	17-21	L
Northwestern	-24'	39-24	L
at Iowa	+5	16-44	L
Minnesota	-4'	7-28	L
Wisconsin	+4	24-42	L
at Michigan	+14'	3-49	L
at Indiana	+1'	56-21	W
Purdue	+3	42-45	T
at Penn St	+21	7-61	L

INDIANA HOOSIERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Last year Indiana had to replace the amazing Antwann Randle-El who became the first ever QB to throw for 7,000 yards and rush for 3,500 in a career and also had 40 TD's both rushing and passing. Tommy Jones (PS#48) and Gibran Hamdan split the duties (see Hardcore Fans) While the two were in the first year of Al Borges' West Coast offense they managed to combine to set an Indiana school record for passing with 3,020 yards. Jones had a positive 9-7 ratio while throwing for 879 yards (49.2%) while Hamdan (#7DC of WAS) threw for 2,115 yards (51.9%) but with a 9-14 ratio. Both depart. Matt LoVecchio was very impressive running the scout team as a transfer from Notre Dame. He had 8 starts for the Irish in two years throwing for 1,405 yards (52.9%) with a 12-7 ratio while rushing for 455 yards and led the team to the Fiesta Bowl. Graeme McFarland (6-1 203 rFr, PS#112) competed with LoVecchio for the starting job in the spring. LoVecchio worked hard and learned a lot of the offense. He does not have a rifle for an arm but has shown improved arm strength, is accurate as well as mobile and has a good grasp of the offense. This unit has more starting experience than it had coming into last season and is now in the 2nd year of the new offense.

RUNNING BACKS - Brian Lewis (PS#58) became the feature back but injured his shoulder in the opener and lost his starting job to rFr Yamar Washington (PS#178). Washington had 163 yards vs Kentucky and 129 vs CM becoming the first Indy frosh RB to have 100+ yards in two straight games since Alex Smith did so in 1994. Washington got in just 3 attempts vs Wisconsin when Lewis returned healthy with 92 yards and reclaimed the starting job. Lewis, however, tore a ligament in his thumb vs Illinois and was lost for the season finishing with 458 yards (4.4). Washington did have a 130 yard effort vs Northwestern and finished with 688 yards (4.0). They had to take the redshirt off of true frosh Chris Taylor and he rushed for 229 yards (4.8) in the final 6 games. I list the FB's below. Also in the mix is Alex Stscherban (5-11 225 rFr) and this year's true frosh signees. With everyone back, this unit can only be improved.


RB Yamar Washington

RECEIVERS - Glenn Johnson snagged 10 rec's vs Utah and DiNardo said at that point "We have one WR." Courtney Roby (PS#120) who ran the anchor on the Indiana champion 4x100 relay team showing his speed, has good size (6-0 188) and ended up leading the team last year with 59 rec's becoming just the 3rd player in Indy history to top 1,000 yards receiving in a season. Roby and Johnson also became the first duo to each top 50 rec's at this school in a season. Halterman is also an impressive TE and was #3 with 27 rec's. The good news is that all 3 starters return. The only loss from this group is TE Stephen Anthony (4 sts, 11 rec). I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Not listed below are Matt O'Neal (6-1 227 rFr), Travis Haney (6-4 209 Jr, 3 sts, 11 rec in '01) and Rhett Kleinschmidt (6-2 186 So). This unit has far more experience than it did heading into last season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Hoosiers averaged 5.5 ypc rushing while allowing just 9 sacks but some of that had to do with the mobility of QB Antwan Randle-El. Last year they did have four starters returning but had to switch blocking schemes from the option to the West Coast offense. Also projected starting LG Jamarkus Gorman was ruled academically ineligible prior to the season. The unit was also hit by injuries as only two players managed to start all twelve games. Overall the team averaged just 3.22 ypc rushing and allowed 32 sacks. This year they must replace LT Enoch DeMar (12 sts, 4 yr st'r, HM B10), RT Bobby Brandt (10 sts, 3 yr st'r), LG Anthony Oakley (8 sts, 3 yr st'r) and RT AC Myler (8 sts, 3 yr st'r). Six of the top ten players return including two full-time starters. This unit is not quite as experienced but it is the second year of the new blocking schemes and I look for improvement in the numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Seven of the twelve DL's heading into last year were upperclassmen but just three of them remained after the CM game (see Hardcore Fans). The line was also on the small side and DT Russ Richardson who began the year at 260 was down to 245 by year's end. DiNardo cut starting DT Colin Christopher after the Utah game. Also backup DT Jeremy Belcher left the team for personal reasons after the Northwestern game. As you would expect with such attrition, the Hoosiers allowed 5.4 ypc rushing and only accounted for 15 sacks all year. This season the only major loss is DT Kris Dielman (12 sts, HM Big 10, 55 tkls, 14 tfl) and also gone are Christopher (2 sts, 7 tkls), Belcher (5 tkls), DE Herman Fowler (5 tkls) and DE Derek Barnett (2 sts, 4 tkls). Basically three starters return to the front wall and they add in some true and rFr in the 3 deep that I list below. The four projected starters listed below have added 81 lbs combined during the offseason to give the unit more bulk. As long as the injuries do not crop up again, the DL looks to be much stronger in 2003.

LINEBACKERS - Indy had just one ILB starter back last year. As a true frosh Kerr stepped in and led all NCAA frosh in tackles (114) while adding 6 tfl. While most Big 10 LB corps average at least 230 lbs per man, Indy's was just 214.6 at the start of the year and ended up with two true frosh starters at times (see Hardcore Fans on page 319). Naturally the depleted Indy defense finished #100 overall last year in my rankings. The unit was hit hard by the surprising transfer of Kerr during the winter and they also moved starting SLB Jones to SS. Also gone this year is SLB Bethel (2 sts, 23 tkls) and Deonte Smith (1 st, 21 tkls, 2 tfl). While two players return with starting experience, basically only one full-time starter is back. I list the 3 deep below and once again this unit looks to be one of the weaker LB corps in the Big 10. Keep in mind that Indiana played a 4-2-5 defense most of the spring to make room for 3 safeties.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Hoosiers finished #117 in my pass D rankings in 2000 and only improved up to #95 in 2001. Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 23 starts due to graduation and then moved starting SS Ron Bethel to SLB so the unit had just one starter returning in Joe Gonzalez. Unfortunately Gonzalez had hernia surgery after playing in the first three games and took a medical redshirt so the total starting experience for the unit was a combined six starts. Surprisingly the Hoosiers still finished #96. The key to their finish was that they only allowed 190.8 ypg but some of that could be attributed to the fact teams were able to run at will on them so in reality, they were not as "strong" as the final rankings showed. This year they must replace CB Antonio Watson (11 sts, 59 tkls, 10 pbu) and FS AC Carter (12 sts, 74 tkls, 3 pbu). Not only do they get Gonzalez back but they move starting SLB Herana-Daze Jones, who was #2 on the team in tackles to the SS position. They also move in RB Courtney Clency, the team's fastest player, to CB. Not listed below is Eric Moore (5-8 174 So) who is a transfer from Valparaiso, Steve Gunter (5-10 180 rFr, PS#188), Matt Foss (5-9 190 Sr), Mike Doyle (5-10 189 rFr) and Matt Calvert (6-0 191 Sr). This unit should make a good size jump in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - DiNardo's LSU team did finish #18 overall in my special teams rankings in 1997 but remember, by season's end last year Indiana had just 38 scholarship players available and when you lack depth, you usually lack solid special teams play. Last year the team also had to replace their top P, KR and PR. Overall the unit finished #89. P Ryan Hamre averaged 38.2 ypp with a net of 33.7 but he departs. 22 year old Tyson Beattie averaged 46.0 in 2001 on the Australian National Team and is the top contender to replace Hamre. Bryan Robertson (PS#6), who hit a 61 yard FG in HS, had trouble adjusting to kicking without a tee in 2001 hitting just 1 of 3 FG's with a long of 28 and missing 4 xp's. Last year he improved hitting 9 of 13 FG's with a long of 50 including 6 of 7 from 40+. Also in the K mix are SR's Brent Gaudin (6-0 187) and Adam Braucher (5-7 174) who hit 1 of 6 FG's in '01. They lose their top KR AC Carter (20.3) but return speedy Courtney Roby (20.6). Top PR Glenn Johnson (6.5) is back. I look for solid improvements, especially with the added depth that the team will have this year.

COACHES - Indiana began last season with just 69 scholarship players and finished the year with just 53 (38 on the active roster) due to injuries and dismissals. DiNardo hopes to build the number of scholarship players to 72 this year and then back to the NCAA maximum of 85 next season. Last year only 29 of 60 players (48%) passed DiNardo's 300 yard shuttle run conditioning test in the spring. This year 50 of 73 players (59%) met the required times. "This is the best shape that a team I've coached has been in at this time of year," DiNardo said. None of Indy's 18 head coaches since 1890 have had a career winning record in the Big 10. Gerry DiNardo took over a depleted roster last year and did a commendable job guiding the team to a 3-3 start before the undermanned team dropped its last six games. DiNardo had previously been the head coach at LSU from 1995 to 1999 and Vanderbilt from 1991 to 1994. His OC is Al Borges who piloted some potent offenses at UCLA from 1996 to 2000 and was at Cal in 2001. They set a school record for passing in a season last year with 3,020 yards. He enters his second year here as does DC Tim Kish who was Ohio U's DC in 2001 and at Illinois from 1997 to 2000.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1986 to 1993 under the tutelage of Coach Bill Mallory, the Hoosiers participated in six bowl games but since going 6-5 in 1994 they have now had 8 straight losing seasons. In 2001 they actually outgained Big 10 foes by an average of 66.6 ypg, the second best mark in the league but finished 4-4 in Antwan Randle-El's final year. Gerry DiNardo took over a downtrodden LSU team and in the first three years had them tied for 1st place in the SEC West twice with a 26-9-1 record. Last year with just 12 returning starters he suffered heavy attrition due to the coaching change. I projected them for last in the Big 10, precisely where they finished but I was surprised that they even won one game. Thirty-two of their 44 players in the 2 deep vs Purdue were frosh and soph. This year's team is still low on numbers and has just 8 seniors including six on scholarship and just five of them are in the 2 deep. I hope the fans are patient with DiNardo this season as it is still a young squad and this year's 16 juniors in the 2 deep will be seniors next year giving them a much more veteran unit. The Hoosiers will struggle to top last year's 3 win total.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Matt LoVecchio Jr. 6-3 207 **PS#13**. 7-1 as st'r at ND in 2000. 1118 yds (54%), 11-3 ratio, 423 rush. 2 sts in '01, 48:08 min. 319 total yds. Graeme McFarland (6-1 203 rFr), PS#112.

RB BRIAN LEWIS SR. 5-7 210 **PS#58**. 10 sts, 923 yds (4.8), 18 rec 3Y. **Yamar Washington** (5-9 199 So) PS#178. 4.58 spd. Chris Taylor (5-11 207 So). 275 ttl yds as **true**.

FB JOHN PANNOZZO SO. 5-11 225 PS#367. 9 starts as **true**, 16 yds rush, 26 rec (9.9). Jason Sullivan (5-11 258 So) PS#117. Marlin Lynch (5-11 240 rFr) PS#320.

WR COURTNEY ROBY JR. 6-0 188 PS#120. 4.02 in pro agility. 10 sts LY, #1 in B10 rec yds/gm when inj'd, 59 rec (17.6). Tyke Spencer (5-10 169 So) PS#266. 1 st as **true**, 17 rec (13.6).

WR GLENN JOHNSON SR. 5-11 200 7 sts in '01, 21 rec (10.9). 4.06 in pro agility. 12 sts LY, 53 rec (15.8). Jahkeem Gilmore (6-1 185 So) PS#90. David Lewis (6-0 186 Jr) PS#59.

TE AARON HALTERMAN JR. 6-4 256 PS#38. 3 sts in '01, 10 rec. 12 sts in 2002, 27 rec (10.8). Patrick Thompson (6-2 223 Jr) PS#143DB, 1 rec LY. Brian Faires is PS#21TE.

C Brandon Hatcher So. 6-2 296 PS#74LB. Scout Tm DL in '01. 2nd string in '02, 4 games, 24 snaps. 571 squat, 34.5" VL. Chris Mangiero (6-1 280 Fr) PS#241 in for spg.

RG ADAM HINES SO. 6-3 301 PS#147. 10 sts as **true**, 560 snaps, +27 lbs. Paul Hearn (6-3 301 Fr) PS#115TE. Canadian in for spg. Johnathan Sandberg is PS#211DL.

LG Justin Frye rFr. 6-4 290 PS#202DL. 2nd string as true but redshirted. Jacob Wagner (6-7 324 Jr) 12 games, 2nd string, 43 snaps last year.

RT CHRIS JAHNKE JR. 6-5 305 PS#117. 2nd string in 2000 & '01, 2 gms. 12 sts LY (10 at C, 2 at RT), 887 snaps. Brandon Joyce (6-5 297 Fr) is PS#285.

LT Isaac Sowells So. 6-3 310 PS#405DL, 12 games as 2nd string as rFr. Added 20 lbs, took 337 snaps LY. 603 squat. Scott Anderson (6-6 274 rFr) PS#151OL.

K BRYAN ROBERTSON JR. 5-8 171 **PS#6**. 61 yd FG in HS. 1 of 3 FG's as true, 8 of 12 xp's. Hit 9 of 13 FG's in 2002, long of 50. 23 of 28 on xp's. 6 of 7 from 40+!

DE VICTOR ADEYANJU SO. 6-4 259 Last 10 sts, 33 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl, 676 snaps. Added 17 lbs. Kenny Kendal (6-2 243 rFr) PS#145DL. Joel Stubblefield (6-3 265 Fr) PS#107.

DT Martin Lapostolle Jr. 6-1 270 PS#309, Canadian. LB/DL in '02. 2 sts. 14 tkls, 2 tfl, added 25 lbs. Derek Frye (6-1 286 rFr). **John Lumpkin** (6-1 271 Jr) **PS#35DL**. Inj'd LY.

DT RUSS RICHARDSON SO. 6-0 251 PS#291DL. Last 10 sts LY, 21 tkls, 1 sk as **true**, 662 snaps, +25 lbs. Adam Tingle (6-2 288 rFr) PS#478. Chris Beaty (6-1 265 Jr) 5 tkls LY.

DE JODIE CLEMONS JR. 6-2 275 PS#385. Scout Tm MVP in 2000. 12 sts LY, 33 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl, 870 snaps. Eli Radke (6-2 246 Jr) PS#218LB. Charles Emerson is PS#257.

WLB Josh Moore Jr. 6-1 210 4.5 speed, 15 sks at JUCO LY. Jason Cartwright (5-11 217 Jr) Illinois Wesleyan transfer. 14 snaps here last year. Kevin Kruse (5-11 206 Jr).

MLB KYLE KILLION SO. 6-0 223 PS#392LB. 4 sts as **true** (inj'd) 28 tkls, 1 sks, 2 tfl. 225 bench 10x's. Randy Cale (5-10 224 Jr) PS#230QB. Mark Naaman (6-0 218 So) PS#158.

SLB Kevin Smith Jr. 6-2 232 PS#155LB. 6 sts as rFr, 331 plays, 18 tkls, 1 pbu. Andy Halterman (6-3 242 rFr) PS#343WR. Casey Nowinski (6-1 224 Fr) PS#412 in '02.

CB DAMIEN JONES SO. 5-10 180 PS#216. 10 sts as rFr, 55 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu. Top cover CB. Duane Stone (5-8 182 Sr) PS#92RB. 7 sts, 44 tkls in '00, 1 int, 3 pbu. 3 sts LY, 30 tkls.

CB BUSTER LARKINS SO. 5-11 177 PS#147. 8 sts as rFr, 791 snaps, 49 tkls, 4 pbu. Leonard Bryant (5-9 180 So) **4.38 spd**. 26 tkls. Courtney Clency (5-10 174 So) PS#132. **4.37 spd**.

SS HERANA-DAZE JONES JR. 5-11 205 PS#158RB. L/5 sts at OLB in '01, 28 tkls, 4 tfl. 9 sts LY, 108 tkls, 7 tfl, 41"VL. Will Lumpkin (5-10 191 So) PS#93. 1 st vs C Mich, 17 tkls, 3 pbu.

FS Joe Gonzalez Sr. 6-0 209 PS#84. 16 tkls as **true**. 10 sts in '01, HM Big 10, 65 tkls, 5 tfl. 3 sts LY (inj) 18 tkls, 2 int. Luke Stone (6-0 203 Jr) PS#344JUCO. In for spg.

P Tyson Beattie rFr. 6-2 194 22 yrs old. Avg 46.0 in '01, 45.1 in 2000 & 44.2 in '99 on Australian National team. Bryan Robertson had 5 punt (34.4) in '01. Kyle Badgley (6-2 180 Fr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

TE	Brian Faires 6-5 222 PS#21
RB	Kenni Burns 6-1 192 PS#45
DL	Joel Stubblefield 6-3 265 PS#107
DB	Will Meyers 6-0 190 PS#87
WR	Nick Sexton 6-5 205 PS#116
QB	Blake Powers 6-5 205 PS#104
LB	Jake Powers 6-3 215 PS#131
LB	Tyler Altman 6-2 245 PS#145
TE	Chris Rudanovic 6-4 248 PS#61
DL	Luis Hernandez 6-2 285 PS#201
DB	Ryan Skelton 6-3 185 PS#199
OL	Chris Manglero 6-1 280 PS#241
DL	Johnathan Sandberg 6-3 260 PS#211
OL	Ben Wyss 6-3 260 PS#271

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INDIANA HOOSIERS

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#17

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score IU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	at Connecticut	G					
Sep. 6	at Washington	A					
Sep. 13	Indiana St	G					
Sep. 20	Kentucky	G					
Sep. 27	at Michigan	A					
Oct. 4	at Michigan St	G					
Oct. 11	Northwestern (HC)	G					
Oct. 18							
Oct. 25	Ohio St	G					
Nov. 1	at Minnesota	A					
Nov. 8	Illinois	G					
Nov. 15	at Penn St	G					
Nov. 22	Purdue	G					
Nov. 29							

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Hoosiers are 1-7-3 ATS the last 11 road finales NOT vs Purdue.
Indiana is just 2-5 ATS the last 8 off a bye week.
IU is 7-3 ATS the last 10 September away games.

Indiana is 12-5 ATS the last 17 lined season openers, 0-3 ATS the last 3.
Hoosiers will be the 1st team to play on UConn's New Rentschler Field.

First vs Pac 10 since being swept SU & ATS at home vs USC in '81-'82.
Hoosiers are 6-13 ATS their last 19 as a road dog.

ISU was 5-7 SU LY in the IAA Gateway Conference
The ISU Sycamores played 2 IA tms LY, W Mich 17-48 & Ball St 21-23.

The Hoosiers are 1-7 SU & 3-5 ATS vs Kentucky the last 8.
Indiana is 5-10-1 ATS the last 11 non-conference home games.

The visitor is 7-2 ATS the last 9 in this series.
The Hoosiers are 1-18 SU & 7-12 ATS since 1980 vs Michigan.

Indiana is 1-5 SU & 2-4 ATS vs Michigan St since 1995.
The visitor is 6-1 ATS the last 7 in this series.

The SU winner is an amazing 19-0 ATS the last 19 in this series.
Indiana is 2-5 ATS since 1994 vs the Wildcats.

Hoosiers are 0-5-1 SU & 1-5 ATS vs Bucks the L/6 at Memorial Stadium.
IU is 7-18 ATS as a conference home dog their last 25.

Indiana is 1-4 ATS their last 5 visits to the Metrodome.
The Hoosiers are 2-11 SU & 3-10 ATS in November away games S/'95.

The Hoosiers are 3-7 ATS at home vs Illinois the last 10.
Indiana is 8-16 SU & 7-17 ATS at home in November the last 24.

The Hoosiers are 0-6 SU & 1-5 ATS since 1995 vs Penn St.
Indiana is 1-7 ATS the last 8 years in road finales.

The home team is 5-0 ATS the last 5 in the Battle for the Old Oaken Bucket.
Indiana is 5-14 SU & 4-15 ATS in home finales since 1984.

GERRY DINARDO (Career 54-58-1)
2nd Year at Indiana

DiNardo's records AT INDIANA

3-9	Straight Up	1-1	Home Favorite
4-7	Vs The Spread	1-2	Home Dog
3-5	Off A SU Loss	0-1	Away Favorite
2-6	Vs Conference	2-3	Away Dog
		2-1	Vs Non-Conf

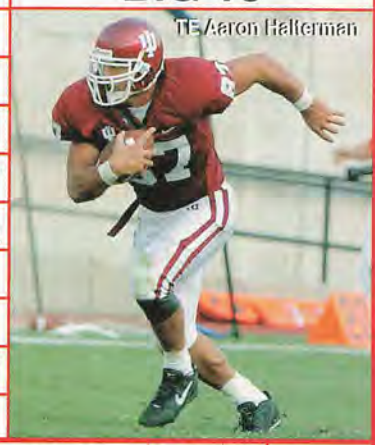
2002 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (17,20,3)
Lost: 21 (9,11,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 31,248

BIG 10


TE Aaron Halterman

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (52,180)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	2-9	4-7	4-7	3-8	5-6	3-9	24-54
ATS	5-5-1	5-6	7-4	6-5	3-8	5-6	4-7	35-41-1
Home Fav	0-0-1	2-1	2-1	2-3	1-2	2-1	1-1	10-9-1
Home Dog	1-3	0-3	1-1	2-0	1-2	1-2	1-2	7-13
Away Fav	1-1	0-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-3
Away Dog	3-1	3-2	3-1	1-2	1-4	2-3	2-3	15-16
Favorite	1-1-1	2-1	3-2	3-3	1-2	2-1	1-2	13-12-1
Dog	4-4	3-5	4-2	3-2	2-6	3-5	3-5	22-29
Grass	2-1	2-1	5-3	6-3	2-7	3-6	4-5	24-26
Artificial	3-4-1	3-5	2-1	0-2	1-1	2-0	0-2	11-15-1
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	4-4	6-2	2-6	4-4	2-6	25-31
vs Non-Conf	1-1-1	2-1	3-0	0-3	1-2	1-2	2-1	10-10-1
Off SU Win	0-1-1	0-2	3-1	2-2	0-3	2-2	1-2	8-13-1
Off SU Loss	4-4	4-4	3-3	4-2	3-4	3-3	3-5	24-25

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Yamar Washington	174	702	14	688	9	4.0
Brian Lewis	104	475	17	458	0	4.4
Chris Taylor	48	241	12	229	2	4.8
Gibran Hamdan	55	101	153	-52	1	-0.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Gibran Hamdan	293	152	51.9	2115	9	14
Tommy Jones	152	75	49.3	879	9	7
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Courtney Roby	59	1039	17.6	4	76	
Glenn Johnson	53	837	15.8	5	66	
Aaron Halterman	27	292	10.8	1	25	
John Pannozzo	26	258	9.9	3	41	
Tyke Spencer	17	231	13.6	2	44	
Yamar Washington	15	91	6.1	0	22	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Hamre	58	2214	38.2	54	33.7	1	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Bryan Robertson	23-28	1-1	2-5	5-6	1-1	9-13	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
John Kerr	114	2	4	0	1
H.D. Jones	108	0	7	4	0
A.C. Carter	74	0	2	3	1
Antonio Watson	59	0	1	10	0
Damien Jones	55	0	1	5	3
Kris Dielman	55	5	9	3	0
Buster Larkins	49	0	1	4	1
Victor Adeyanju	33	2	2	0	0
Jodie Clemons	33	2	3	2	0
Duane Stone	30	0	1	0	0
Kyle Killion	28	1	2	0	0
Leonard Bryant	26	0	0	1	0
Ron Bethel	23	0	1	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Glenn Johnson	25	163	6.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
A.C. Carter	36	732	20.3	0
Courtney Roby	11	227	20.6	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
87	Peach	+6'	Tennessee	22-27	W
88	Liberty	-3	S Carolina	34-10	W
90	Peach	+9'	Auburn	23-27	W
91	Copper	+3'	Baylor	24-0	W
93	Independence	+3	Virginia Tech	20-45	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

INDIANA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	21.5	19	117	3.2	252	51.1	17.1	-12	2002	5	37.1	22	235	5.4	194	60.3	11.6
7*	27.7	23	269	5.5	166	51.9	15.7	+7	2001	8	27.1	22	144	3.9	250	62.7	14.5
8*	30.6	23	266	5.8	173	47.3	14.3	-16	2000	6	38.8	25	186	4.7	271	64.7	11.8
9*	26.5	21	191	4.4	215	53.6	15.3	+1	1999	8	35.1	23	211	4.7	219	60.0	12.3
7*	21.7	19	196	4.3	169	47.0	16.3	+3	1998	6	27.7	21	154	3.9	243	63.3	14.3
5	10.9	15	91	2.6	214	56.9	27.9	-9	1997	6	32.6	21	181	4.5	232	50.0	12.7

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE							
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
William & Mary	17	42-103	2.5	16-32	165	0	20	29-(-32)	-1.1	20-41	259	5	0
at Utah	17	19-79	4.2	21-47	276	1	29	57-386	6.8	15-28	104	0	-2
at Kentucky	21	43-160	3.7	13-38	234	2	17	35-144	4.1	19-32	183	3	-2
C Michigan	22	51-215	4.2	15-24	316	3	24	48-263	5.5	18-36	198	0	-1
at Ohio St	17	28-56	2.0	19-32	283	3	21	39-244	6.3	18-23	217	1	0
Wisconsin	21	35-95	2.7	24-36	310	4	20	48-222	4.6	13-25	121	2	-1
Iowa	26	45-146	3.2	21-48	335	6	17	37-168	4.5	11-16	190	0	0
at Illinois	23	27-81	3.0	26-50	320	4	28	49-248	5.1	18-27	211	0	-2
at Northwestern	20	56-232	4.1	13-21	150	1	22	39-240	6.2	19-29	256	0	+1
Michigan St	17	33-107	3.2	23-48	257	1	22	43-289	6.7	17-26	203	1	-3
Penn St	20	35-95	2.7	22-39	180	3	21	44-352	8.0	10-18	137	2	-1
at Purdue	12	20-29	1.5	15-31	194	1	28	54-296	5.5	24-34	243	1	-1
TOTALS	233	434-1398	3.2	228-446	3020	29	269	522-2820	5.4	202-335	2322	15	-12
AVERAGES	19.4	36-117	3.2	19-37	252	2.4	22.4	44-235	5.4	17-28	194	1.3	-1.0

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Michigan	-4'	45-30	W
at Kentucky	+21	27-31	W
at Cincinnati	-3	48-14	W
Wisconsin	+9'	20-24	W
at Michigan St	+9'	31-38 2OT	W
Iowa	-3	14-7	W
at Michigan	+13'	10-21	W
Ohio St	+24	7-38	L
at Illinois	-13'	16-31	L
Minnesota	-3	20-19	L
at Purdue	+16'	7-52	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ball St	-24	21-9	L
N Carolina	-1'	30-42	L
Kentucky	-8	35-44	L
at Penn St	+27	24-45	W
Illinois	-2	34-31 OT	W
Northwestern	-8	34-17	W
at Wisconsin	+14'	0-59	L
at Iowa	-2	38-31	W
Michigan	+16'	31-34	W
at Minnesota	+14	20-44	L
Purdue	+13	24-30	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
NC State	-7	38-41	L
at Kentucky	+4	34-41	L
Cincinnati	-5	42-6	W
Iowa	-14	45-33	L
at Northwestern	+4	33-52	L
at Michigan	+15'	0-58	L
Minnesota	+7	51-43	W
Penn St	+1'	24-27	L
at Illinois	+8	35-42	W
Wisconsin	+6'	22-43	L
at Purdue	+16'	13-41	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at NC State	+7	14-35	L
Utah	-3	26-28	L
Ohio St	+9'	14-27	L
at Wisconsin	+14'	63-32	W
Illinois	+3'	14-35	L
at Iowa	+9'	28-42	L
Northwestern	+3	56-21	W
at Michigan St	+7	37-28	W
at Penn St	+2'	14-28	L
Purdue	-2'	13-7	W
Kentucky	-6	26-15	W

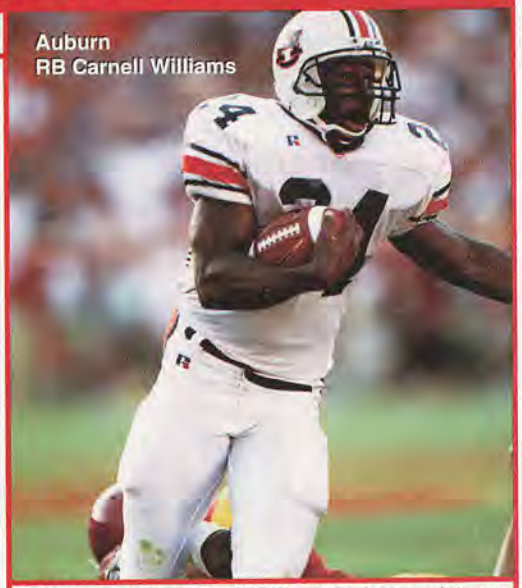
2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
William & Mary	NL	25-17	–
at Utah	+14	13-40	L
at Kentucky	+17'	17-27	W
C Michigan	-5'	39-29	W
at Ohio St	+29'	17-45	W
Wisconsin	+11	32-29	W
Iowa	+13	8-24	L
at Illinois	+9	14-45	L
at Northwestern	-2'	37-41	L
Michigan St	-1'	21-56	L
Penn St	+24	25-58	L
at Purdue	+22	10-34	L

SEC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 SEC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Eli Manning, Ole Miss	Casey Clausen, Tennessee	Jared Lorenzen, Kentucky	David Greene, Georgia
RB	Carnell Williams, Auburn	Cedric Cobbs, Arkansas	Jerious Norwood, Miss St	Joseph Addai, LSU
RB	Cedric Houston, Tennessee	Shaud Williams, Alabama	Ran Carthon, Florida	Brandon Jacobs, Auburn
WR	Michael Clayton, LSU	Troy Williamson, S Car	Mike Espy, Ole Miss	Devery Henderson, LSU
WR	Fred Gibson, Georgia	Carlos Perez, Florida	Devin Aromashodu, Auburn	George Wilson, Arkansas
WR	Chris Collins, Ole Miss	Ben Obomanu, Auburn	Justin Jenkins, Miss St	Michael Johnson, Georgia
TE	Benjamin Watson, Georgia	Ben Troupe, Florida	Jason Peters, Arkansas	Eric Edwards, LSU
C	Scott Wells, Tennessee	Ben Wilkerson, LSU	Mike Degory, Florida	Danny Lindsey, Auburn
G	Shannon Snell, Florida	Doug Buckles, Ole Miss	Mark Bokermann, Arkansas	Monreko Crittenden, Auburn
G	Justin Smiley, Alabama	Stephen Peterman, LSU	Jason Respert, Tennessee	Marcus Johnson, Ole Miss
T	Shawn Andrews, Arkansas	Max Starks, Florida	Antonio Hall, Kentucky	Andrew Whitworth, LSU
T	Wesley Britt, Alabama	Travelle Wharton, S Carolina	Michael Munoz, Tennessee	Marcus McNeill, Auburn
DL	David Pollack, Georgia	Marquise Hill, LSU	George Gause, S Car	Vincent Burns, Kentucky
DL	DeMarco McNeil, Auburn	Mondre Dickerson, Tenn	Anthony Bryant, Alabama	Darrius Swain, Georgia
DL	Kedric Golston, Georgia	Chad Lavalais, LSU	Jesse Mitchell, Ole Miss	Darrell Shropshire, S Car
DL	Antwan Odom, Alabama	Marcus Spears, LSU	Tommy Kelly, Miss St	Jovan Haye, Vandy
LB	Karlos Dansby, Auburn	Ricardo Hurley, S Carolina	Jason Mitchell, Tennessee	Marvin Byrdsong, Miss St
LB	Kevin Burnett, Tennessee	Brooks Daniels, Alabama	Freddie Roach, Alabama	Lemarcus Rowell, Auburn
LB	Dontarrious Thomas, Auburn	Jason Clark, Miss St	Tony Bua, Arkansas	Kevin Simon, Tenn
CB	Ahmad Carroll, Arkansas	Corey Webster, LSU	Decory Bryant, Georgia	Demetric Wright, Miss St
CB	Keiwan Ratliff, Florida	Lawrence Richardson, Arkansas	Dunta Robinson, S Car	Eddie Jackson, Arkansas
SS	Kentrell Curry, Georgia	Guss Scott, Florida	Gibril Wilson, Tennessee	Jimmy Beasley, Arkansas
FS	Rashad Baker, Tennessee	Darren Williams, Miss St	Eric Oliver, Ole Miss	Sean Jones, Georgia
K	Billy Bennett, Georgia	Jonathan Nichols, Ole Miss	Brent Smith, Miss St	David Carlton, Arkansas
P	Donnie Jones, LSU	Dustin Colquitt, Tennessee	Cody Ridgeway, Ole Miss	Josh Brown, S Carolina
KR	Derek Abney, Kentucky	Fred Gibson, Georgia	Devery Henderson, LSU	Kwane Doster, Vandy
PR	Derek Abney, Kentucky	DeCori Birmingham, Arkansas	Keiwan Ratliff, Florida	Shaud Williams, Alabama


Auburn
RB Carnell Williams

SEC Notes: This year the SEC West looks deeper and stronger than the SEC East and I look for the West members to have 4 or 5 teams in their division with winning records in SEC play. The SEC had the most (43) players selected in this year's NFL draft which was 7 more than the runner-up Big 10. The SEC West Champ has not repeated since 1994 (Alabama). Coming into last season the SEC had the best bowl record of the conferences over the previous 6 years at 27-17 but including last year's 3-4 record in the postseason they are just 20-21 the last 5 years. Once again the SEC had 7 of the top 10 teams in terms of attendance last year and became the first league to top 6 million fans in a season. The SEC averaged 73,515 fans per home game last year and the Big 10 was 2nd with a 69,937 average. While the SEC posted the BEST record against non-conf schools of any league at 32-12 (75.7%) they were a poor 6-11 vs BCS teams in non league play during the regular season.

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 SEC FORECAST

SEC EAST

1. TENNESSEE - The Vols actually lost three SEC games last year but have the best record in the SEC over the last five years at 49-14 (Florida is 47-16). Last year's team was decimated by injuries and should be much healthier. So despite the fact that they return just 11 starters, they are a much more experienced unit. For example, three starting LB's went down early in the year to injury and all 3 return but none are listed as returning starters. I think Tennessee has a shot at not only winning the SEC West but being a darkhorse National Title contender and keep in mind that Ohio St was 7-5 the year before their 2002 Title and Oklahoma was just 7-5 the year before their 2000 Title.

2. GEORGIA - The Bulldogs were a little fortunate last year winning some close games with S Carolina fumbling twice inside the UGA 2 yard line and UGA's only TD coming on a turnover. They got a last second FG to beat Bama, played Tenn who was without QB Casey Clausen and got a 4th down 19 yard TD pass with 1:25 left to beat Auburn. On the season, while UGA finished with the best record in the SEC at 7-1, but they only outgained league foes by 45.1 ypg which was just the fourth best mark in the league. Throw in the fact that UGA benefitted from +8 in turnovers last year (see page 310) and only has 10 starters returning, it's doubtful they will match the 7-1 league record they had last year. On the plus side, they have only 3 true conference road games (Florida is a neutral site) and one of them is versus Vandy, so this team is capable of another double digit win season (soft non-conf schedule). If they beat Tennessee for a fourth straight year, they would take home the SEC East Title.

3. FLORIDA - The Gators are 26-6 in SEC play the L/4 years and despite a disappointing overall record of 8-5, were still 6-2 in the SEC. They outgained foes by 73 ypg which was second best in the conference. They should improve on their -9 turnover margin but with just 9 returning starters (lowest in conference) and just 37 letterman back (second lowest), it looks like a rebuilding year in Gainesville. The pressure will be on Zook to have the Gators regain their bite.

4. SOUTH CAROLINA - Not much went right for SC last year as they opened the season 5-2 but lost their last 5. Lou Holtz said he'd never experienced such an injury plagued season as 2002 with 1,289 days lost to injury. The team also suffered a couple of tough losses vs Virginia (7 turnovers) and Georgia, where they turned the ball over twice inside the UGA 2 and the Bulldogs' only TD came on a turnover. Since joining the SEC in 1992, S Car is just 1-21 vs Tennessee and Florida with Holtz going 0-8. The Gamecocks have a shot at moving up in the SEC standings as they host Florida in November and might finally break through. This team is capable of returning to its winning ways and getting to its third bowl game in the last four years.

5. KENTUCKY - UK could have easily finished 4-4 in league play but gave up a Hail Mary to LSU on the final play of a stunning 33-30 loss. Even though the team was 3-5 in SEC action, they were still outgained by 114 ypg which was the second worst mark in the league. UK was fortunate in victories vs Miss St and Arkansas, two teams that had dominating yardage edges against them. Breaking in their third head coach in four years with new schemes on both sides of the ball and only having 11 returning starters chalks this one up to a rebuilding year. Even though the Cats should go 4-0 in non-conf play, it will be very difficult to match last year's 7 win total.

6. VANDERBILT - Vandy was outgained by an average of 141.6 ypg in SEC play last year and has lost 17 straight SEC games. While this year's team is a little more experienced than last year's, they have just one senior starter, so are still clearly in a rebuilding mode. With tough academic standards, playing in one of the toughest conferences in football, it's no wonder they've had just one winning SEC record in 40 years. Last year I called for Vandy to go 0-8 in the SEC and that will be my forecast once again.

SEC WEST

1. LSU - My talent rating basically lists LSU as the 3rd best team in the always competitive SEC West. The schedule maker has been kind this year as they host both Auburn and Arkansas who rate the edge talent-wise, but may have trouble winning in Baton Rouge. LSU has won a share of the SEC Title in each of the last two seasons and are a talented team very capable of making it three in a row. They have by far the best schedule of the top 3 teams in this division.

T-2. AUBURN - Three of my sets of power ratings call Auburn the very best team in the entire SEC and four say they're the most talented in the SEC West. They have won or shared each of the last 3 SEC West crowns and are absolutely loaded on offense and still have a top 15 defense. This team deserves to be a National Title contender but does have very tough SEC road games including their main competitors in the West, LSU and Arkansas. The Tigers are capable of a 4th straight crown.

T-2. ARKANSAS - I called for the Hogs to get to the SEC Title game last year and they did just that beating both Auburn and LSU outright to win the tie-breaker for the title. Arkansas was a little fortunate last year as they were +17 in turnovers which does not bode well for this year but the returning talent does. Arkansas has 17 returning starters, the most in the league, and loses just 20 of 70 lettermen. Overall I rate them as having the best defense in the SEC and that makes them a threat to win the title. They do have to face LSU, Alabama and Mississippi all on the road, but the Hogs are capable of repeating as SEC West champs.

4. MISSISSIPPI - After 3 straight years of finishing 4-4 in the SEC, Ole Miss dropped to 3-5 and 5th place in the division last year. This is the best Rebel team I've seen in over a decade with Eli Manning, some top-notch skill performers and a solid offensive front. They have one of the top offenses in the league. The defense, with 8 starters back, is getting bigger up front and should also be more of a force. In SEC West play they only have 2 road games (Auburn & Miss St) and the top four teams in this division all have about an equal shot at winning the West title.

5. ALABAMA - The Tide was arguably the best team in the SEC last year as in conf play they outgained league foes by 152.1 ypg and outscored them by 16 ppg, both the best in the league. For example, league champ Georgia outgained foes by just 45.1 ypg. The Tide did benefit from +15 in turnovers and this year must replace 28 lettermen which is the highest in the league. They also may lack some motivation as they will not be able to go to a bowl for a second straight year and could start to feel the effects of the scholarship reductions from the 3 year probation. They are on their fourth head coach the last 42 months, which means new schemes will be installed again. They didn't even have the benefit of spring practices with their new coach. The SEC West is the most competitive league in the NCAA from top to bottom and I see the Tide slipping back in the standings this year.

6. MISSISSIPPI ST - From 1997 to 2000 MSU had the best record of all the SEC West teams. The last two years they've plummeted to just 2-14 but a closer look at the numbers from last year show that turnovers were the main problem. On the season, MSU outgained their foes by a 337-324 margin, despite finishing 3-9. In SEC play, despite their 0-8 record, they were only outgained by 16 ypg with the -15 turnover margin being the culprit. They draw Vandy and Kentucky from the SEC East and get three home games against SEC West foes so the Bulldogs could surprise this year and even in the very rugged SEC West, have a shot at moving out of the basement.

2002 SEC vs SEC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
11	Alabama	28.4	1	406.0	1	189.4	4	4.4	4	216.6	4	56.5	4	14.3	5	8	3	19	10
13	Georgia	28.3	2	392.8	2	141.1	8	3.6	9	251.6	3	56.1	6	13.9	3	14	6	18	9
14	Florida	23.9	6	379.5	4	118.3	10	3.3	11	261.3	1	60.3	2	15.9	9	17	9	13	3
25	Auburn	26.6	5	356.6	5	190.3	3	4.6	2	166.4	8	56.3	5	13.4	2	12	4	15	6
34	Kentucky	26.9	4	308.5	11	123.9	9	3.7	8	184.6	7	53.5	7	11.5	1	12	4	17	8
47	Mississippi	21.9	9	321.8	9	64.5	12	2.2	12	257.3	2	58.3	3	14.7	6	17	9	12	2
53	LSU	22.4	8	339.3	7	190.9	2	4.4	3	148.4	9	49.7	9	15.2	7	15	7	10	1
55	Tennessee	22.8	7	355.3	6	169.0	6	3.8	7	186.3	6	61.3	1	15.6	8	4	1	22	11
58	Arkansas	27.9	3	387.8	3	258.5	1	5.3	1	129.3	12	46.2	11	13.9	4	7	2	13	3
72	S Carolina	13.5	12	316.9	10	173.0	5	4.2	5	143.9	10	50.0	8	23.5	12	16	8	14	5
77	Miss St	15.4	10	324.8	8	113.8	11	3.5	10	211.0	5	47.6	10	21.1	11	29	12	23	12
87	Vanderbilt	15.1	11	286.3	12	153.5	7	3.9	6	132.8	11	45.9	12	18.9	10	17	9	15	6

2002 SEC vs SEC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
5	Alabama	12.4	1	253.9	1	101.1	1	3.1	1	152.8	2	48.6	3	20.5	1	19	2	25	1
8	Tennessee	18.4	3	292.4	2	134.6	3	3.5	2	157.8	3	48.1	2	15.9	7	8	11	20	4
13	Georgia	18.0	2	347.6	8	142.6	4	3.7	4	205.0	9	58.6	10	19.3	2	17	5	21	2
15	LSU	20.0	6	323.1	4	160.8	8	4.4	10	162.4	5	43.4	1	16.2	6	17	5	11	9
18	Auburn	18.8	4	344.3	7	157.6	6	4.3	9	186.6	7	56.1	8	18.4	3	22	1	21	2
26	Florida	20.0	6	306.5	3	144.8	5	3.9	5	161.8	4	53.7	7	15.3	8	13	8	15	6
28	Arkansas	23.0	8	397.4	10	133.4	2	3.6	3	264.0	12	59.4	11	17.3	4	19	2	15	6
43	S Carolina	19.5	5	335.8	5	159.8	7	4.1	7	176.0	6	58.1	9	17.2	5	14	7	11	9
47	Mississippi	28.8	10	383.3	9	188.3	10	4.4	11	195.0	8	51.7	5	13.3	10	19	2	18	5
54	Miss St	33.1	12	340.8	6	190.3	11	4.0	6	150.5	1	52.6	6	10.3	12	10	10	9	12
71	Kentucky	28.5	9	422.5	11	179.6	9	4.1	8	242.9	11	50.6	4	14.8	9	12	9	15	6
83	Vanderbilt	32.5	11	427.9	12	193.3	12	4.6	12	234.6	10	64.6	12	13.2	11	4	12	10	11

2002 SEC STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
EAST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Georgia	7	1	226	144	13	1	450	212
Florida	6	2	191	160	8	5	336	279
Tennessee	5	3	182	147	8	5	296	227
#Kentucky	3	5	215	228	7	5	385	301
S Carolina	3	5	108	156	5	7	225	262
Vanderbilt	0	8	121	260	2	10	221	368
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
#Alabama	6	2	227	99	10	3	377	200
Arkansas	5	3	223	184	9	5	370	277
Auburn	5	3	213	150	9	4	388	231
LSU	5	3	179	160	8	5	323	238
Mississippi	3	5	175	230	7	6	351	331
Mississippi St	0	8	123	265	3	9	227	339

#= Ineligible for conference title

Coach of the Year: Mark Richt, Georgia

2001 SEC STANDINGS

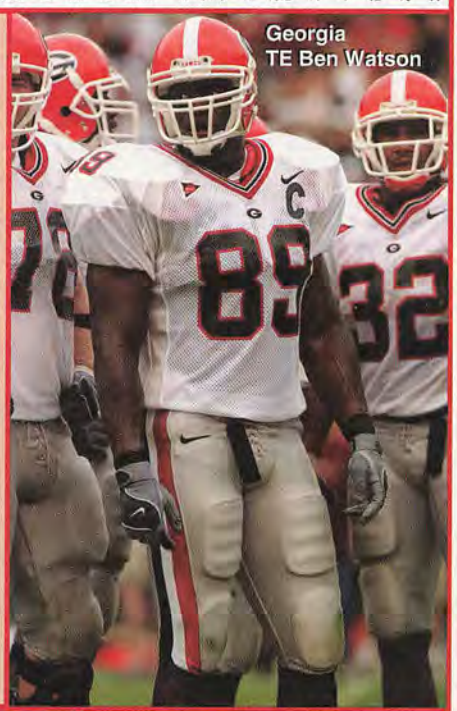
	Conf				All Games			
EAST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Tennessee	7	1	225	148	10	2	355	234
Florida	6	2	341	122	9	2	482	155
S Carolina	5	3	189	160	8	3	279	202
Georgia	5	3	204	167	8	3	315	208
Kentucky	1	7	206	285	2	9	259	367
Vanderbilt	0	8	128	315	2	9	226	402
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
LSU	5	3	231	203	9	3	371	268
Auburn	5	3	152	193	7	4	244	265
Alabama	4	4	203	177	6	5	304	219
Arkansas	4	4	208	220	7	4	291	269
Mississippi	4	4	262	262	7	4	391	310
Mississippi St	2	6	119	216	3	8	196	288

Coach of the Year: Houston Nutt, Arkansas

2000 SEC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
EAST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Florida	7	1	318	181	9	2	420	230
Tennessee	5	3	251	176	8	3	359	212
Georgia	5	3	213	164	7	4	294	198
S Carolina	5	3	173	152	7	4	259	174
Vanderbilt	1	7	120	223	3	8	193	273
Kentucky	0	8	152	300	2	9	254	383
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Auburn	6	2	178	144	9	2	282	207
LSU	5	3	196	195	7	4	292	221
Mississippi	4	4	187	210	7	4	314	280
Mississippi St	4	4	225	199	7	4	347	265
Arkansas	3	5	136	221	6	5	264	258
Alabama	3	5	166	150	3	8	228	246

Coach of the Year: Lou Holtz, S Carolina



2002 SEC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
David Greene, Georgia	**379**	**218**	**57.5**	**8**	**2924**	**7.7**	**22**	**137.3**
Tyler Watts, Alabama	181	112	61.9	4	1414	7.8	7	135.8
Jared Lorenzen, Kentucky	**327**	**183**	**56.0**	**5**	**2267**	**6.9**	**24**	**135.4**
Casey Clausen, Tenn	**310**	**194**	**62.6**	**7**	**2297**	**7.4**	**11**	**132.0**
Eli Manning, Ole Miss	**481**	**279**	**58.0**	**15**	**3401**	**7.1**	**21**	**125.6**
Matt Jones, Arkansas	**234**	**122**	**52.1**	**8**	**1592**	**6.8**	**16**	**125.0**
Rex Grossman, Florida	503	287	57.1	17	3402	6.8	22	121.5
Corey Jenkins, S Carolina	180	100	55.6	10	1334	7.4	7	119.5
Jay Cutler, Vandy	**212**	**103**	**48.6**	**9**	**1433**	**6.8**	**10**	**112.4**
Marcus Randall, LSU	**181**	**87**	**48.1**	**5**	**1173**	**6.5**	**7**	**109.7**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Taylor Jacobs, Florida	11	71	1088	8	98.9	6.5	15.3
Terrence Edwards, Georgia	13	59	1004	11	77.2	4.5	17.0
Fred Gibson, Georgia	**12**	**43**	**758**	**4**	**63.2**	**3.6**	**17.6**
Chris Collins, Ole Miss	**13**	**55**	**812**	**10**	**62.5**	**4.2**	**14.8**
Aaron Boone, Kentucky	12	41	706	10	58.8	3.4	17.2
Michael Clayton, LSU	**13**	**57**	**749**	**5**	**57.6**	**4.4**	**13.1**
Terrell Grindle, Miss St	11	34	608	3	55.3	3.1	17.9
Carlos Perez, Florida	**11**	**58**	**591**	**4**	**53.7**	**5.3**	**10.2**
Dan Stricker, Vandy	12	44	620	6	51.7	3.7	14.1
Derek Abney, Kentucky	**12**	**40**	**569**	**4**	**47.4**	**3.3**	**14.2**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Artose Pinner, Kentucky	12	283	1414	5.0	13	117.8
Musa Smith, Georgia	13	260	1324	5.1	8	101.8
Ronnie Brown, Auburn	**12**	**175**	**1008**	**5.8**	**13**	**84.0**
Earnest Graham, Florida	13	240	1085	4.5	11	83.5
Fred Talley, Arkansas	14	197	1119	5.7	2	79.9
Kwane Doster, Vandy	**11**	**160**	**798**	**5.0**	**3**	**72.5**
Domanick Davis, LSU	13	193	931	4.8	7	71.6
Shaud Williams, Alabama	**13**	**130**	**921**	**7.1**	**5**	**70.8**
Cedric Houston, Tenn	**12**	**153**	**779**	**5.1**	**6**	**64.9**
Santonio Beard, Alabama	13	165	811	4.9	12	62.4

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Rex Grossman, Florida	13	58	(-65)	503	3402	3337	256.7
Eli Manning, Ole Miss	**13**	**39**	**(-120)**	**481**	**3401**	**3281**	**252.4**
Casey Clausen, Tenn	**11**	**61**	**(-7)**	**310**	**2297**	**2290**	**208.2**
David Greene, Georgia	**14**	**65**	**(-52)**	**379**	**2924**	**2872**	**205.1**
Kevin Fant, Miss St	**10**	**61**	**(-69)**	**311**	**1918**	**1849**	**184.9**
Jared Lorenzen, Kentucky	**12**	**60**	**(-51)**	**327**	**2267**	**2216**	**184.7**
Jay Cutler, Vandy	**11**	**123**	**393**	**212**	**1433**	**1826**	**166.0**
Corey Jenkins, S Carolina	12	160	656	180	1334	1990	165.8
Tyler Watts, Alabama	11	130	356	181	1414	1770	160.9
Matt Jones, Arkansas	**14**	**129**	**614**	**234**	**1592**	**2206**	**157.6**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Hunter Hillenmeyer, Vandy	12	116	52	168	14.0
Bam Hardmon, Florida	13	104	64	168	12.9
Justin Giboney, Vandy	12	76	67	143	11.9
Bradie James, LSU	13	83	71	154	11.8
Ken Hamlin, Arkansas	14	97	62	159	11.4
Mike Nattiel, Florida	13	88	60	148	11.4
Mario Haggan, Miss St	11	66	53	119	10.8
Jonathan Martin, S Carolina	12	93	29	122	10.2
Eric Oliver, Ole Miss	**13**	**80**	**49**	**129**	**9.9**
Jonathan Shaub, Vandy	**12**	**50**	**55**	**105**	**8.8**
Brooks Daniels, Alabama	**13**	**68**	**42**	**110**	**8.4**

TFL

	NO	YDS
David Pollack, Georgia	**23.5**	**128**
Johnathan Sullivan, Georgia	18.5	65
Tony Gilbert, Georgia	15.5	47
Vincent Burns, Kentucky	**14.5**	**51**
Antwan Odom, Alabama	**14.0**	**88**
Kindal Moorehead, Alabama	14.0	83
Karlos Dansby, Auburn	**14.0**	**51**
Norman LeJeune, LSU	10.0	102
Bradie James, LSU	9.0	49

SACKS

	NO	YDS
David Pollack, Georgia	**14.0**	**99**
Antwan Odom, Alabama	**10.0**	**76**
Kindal Moorehead, Alabama	9.0	73
Will Thompson, Georgia	**6.0**	**45**
Gavin Walls, Arkansas	6.0	34
Melvin Oliver, LSU	**6.0**	**25**
Norman LeJeune, LSU	5.0	46
Jarret Johnson, Alabama	5.0	44
Dewayne Robertson, Kentucky	5.0	40

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Glenn Pakulak, Kentucky	12	66	3008	45.6
Donnie Jones, LSU	**12**	**64**	**2813**	**44.0**
Greg Johnson, Vandy	**12**	**66**	**2891**	**43.8**
Dustin Colquitt, Tenn	**13**	**65**	**2833**	**43.6**
Damon Duval, Auburn	13	54	2344	43.4
Cody Ridgeway, Ole Miss	**13**	**67**	**2840**	**42.4**
Tyeler Dean, S Carolina	11	45	1909	42.4
Jonathan Kilgo, Georgia	14	64	2708	42.3
Jared Cook, Miss St	**10**	**48**	**2024**	**42.2**
Lane Bearden, Alabama	12	50	2074	41.5

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Derek Abney, Kentucky	**36**	**544**	**4**	**15.1**
Domanick Davis, LSU	36	499	1	13.9
Damien Gary, Georgia	**34**	**458**	**1**	**13.5**
DeCori Birmingham, Arkansas	**28**	**342**	**0**	**12.2**
Jason Armstead, Ole Miss	32	383	1	12.0
Roderick Hood, Auburn	36	417	0	11.6
Rashad Baker, Tenn	**12**	**129**	**0**	**10.8**
Keiwan Ratliff, Florida	**32**	**341**	**0**	**10.7**
Korey Banks, Miss St	20	200	0	10.0
Mark Jones, Tenn	**26**	**240**	**0**	**9.2**
Shaud Williams, Alabama	**40**	**346**	**0**	**8.6**

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Brent Smith, Miss St	**12**	**16**	**20**	**80.0**	**53**
Billy Bennett, Georgia	**14**	**26**	**33**	**78.8**	**47**
Jonathan Nichols, Ole Miss	**13**	**15**	**20**	**75.0**	**50**
David Carlton, Arkansas	**14**	**12**	**16**	**75.0**	**47**
John Corbello, LSU	13	17	24	70.8	49
Alex Walls, Tenn	10	12	17	70.6	44
Taylor Begley, Kentucky	**11**	**9**	**14**	**64.3**	**49**
Daniel Weaver, S Carolina	**12**	**10**	**16**	**62.5**	**38**
Greg Johnson, Vandy	**12**	**8**	**13**	**61.5**	**46**
Matt Leach, Florida	**13**	**9**	**15**	**60.0**	**48**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Devery Henderson, LSU	**11**	**305**	**0**	**27.7**
Derek Abney, Kentucky	**30**	**804**	**2**	**26.8**
Kwane Doster, Vandy	**24**	**616**	**0**	**25.7**
Fred Reid, Miss St	**18**	**441**	**0**	**24.5**
Fred Gibson, Georgia	**19**	**460**	**1**	**24.2**
Corey Larkins, Tenn	**26**	**611**	**0**	**23.5**
Domanick Davis, LSU	24	560	0	23.3
DeCori Birmingham, Arkansas	**28**	**638**	**0**	**22.8**
Ran Carthon, Florida	**17**	**380**	**0**	**22.4**
Ryan Brewer, S Carolina	11	243	0	22.1

TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Casey Clausen took over the starting QB job at midseason as a true frosh and in his three years as a starter is 24-7. In his seven starts as a true frosh he threw for 1,593 yards (58.4%) with a 16-9 ratio. In 2001 he upped those totals to 3,362 yards completing an outstanding 65.2% with a 25-9 ratio. Over his last six games he hit 67.3% with a 17-3 ratio and was MVP of the bowl as a soph. Last year Clausen suffered from injuries (as did the entire team) and missed 2.5 games and was hobbled in others. For the year he threw for just 2,297 yards (63%) with an 11-7 ratio, but was only 100% healthy in the first five games and averaged 272 ypg (67.9%) with an 8-3 ratio. Clausen is 10-0 as a starter on the road and his 63.2% career completion percentage is #3 all-time in SEC history. CJ Leak (6-4 225 Sr) was PS#8 and had three starts at Wake Forest before suffering a severe knee injury. He opted to transfer to Tennessee and got a start against Georgia with Clausen out, but was pulled early, and in five games threw just 14 passes. He benches 405 pounds which is a Tennessee QB record and has the talent to be an effective starter. James Banks (PS#6) had an up and down true frosh season and started one game throwing for 277 yards (54.8%) while rushing for 176 appearing in eight games. He has split time at WR also. This could be one of the most improved QB positions in the country. I expect Clausen to top his outstanding 2001 statistics.

RUNNING BACKS - Tennessee has had a great streak of producing top-notch backs. In 2000 they had to replace super TB Jamal Lewis (a key component in the Ravens' Super Bowl season) as well as their starting FB. Travis Henry took over for Lewis and rushed for 1,494 yards (5.5) and actually left as the school's all-time leading rusher. He was the #2DC of BUF. In 2001, Travis Stephens stepped in (even though it was widely speculated that he was too small and not durable enough) and set the Vol's single season rushing record with 1,502 yards despite fighting off three VHT's for the starting job. Those three VHT's all returned last year and Cedric Houston stepped to the forefront. Houston who is 215 pounds with 4.36 speed suffered a bruised thigh vs Florida then tore a thumb ligament vs Rutgers basically missing most of five games (only 6 carries), but still led the team with 779 yards (5.1). Jabari Davis (PS#2) had 569 yards (4.6). Derrick Tinsley (PS#13) rushed for 202 and had 256 receiving. FB Troy Fleming (PS#28) who squats 665 pounds had 162 yards rushing and another 120 receiving. Gerald Riggs (PS#3) did not have the impact expected as a true frosh mainly due to injuries and gained only 61 yards. All five of these players return. Not listed in the 2 deep below are FB Sudan Ellington (6-3 250 So) and Ruben Mayes (6-0 245 rFr, PS#110), TB Corey Larkins (5-8 205 Jr, PS#45, 4.27 spd), as well as this year's newcomers. There is a lot of talent in this group and it was another unit affected by injuries last season and should be greatly improved.

RB Cedric Houston

RECEIVERS - Tennessee has the reputation of being "WR U" as they have produced plenty of WR's who have gone on to the NFL. Last year they had to replace their #2 receiver who was a 1st round DC as well as three other players that combined for 22 starts (4 of the top 6 rec's) and then suffered an injury plagued season (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). Kelley Washington was the top returning receiver, but he battled through injuries (23 rec, 19.3) playing in just 4 games. Washington opted to turn pro (#3DC of CIN) as did TE Jason Witten (13 sts, 39, 12.6, #3DC of DAL). Also departing this year is Leonard Scott (9 sts, 10, 8.7) and WR Montrell Jones (22 rec, 13.9) who was dismissed in April. I list the 2 deep below and Jonathan Wade who has 4.19 speed and started 3 games as a true frosh (8 rec) is one of the fastest players in the country. Tony Brown led the receivers with 39 grabs (12.2) and CJ Fayton (PS#12) has 4.34 speed. This year they signed PS#5, 7 & 10 WR's and they will make an immediate impact. Despite the fact that this unit loses a pair of 3rd round DC's, they could actually be more productive.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Vols averaged 4.0 ypc rushing while allowing 26 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters who were #3 and #6 picks in the NFL draft but did have seven players back with starting experience. The unit was injury plagued all year and only C Scott Wells and RT Will Ofenheusle (3rd Tm AA, 3 yr st'r) managed to start all 13 games. Ofenheusle is the only loss from the 2 deep and five players are back who have logged nine or more starts in their career. Star LT Michael Munoz (PS#3) is an extra year removed from his knee surgery in 2001. I list the 2 deep below and this is a very talented group that should be significantly improved over last season when they allowed 41 sacks and finished #55 in the NCAA in rushing (3.8).

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Vols had arguably the top DL in the NCAA in 2001 but had to replace all four starters including a pair of 1st round picks and a 3rd rounder last year as well as one backup. They did have 4 players returning with starting experience including a full-time starter from 2000 who had missed 2001 with injury. The defense went from allowing 2.7 ypc to 3.4 last year but was hit hard by devastating injuries in the front seven. The injuries started in the preseason scrimmage when their top pass rusher, DE Constantin Ritzmann, went down with an ACL injury. Only one DL managed to start all 13 games. This year they must replace all 4 starters once again. Gone are DT Rashad Moore (12 sts, 41 tkls, 4 tfl, #6DC of SEA), DL Demetrin Veal (12 sts, 41 tkls, 6 tfl, #7DC of ATL), DT Aubrayo Franklin (8 sts, 56 tkls, 5 tfl, #5DC of BAL), DE Omari Hand (13 sts, 68 tkls, 5 tfl), DT Edward Kendrick (1 st, 22 tkls, 1 tfl) and DL Wesley Holmes (2 tkls). I list the 2 deep below and they have plenty of VHT's in the group and the top sack man lost from the DL last year had just 3. This unit appears to be in about the same shape as it was heading into last season.

LINEBACKERS - The Vols returned five of their top six LB's last year but suffered five season ending injuries or dismissals over the course of the season (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). Last year's injuries gave this year's group more experience. This year they must replace two starters in SLB Eddie Moore (12 sts, 101 tkls, 7 tfl, 2nd Tm SEC, #2DC of MIA) and Keyon Whiteside (13 sts, #1 tkl'r, 5 sks, 7 pbu, #5DC of IND) as well as backup LB Steven Marsh (1 st, 21 tkls). I list the 2 deep below and 4 players return with starting experience and there are plenty of VHT's in the group. Burnett could be their best LB weighing in at 235 with sub 4.5 speed. This has the makings of a pretty good group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Vols finished #35 in my pass defense rankings in 2001 and last year had to replace two players who shared one CB spot and were #5 and #7 DC's, but basically had three starters and six of their top eight back. Despite the front seven being banged up, the Vols managed to climb to #17 in my pass D rankings allowing 48.7% with a minuscule 9 TD's although the team snagged just 12 interceptions. This year they must replace CB/SS Julian Battle (13 sts, 72 tkls, 1st Tm SEC, #3DC of KC) and CB Willie Miles (10 sts, 25 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu). Three players return who had seven or more starts last year, and both players who I list as returning starters below missed part of last season with injury. Not listed below is Chris Heath (6-0 190 So, PS#80). This unit is a little less experienced, and may drop a notch or two in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Punter Dustin Colquitt fixed some mechanical flaws at midseason of 2001 and finished the season strong. Last year he was one of three finalists for the Ray Guy Award averaging 43.6 per punt with a net of 38.1. The team did have its first blocked punt in over 100 attempts and in fact had two blocked last season. The top PR turned out to be Mark Jones (PS#15) who averaged 9.2 and Corey Larkins (23.5) was the top KR and both are back. Alex Walls, who hit 16 of 21 FG's with a long of 51 in 2001 hit 12 of 17 with a long of 44 last year. Phillip Newman (PS#40) handled the KO's and also saw some action when Walls was injured hitting 4 of 8 FG's with a long of 35. He will battle James Wilhoit (PS#2) to replace Walls. Overall Tennessee finished #24 in my special teams rankings and should break into the Top 20 this year.

COACHES - Phil Fulmer currently has the second best winning percentage of all active coaches (5 years minimum) with a 103-25 mark (80.5%). The team went through its first five loss season in Fulmer's ten years here last season. Interestingly, the team was 45-5 under Fulmer from 1995 to 1998 but is just 36-14 with zero SEC Titles and only one Top 10 finish in the last four years. The UT staff has remarkable stability with Randy Sanders entering his fifth year as the OC, and John Chavis entering his ninth year as the DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Tennessee has now been to 14 straight bowl games, a school record and the longest streak in the SEC, but did have a streak of 7 straight Jan 1 bowl games snapped last year. UT has appeared in 3 SEC Title games in the last 6 years. They are 49-14 in the conference (best in SEC) the last 5 years. Last year they had to replace three of the Top 15 DC's. The 2001 Vols got their first win in the Swamp since 1971 and handed Michigan its worst loss since 1968. On the verge of a National Championship game, Tennessee lost the SEC Championship game and came into 2002 with the motto "unfinished business". It was their sixth Top 10 finish in the previous 7 years but last year they returned just 10 starters the second fewest in the SEC and lost the most lettermen (27). They still had a team loaded with talent but were besieged by injuries during the year. Nineteen different starters missed a game during the course of the season including QB Clausen who was far from 100% all year. Six turnovers hurt them against Bama and vs Georgia (even without Clausen) they had a 344-294 yard edge. In the bowl they outfirstdowned Maryland 18-17 but once again crucial turnovers were the key to a 27 point bowl loss (the worst in school history). The Vols have 8 starters back on offense and if Clausen can stay healthy I rate them the top offense in the SEC this season. Defensively, despite the barrage of injuries the team went through, they still finished #8 overall in my 2002 rankings, and despite the fact that they return just 3 starters on defense (see Hardcore Fans) they could be even better this year. They must replace 8 NFL draft picks which tied Miami for the most. Despite an injury plagued season, Tennessee outgained foes by an average of 62.9 ypg in league play, which was third best, and this team is clearly capable of getting to their fourth SEC Title game in the last 7 years and are a darkhorse contender for the National Title (keep in mind that Oklahoma and Ohio St were 7-5 in the year before they won the National Title).

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CASEY CLAUSEN SR. 6-4 225 **PS#4**. 7 sts as true, 1593 yds (58%) 16-9 ratio, 13 sts in '01, 3362 (65%) 25-9 ratio. 11 sts LY (inj) 2297 yds (63%), 11-7. **CJ Leak** (6-4 225 Sr) PS#8.

RB CEDRIC HOUSTON JR. 6-0 215 **PS#11**. 8 sts (inj) 779 yds (5.1) in '02. Jabari Davis (6-0 225 Jr) **PS#2**, 5 sts, 569 yds (4.6). Gerald Riggs (6-0 220 So) **PS#3**. 61 yds as true.

FB TROY FLEMING SR. 6-2 230 **PS#28**. 253 yds, 23 gms in 2000 & '01. 13 sts LY, 162 yds (4.8), 21 rec (5.7), UT FB rec 665 squat. William Revill (6-1 250 So) PS#56, 1 rec as rFr.

WR TONY BROWN JR. 6-2 200 **PS#21**. 10 sts, 39 rec (12.2) LY. Derrick Tinsley (6-0 195 Jr) **PS#13**, 526 yds, 2Y. CJ Fayton (6-2 190 So) **PS#12**, 11 rec LY. Jayson Swain **PS#7**.

WR Mark Jones Sr. 5-9 185 **PS#15**. 4 starts, 55 tkls @ S LY. 378 return yards. Jon Wade (6-0 180 So) **4.19 spd**, 162 yards last year. Robert Meachem **PS#5**.

TE Victor McClure Jr. 6-4 290 **PS#48DL**, 2 gms OL as rFr. 12 gms @ TE LY, blk'r, 0 rec. Aaron Kirkland (6-4 250 So) **PS#9**, 10 gms as true. Jake Finlayson (6-5 260 So) 5 gms LY.

C SCOTT WELLS SR. 6-2 300 PS#94DL. 10 sts at C as rFr. SEC Fr Tm. 13 sts in 2001. 13 sts in '02 & 500 lb bench. Chuck Prugh (6-3 310 Sr) PS#257, 600 lb squat.

RG CHAVIS SMITH SR. 6-3 300 **PS#51DL**, 10 tkls as true. L/4 sts at RG in '01. 6 sts at RG in '02. Rob Smith (6-5 308 So) **PS#8**. 8 gms as true. Heath Benedict (6-6 285 rFr) **PS#6**.

LG JASON RESPERT JR. 6-3 305 **PS#5**. 3 sts in '01 til inj. RS. 6 sts in '02 (inj). **Anthony Herrera** (6-4 305 Sr) **PS#59**. 9 sts at LG as rFr, 6 sts at RG in '01, 9 sts LY (7 at RG).

RT Sean Young Sr. 6-7 310 **PS#10**. Lettered as true. 2 sts in '01 Took off RS gm 4 LY, 6 sts at LG. Cody Douglas (6-4 315 So) **PS#20**. 8 gms. Steven Jones PS#52. In for spg.

LT MICHAEL MUNOZ JR. 6-6 305 **PS#3**. 12 sts as true, Fr AA. Inj in '01 RS. 12 sts LY (missed 2 w/inj) 450 bench. Brandon Jeffries (6-4 275 rFr) **PS#4**. Richie Gandy (6-5 295 So) PS#87.

K James Wilhoit rFr. 5-10 190 **PS#2**. 21 of 35 FG's, long of 58 in HS, 78% of KO's were TB's as Sr. Philip Newman (6-1 190 Sr) PS#40. 4 of 8 FG's here, L/35, did KO's.

DE Karlton Neal Jr. 6-4 255 **PS#15LB**. 4 sts in '02, 31 tkls, 1.5 sks, 4 tfl. JT Mapu (6-3 265 So) **PS#18**. 9 tkls as true. David Ligon (6-5 260 rFr) **PS#45**. Jared Hostetter **PS#45**.

DT Greg Jones So. 6-6 300 **PS#53**. 10 tkls, 1 tfl as true. Terriea Smalls (6-3 305 Sr) **PS#19** OL/DL 3Y, 1L, 1 tfl LY. LaRon Harris (6-3 305 rFr) PS#105. Andre Taylor (6-3 285 Jr) Canadian.

DT Mondre Dickerson Sr. 6-5 290 **PS#4JC**. 11 sks at JC in '01. 2 sts here in '02, 16 tkls, 2 sks, 505 bench. Justin Harrell (6-4 300 rFr) **PS#52**. Zarnell Fitch (6-3 280 Jr) PS#242JC.

DE Constantin Ritzmann Sr. 6-4 265 **PS#35**. 24 tkls, 3 sks in '99-2000. 3 sts in '01, 34 tkls, 4 sks, 4 tfl. ACL LY. Parys Haralson (6-4 240 So) **PS#28**, 25 tkls as true. Turk McBride **PS#4**.

SLB Kevin Simon So. 5-11 225 **PS#2**. 3 sts as rFr (inj) 29 tkls, 2 tfl. Omar Gaither (6-2 225 So) **PS#35**. 17 tkls as true. Marvin Mitchell (6-3 230 So) PS#120, 8 tkls as true (inj).

MLB Robert Peace Sr. 6-3 235 **PS#24**. 21 tkls in 2000 & '01. 5 sts in 2002, 41 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 pbu until inj. Jon Poe (5-11 235 Jr) **PS#38JC**, 69 tkls at JC LY. Daniel Brooks **PS#6**.

WLB KEVIN BURNETT JR. 6-3 235 PS#65. 2 sts, 55 tkls, 4.5 sks in 2001. 1 st LY then ACL. Jason Mitchell (6-1 220 So) **PS#14**. 4 sts as rFr, 42 tkls, 4 tfl. Ovince Saint Preux (6-3 220 So).

CB JABARI GREER SR. 5-10 175 **PS#22**. 1 st as true, 27 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu. 12 sts in '01, 2 int, 13 pbu. 8 sts LY, 1 int, 14 pbu, 4.35 speed. Antwan Stewart (6-0 180 rFr) PS#103.

CB Jason Allen So. 6-2 200 **PS#17RB**. Size & 4.32 spd. 5 tkls, 12 gms as true. Robert Boulware (5-10 185 So) **PS#4**. 9 games on sp tms LY, track tm. Brandon Johnson PS#115JC.

SS Gibril Wilson Sr. 6-1 190 **PS#35JC**. 7 sts here in '02, 82 tkls, 2.5 sks, 5 pbu. Corey Campbell is **PS#24DB**. Shannon Benton (5-10 185 So) PS#114. Dusty Ishii (6-0 190 Sr).

FS RASHAD BAKER SR. 5-11 185 **PS#17WR**. 8 sts as true, 31 tkls. 13 sts in '01, 4 int, 9 pbu, 74 tkls. 10 sts LY, **1st Tm SEC**, 5 int, 7 pbu, 60 tkls. OJ Owens (6-0 205 Jr) **PS#4**. 4 tkls, 3Y (inj's).

P DUSTIN COLQUITT JR. 6-2 196 **Ray Guy finalist last year**. 56 punts as rFr, 38.9 avg, 34.5 net. 65 punts in 2002, 43.6 avg, #8 in NCAA w/38.1 net, 2nd Team SEC.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

WR	Robert Meachem	6-3 200 PS#5
DL	Turk McBride	6-4 235 PS#4
OL	Eric Young	6-4 270 PS#4
WR	Jayson Swain	6-2 205 PS#7
LB	Daniel Brooks	6-3 235 PS#6
WR	Bret Smith	6-3 175 PS#10
OL	Arron Sears	6-4 300 PS#24
DB	Corey Campbell	6-3 195 PS#23
DL	Jarod Hostetter	6-5 255 PS#45
DL	Steven Jones	6-4 291 PS#52
LB	Jon Poe	5-11 235 PS#38JC
DL	Brad Cottam	6-8 240 PS#34
DB	Roshaun Fellows	6-1 175 PS#92
DB	Jonathan Hefney	5-10 172 PS#93

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#20

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	Fresno St	G						The Volunteers have beaten Kentucky 18 straight times, 9-2 ATS L/11. Tennessee is 10-2 ATS in their last 12 home finales.
Sep. 6	Marshall	G						This will be the 1st ever meeting in school history. Tennessee is 11-2 ATS in their last 13 season openers.
Sep. 13								UT came into 2003 with a 30-17 ATS mark vs non-SEC teams since '89. The Volunteers are 15-5 ATS S/'93 in their 2nd straight home game.
Sep. 20	at Florida	G						Tenn is 17-6 SU the L/23, but 5-11-1 ATS the last 17 the week after a bye. Tennessee is 3-8-1 ATS the last 12 years vs this arch-rival.
Sep. 27	S Carolina	G						The home team is 2-7 ATS the last 9 meetings, 0-6 since 1997. UT is 10-0 SU the last 10 years vs S Carolina, but only 6-4 ATS.
Oct. 4	at Auburn	G						Tenn is 5-0-1 SU & 5-1 ATS vs Auburn the last 6 meetings. Tennessee is 16-3 SU & 11-8 the last 19 as an away favorite.
Oct. 11	Georgia	G						Tenn is 9-6 SU & 6-9 ATS the last 15 vs Georgia, but the last 3 years Georgia has won & covered every game.
Oct. 18								Bama had won 7 straight SU vs UT until Fulmer took over & he is 7-3-1 SU against the Tide with 7 wins in a row until last year. 6-4 ATS the last 10.
Oct. 25	at Alabama	G						The last meeting between these two teams was in 1993. UT won 52-19. Tennessee is 3-7 ATS the last 10 vs current ACC teams at home.
Nov. 1	Duke (HC)	G						This will be the 2nd meeting between these two teams. UM won the 1st 26-3 last year, but did not cover as a 9 point dog.
Nov. 8	at Miami, Fl	G						Tennessee is 25-1 SU & 17-9 ATS their last 26 November home games. Tennessee is 4-1 SU, but 2-3 ATS the last 5 meetings, including title gms.
Nov. 15	Mississippi St	G						UT has won SU every year S/'76 with the exception of '82. VU won 28-21. Tenn is 12- 7 ATS the last 19 games vs the Commodores.
Nov. 22	Vanderbilt	G						The Vols are 11-0 SU & 9-2 ATS the last 11 vs the Wildcats. Jamal Lewis' alma mater is 20-0 SU & 14-6 ATS in their final road game.
Nov. 29	at Kentucky	G						

PHILLIP FULMER (Career 103-25)
12th Year at Tennessee
Fulmer's records AT TENNESSEE

103-25 Straight Up	37-28 Home Favorite
66-58-1 Vs The Spread	2-4 Home Dog
12-10 Off A SU Loss	22-21 Away Favorite
46-44-1 Vs Conference	5-5-1 Away Dog
20-14 Vs Non-Conf	

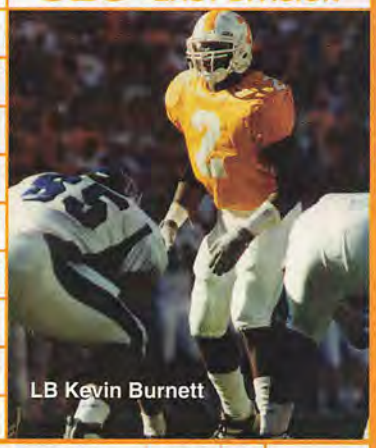
2002 RECORD: **(8-5)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 54 (26,24,4)
Lost: 22 (8,11,3)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 106,705

SEC - EAST DIVISION


LB Kevin Burnett

STADIUM: NEYLAND STADIUM (104,079)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	11-1	12-0	9-2	8-3	10-2	8-4	67-14
ATS	4-7	5-7	8-4	7-3-1	5-6	5-7	6-6	40-40-1
Home Fav	3-3	3-3	2-3	5-2	4-1	2-4	3-4	22-20
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-2
Away Fav	1-4	2-3	3-1	2-1	1-3	2-3	3-0	14-15
Away Dog	0-0	0-1	2-0	0-0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	3-3-1
Favorite	4-7	5-6	5-4	7-3	5-4	4-7	6-4	36-35
Dog	0-0	0-1	3-0	0-0-1	0-2	1-0	0-2	4-5-1
Grass	4-6	5-6	6-3	7-3-1	5-6	5-6	6-6	38-36-1
Artificial	0-1	0-1	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-4
vs Conf	3-5	3-6	6-3	5-2-1	4-4	3-6	4-4	28-30-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	12-10
Off SU Win	1-7	4-6	7-4	5-2-1	3-4	3-7	3-4	26-34-1
Off SU Loss	2-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	1-0	2-2	8-5

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cedric Houston	153	802	23	779	6	5.1
Jabari Davis	125	587	18	569	10	4.6
Derrick Tinsley	45	222	20	202	0	4.5
Troy Fleming	34	162	0	162	1	4.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Casey Clausen	310	194	62.6	2297	11	7
James Banks	31	17	54.8	277	2	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jason Witten	39	493	12.6	5	48
Tony Brown	39	477	12.2	1	48
Kelley Washington	23	443	19.3	1	58
Montrell Jones	22	306	13.9	0	26
Derrick Tinsley	20	256	12.8	5	35
Troy Fleming	21	120	5.7	0	26

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Dustin Colquitt	65	2833	43.6	68	38.1	2	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Alex Walls	20-23	5-6	4-4	3-7	0-0	12-17	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Keyon Whiteside	119	5	4	7	2
Eddie Moore	101	3	4	6	0
Gibril Wilson	82	2.5	3	5	0
Julian Battle	72	2	3	4	1
Omari Hand	68	2	3	1	0
Rashad Baker	60	0	0	7	5
Aubrayo Franklin	56	2	3	1	0
Mark Jones	55	0	1	6	1
Jason Mitchell	42	1	3	1	0
Robert Peace	41	1	4	1	0
Demetrin Veal	41	3	3	0	0
Rashad Moore	41	2	2	0	0
Karlton Neal	31	1.5	4	0	0
Kevin Simon	29	0	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Mark Jones	26	240	9.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Corey Larkins	26	611	23.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Fiesta	+5'	Florida St	23-16	W
99	Fiesta	+4	Nebraska	21-31	L
00	Cotton	+3'	Kansas St	21-35	L
01	Citrus	-3	Michigan	45-17	W
02	Peach	+1	Maryland	3-30	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TENNESSEE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	22.8	19	151	3.8	203	61.2	15.5	+2	2002	5	17.5	16	129	3.4	156	48.7	16.3
7*	30.8	19	150	4.0	260	65.1	13.3	+5	2001	7	19.3	17	87	2.7	220	53.3	15.9
4	31.7	20	164	4.3	203	57.8	11.6	+3	2000	5	20.6	18	93	2.8	219	53.2	15.2
6*	30.8	20	179	4.4	219	54.0	13.0	+3	1999	7	16.2	17	109	3.1	203	54.9	19.3
8	33.2	19	204	4.7	195	57.1	12.0	+16	1998	5	14.5	17	95	2.7	204	51.9	18.0
7*	32.9	24	149	4.6	321	60.9	14.3	-8	1997	7	22.0	18	118	3.4	233	55.3	15.9

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Wyoming	26	42-188	4.5	26-42	279	2	12	22-43	2.0	11-31	144	2	+4
Middle Tenn	20	31-137	4.4	24-29	263	2	12	38-100	2.6	13-23	109	3	0
Florida	20	33-99	3.0	30-44	285	0	21	34-94	2.8	20-35	324	4	0
Rutgers	18	23-94	4.1	15-28	284	2	19	43-121	2.8	17-32	151	3	+1
Arkansas	18	47-162	3.4	19-28	291	3	25	66-238	3.6	12-21	211	4	-2
at Georgia	14	40-162	4.1	12-19	182	6	18	32-62	1.9	22-38	232	1	0
Alabama	17	26-59	2.3	15-27	163	4	14	46-172	3.7	7-12	128	2	-4
at S Carolina	21	54-241	4.5	17-24	175	2	13	35-184	5.3	5-19	45	3	+1
Miami, Fl	10	38-141	3.7	8-21	77	7	25	38-177	4.7	18-36	245	0	0
at Mississippi St	18	64-232	3.6	3-8	90	3	12	30-121	4.0	15-35	160	3	0
at Vanderbilt	22	50-242	4.8	13-23	129	1	11	33-117	3.5	7-18	79	1	+2
Kentucky	21	42-155	3.7	13-26	175	3	11	29-89	3.1	12-30	83	2	+1
† Maryland	18	27-45	1.7	23-37	242	6	17	45-154	3.4	11-19	120	1	-1
TOTALS	243	517-1957	3.8	218-356	2635	41	210	491-1672	3.4	170-349	2031	29	+2
AVERAGES	18.7	40-151	3.8	17-27	203	3.2	16.2	38-129	3.4	13-27	156	2.2	0.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Syracuse	E/+1	34-33	W
Florida	+3	20-17 OT	W
Houston	-27'	42-7	W
at Auburn	-6'	17-9	W
at Georgia	+3	22-3	W
Alabama	-17'	35-18	L
at S Carolina	-17	49-14	W
UAB	-42	37-13	L
Arkansas	-9'	28-24	L
Kentucky	-11	59-21	W
at Vanderbilt	-28'	41-0	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wyoming	-24	42-17	W
at Florida	+2	21-23	T
Memphis	-30'	17-16	L
Auburn	-19	24-0	W
Georgia	-10'	37-20	W
at Alabama	-3	21-7	W
S Carolina	-33'	30-7	L
Notre Dame	-9'	38-14	W
at Arkansas	-8	24-28	L
at Kentucky	-12'	56-21	W
Vanderbilt	-23	38-10	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
S Mississippi	-9	19-16	L
Florida	+3'	23-27	L
UL Monroe	-36'	70-3	W
at LSU	-9'	31-38 OT	L
at Georgia	+4'	10-21	L
Alabama	-3	20-10	W
at S Carolina	-1'	17-14	W
at Memphis	-11	19-17	L
Arkansas	-13'	63-20	W
Kentucky	-19'	59-20	W
at Vanderbilt	-18	28-26	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Syracuse	-15	33-9	W
at Arkansas	-13	13-3	L
LSU	-10	26-18	L
Georgia	-11	24-26	L
at Alabama	-2	35-24	W
S Carolina	-7'	17-10	L
at Notre Dame	-8	28-18	W
Memphis	-24	49-28	L
at Kentucky	-18	38-35	L
Vanderbilt	-25'	38-0	W
at Florida	+17'	34-32	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wyoming	-30'	47-7	W
Middle Tenn	-22	26-3	W
Florida	-5	13-30	L
Rutgers	-41	35-14	L
Arkansas	-11	41-38 6OT	L
at Georgia	+4	13-18	L
Alabama	-2	14-34	L
at S Carolina	-1'	18-10	W
Miami, Fl	+9	3-26	L
at Miss St	-7	35-17	W
at Vanderbilt	-17'	24-0	W
Kentucky	-8'	24-0	W

GEORGIA BULLDOGS

DE David Pollack

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 David Greene (PS#31) won a three way battle for the QB spot. He is the first left-handed QB to start here in 45 years and his best moment came on the road vs Tennessee when he guided the team to a TD with :05 left to give them their first win in Knoxville since 1980. Greene set UGA frosh passing records throwing for 3,077 yards (59.1%) with an 18-11 ratio and he was the SEC Frosh of the Year. In Greene's first six starts he threw for 1,724 yards with an 11-4 ratio and in his last six only threw for 1,353 with a 6-6 ratio. The team signed DJ Shockley (PS#3, 4.55 spd) in 2001 and he redshirted. Richt placated him by promising him that he would play in every game in 2002, so he stayed (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). Greene finished as the top rated QB in the SEC as he threw for 2,924 yards (57.5%) with a 22-8 ratio. That's more yards in his first two years than any other QB in Georgia history. Shockley threw for 415 yards (61.5%) with a 5-2 ratio while rushing for 175 gross yards. Both QB's are back and entering the mix this year is Joe Tereshinski (6-3 211 rFr, PS#21). The only loss from the unit is QB Cory Phillips who started five games in 2000 (92 yds LY). As long as Richt is able to keep both QB's happy, they should continue to improve with experience.

RUNNING BACKS - The Denver Broncos have taken a couple of GA's RB's in the middle rounds of the NFL draft and prospered with both Terrell Davis and Olandis Gary. While Georgia has had their share of HT's they have not had a 1,000 yard rusher since 1992 (Garrison Hearst). Musa Smith (PS#14) rushed for 367 yards as a true frosh and 553 in 2001. Even though he missed one game last year due to injury, he rushed for 1,324 yards (5.1) and was named 1st Team SEC. Unfortunately Smith opted to leave early for the NFL draft (#3DC of BAL). Also gone from this unit is solid blocking FB JT Wall (9 sts, 149 yds, #7DC of PIT) and backup FB Braxton Snyder (9 games). I list the RB's below. Tony Milton got in one start and finished with 314 (3.8). He had not played football since 1998. Michael Cooper (PS#32) is a good sized rFr (223 lbs) with 4.6 speed. Tyson Browning (5-8 160 So, PS#85) and had 111 yards (4.8). Albert Hollis (PS#2) was expected to be a big time back here but suffered a knee injury in 2001 and missed the last 2 years rehabbing. Mike Gilliam (5-7 175 So) was PS#78. True frosh Kregg Lumpkin (PS#3) could become the feature back. I list the four FB's below. There is talent in this group but Smith did have the best ypc on the team, so I'll call this unit weaker in 2003.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had their top three receivers back having only to replace their starting TE. During the season the position was banged up (see Hardcore Fans). This year they lose the school's all-time leader in receptions (204) Terrence Edwards. He was the first player in Georgia history to top 1,000 yards receiving in a season. Fred Gibson has been the #2 receiver in each of the last two seasons. He has participated on the basketball team and has failed to gain the much needed weight that Richt wants him to. Richt had said that Reggie Brown (PS#1) is faster than Gibson and Michael Johnson (PS#24) is more reliable. He was very big on Johnson who he says is a big, strong, powerful blocker who will win any jumpball in a crowd and dazzled with 13 rec's vs Auburn including the game winner. Four of the top 5 WR's are back along with Mario Raley (6-0 175 So, PS#18), Bryan McClendon (5-11 172 So, PS#52) and Jarrett Berry (6-4 211 Sr). TE Benjamin Watson hauled in 31 rec's and opted to leave early for the NFL but then changed his mind within the 72 hour limit and will return. He has an amazing 535 bench yet possesses 4.55 speed. Even though their top guy is gone, there is a lot of talent returning and they figure to be less banged up, so I'll call this unit one of the best receiving corps in the country.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year Georgia had five senior starters for the first time since 1960 when the school began keeping records of starters. Surprisingly even with four starters back, UGA's rushing ypc dropped from 4.1 to 3.6 and they went from allowing 17 sacks to 31. Still the group was the strength of the offense and naturally everyone departs this year. Gone are T John Stinchcomb (4 yr st'r, 2nd Tm AA, #2DC of NO), G Kevin Breedlove (4 yr st'r, 2nd Tm SEC), G Alex Jackson (11 sts, 2 yr st'r), T Kareem Marshall (14 sts), C Ian Knight (14 sts) and T George Foster (1 st, #1DC of DEN). The team only had 8 scholarship OL's during the spring and will use three or four of this year's seven frosh signees to provide depth. The group has a combined 4 career starts among them. They project five soph starters this year, a big difference from 2002.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Bulldogs had to replace two NFL DC's and six players overall who combined for 27 starts in this unit. They used three frosh and three soph's in their regular rotation. The star player of the unit turned out to be David Pollack who was the first defensive player since 1988 to win the SEC POY Award setting a UGA single season record with 14 sacks while adding 9 tfl, 7 pbu and finished 3rd on the team with 102 tackles. The great news for UGA is that Pollack returns along with five other players who have starting experience. The only players lost are DT Johnathan Sullivan (13 sts, 18 tfl, 1st Tm SEC, #1DC of NO) and DE Nic Clemons (1 tkl). The Bulldogs allowed just 3.05 ypc rushing while the team recorded 45 sacks. I list the 2 deep below and Kedric Golston (PS#3) became the first true frosh NT to start at UGA since '94. Not listed in the talented 2 deep below are DE Quentin Moses (6-5 250 rFr), DE Preston Pannell (6-5 240 rFr), DT Ray Gant (6-2 278 rFr) and true frosh Richard Cook (PS#4TE). With the return of Pollack and the majority of last year's front, plus the addition of some solid talent, this group looks like one of the SEC's best DL's.

LINEBACKERS - While Georgia had to replace a 3rd round DC last year as well as two backups, their LB corps was outstanding and Tony Gilbert became the first Bulldog ILB since tackle stats were kept to lead the team in tackles for three straight years. Graduating are SLB Boss Bailey (14 sts, 1st Tm AA, 6 sks, #2DC of DET), MLB Tony Gilbert (14 sts, 2nd Tm SEC, 114 tkls, 15.5 tfl, #6DC of ARZ) and WLB Chris Clemons (11 sts, 53 tkls, 4 tfl) left early for the NFL but went undrafted. Three players do return with starting experience and I list them below. While there is a smattering of talent and experience, there is only one VHT in the 2 deep. Replacing three proven starters will be tough.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Georgia has always fared well in my pass efficiency defense ratings as since 1997 they have ranked #19, #16, #37, #26 and then #51 in 2001. Last year they had to replace their #2, #3 and #5 tacklers (all NFL DC's) from the secondary and had just one starter returning. The Bulldogs allowed 55.1% with a 14-16 ratio and finished #46 in my pass D rankings. This year almost the entire 2 deep returns with the only losses being CB Ryan Davis (31 tkls), ROV Burt Jones (21 tkls) and CB Brandon Williams (3 tkls). I list the 2 deep below and converted RB's Bruce Thornton and Kenny Bailey (5-11 197 Sr) plus former QB Sean Jones all have an added year of experience at the DB position.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Mark Richt's first year he inherited everyone from a top-notch unit that finished #13 in my special teams rankings. As expected, Georgia rose even higher that season finishing #5 (P Jonathan Kilgo 40.7 net). Last year Kilgo's net dropped a little to 36.1, but the unit remained strong overall finishing at #6 . Kicker Billy Bennett hit 14 of his first 15 FG's and set an SEC record for points in a season by a kicker. He did go through a stretch where he hit just 5 of 10 but knocked home all four in the bowl game and had a long of 47. He set a school record hitting 52 of 52 xp's. He has a 78% career FG accuracy mark and he has made 13-14 career FG's in the 4Q or later. The top PR, Damien Gary (13.5), got injured with five weeks to go and Sean Jones (16.0) took his place and both are back. Fred Gibson averaged 24.2 on KR's (26.8 in 2001) and also returns. He had a 91 yarder in the opener which was the first KR TD by a Georgia player since 1990. Georgia was a huge +7 in the TD/Blk with 9 blocks (4 FG's) which set a school record. Boss Bailey, with his 46" VL blocked three FG's. The team must replace solid KO man Brett Kirouac who handled the duties the last 3 years as well as P Kilgo, but everyone else is back. It will be tough to duplicate last year's high ranking, but this is still a top-notch unit.

COACHES - Jim Donnan was fired after four consecutive bowl victories mostly because of his failure to beat rivals Tennessee, Florida and Georgia Tech. Mark Richt, in his first year, managed two wins vs the big 3. Richt made some questionable moves in his first year calling a run into the middle of the line with :15 left against Auburn and then against BC in the bowl with 1:34 left he elected to punt when down by 4 points. Last year Richt guided the team to a phenomenal season and has recorded the most wins by a Georgia coach in his first two years here (21). He was given a new contract through 2010 and was the 2002 SEC Coach of the Year. OC Neil Callaway is in his 3rd year and was previously at Alabama from 1998 to 2000 and at Houston in 1997. DC Brian Van Gorder is now in his 3rd year and last season he was the first repeat DC here in the last four years. His halftime adjustments limited teams to just 31 2H points over the final seven games last year and he was one of five finalists for the Broyles Award (top assistant). Georgia was #3 in the NCAA in scoreless quarters by the defense with 29.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Georgia won their first SEC Title in twenty years setting a school record with 13 wins, finishing #3 in the AP poll. They had opened the season #8 in the Preseason Poll, their highest rating since 1982. They were fortunate early in the year as they were outFD'd 19-14 by Clemson and vs S Caro the Gamecocks lost 2 fumbles inside the UGA 5. The Bulldogs also got a late FG to beat Alabama 27-25 and 3 of their first 5 wins were decided in the last minute. A 19 yard TD pass on 4th down with 1:25 left got them past Auburn. They played their best down the stretch beating GT and Arkansas by a combined 81-10. UGA was #6 in the NCAA in attendance with 86,520 and has recorded 26 consecutive sellouts. They Bulldogs have recorded six straight years of 8+ wins setting a school record and 9th nationally in winning percentage in that span. This year the losses are heavy as they return 10 starters which is the third fewest in the SEC. Their O-line was one of the main strengths last year and the entire starting unit must be replaced as well as a 1,000 yard rusher and 1,000 yard receiver. The Bulldogs will not match last year's 32.1 ppg on offense. Defensively they do return 7 starters but the LB corps was the strength of the defense and departs en mass. Despite the fact that UGA had the best record in SEC play at 7-1 they were only 4th best outgaining opponents (45.2 ypg) and the team did benefit from +8 in turnovers. Although this looks like a rebuilding season as the team has to replace 37% of its lettermen, they probably won't be as fortunate in the close games or benefit from their +8 in turnovers. This year's squad is capable of a second straight double digit win season and should have no trouble extending its streak to 7 straight years of 8+ wins.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB DAVID GREENE JR. 6-3 230 PS#31. 12 sts as rFr, 3077 yds (59%) 18-11 ratio. 14 sts LY, **1st Tm SEC**, 2924 yds (58%) 22-8 ratio. DJ Shockley (6-1 195 So) **PS#3**, 415 pass, 175 rush.

RB Tony Milton So. 5-10 200 **PS#17** in '98. Signed in 2001. 314 yds (3.8), 1 start as "rFr". **Kregg Lumpkin** is **PS#3**! Michael Cooper (5-11 223 rFr) is **PS#32**.

FB Jeremy Thomas Jr. 5-11 249 1 start, 4 yds LY. JV at Air Force in 2000. Danny Ware (6-1 210 Fr) PS#99. Chris Hickman (5-11 248 rFr) PS#381, HS wrestling champ.

WR FRED GIBSON JR. 6-4 196 **PS#29**. 3 sts, 39 rec (22.6) as rFr. 8 sts LY, 43 rec (17.6). Damien Gary (5-10 178 Sr) PS#27. 4 sts, 27 rec (9.4) LY. Sean Bailey is **PS#6**.

WR Michael Johnson Sr. 6-3 220 **PS#24**. 4 sts as So, 7 rec. 3 sts LY, 28 rec (13.3). Reggie Brown (6-1 195 Jr) **PS#1**, 4.38, 5 sts, 23 rec (12.9) LY. Mario Raley (6-0 175 So) **PS#18**.

TE BENJAMIN WATSON SR. 6-3 255 PS#18. 2 sts @ Duke, 8 rec in '99. 3 sts here in '01, 11 rec (17.0). 13 sts LY, 31 rec (11.0) 4.55 spd, 535 bench. Leonard Pope (6-7 250 Fr) **PS#7**.

C Russ Tanner So. 6-4 290 **PS#31** in '01. 7 gms as rFr as backup C, 1L. Randall Swoopes (6-2 300 rFr) PS#213DL, son of Ronnie. Ryan Schnetzcr (6-3 296 So), +20 lbs.

TG Bartley Miller So. 6-4 304 **PS#41**. 11 gms as true, 1 letter, +10 lbs. Reggie Weeks (6-4 295 So) PS#158DL. Knee inj in '01, moved to OL LY. James Lee PS#153.

SG Josh Brock So. 6-3 295 **PS#70**. 14 games as true incl 3 starts at SG, 1 letter. Zeb McKinzey (6-3 290 Fr) **PS#22**. Fernando Velasco (6-4 325 Fr) PS#163.

ST Dennis Roland So. 6-9 309 PS#157. 14 games as rFr, 1 letter. Has the frame to bulk up to 330 lbs. Dan Inman (6-7 315 rFr) **PS#69**. Nick Jones (6-3 275 Fr) PS#159.

TT Max Jean-Gilles So. 6-4 348 **PS#25**. Report 365 lbs LY (overwt). 14 games as true and 1 st (SEC Title game), 1 L. Ken Shackleford PS#98. Tommy Gainous is PS#247.

K BILLY BENNETT SR. 5-8 175 14 of 15 FG's as true (only miss was 50 yds!). 18 of 26 in '02, long of 55. 26 of 33 LY, long of 47. **3rd Tm AA** and 13 of 14 FG's in 4Q & later.

DE WILL THOMPSON JR. 6-3 240 PS#104, 12 sts, 59 tkls, 6 sks, 16 QBH. Robert Geathers (6-3 270 Jr) PS#28TE. 2 sts LY, 32 tkls, 5 tfl. Marquis Elmore (6-4 262 rFr) **PS#15**.

DT Kedric Golston So. 6-4 295 **PS#3**. 3 sts as true, 34 tkls, 2.5 tfl. Darrius Swain (6-2 325 So) PS#20TE, 4 sts, 37 tkls, 1 tfl. Darrell Holmes (6-2 280 So) PS#32, 5 tkls in 2002.

NT KEN VEAL SR. 6-1 305 **PS#43**. 4 sts, 26 tkls in '01. 8 sts LY, 39 tkls, 1 tfl. Gerald Anderson (6-2 325 So) PS#172, 26 tkls LY, 660 squat. Dale Dixson (6-2 280 rFr) PS#85.

DE DAVID POLLACK JR. 6-3 278 PS#63. 5 sts as true, 42 tkl, 2 sk. 14 sts LY, **SEC POY**, 102 tkl, 14 sk, 9 tfl. Shedrick Wynn (6-2 265 Sr) PS#56. Marcus Jackson (6-2 255 rFr) **PS#23**.

SLB Thomas Davis So. 6-1 220 PS#258. 4 sts (2 @ FS, 2 @ LB) as rFr, 61 tkls, 3 sks. Robert Brannon (6-4 245 Sr) PS#31TE, 1 st at TE LY. Arnold Harrison (6-3 224 Jr) 19 tkls LY.

MLB Derrick White So. 6-2 223 PS#163. 19 tkls, 0.5 sk as rFr. Odell Thurman (6-1 225 So) PS#110, #1 tackler at Georgia Military LY, 5 sks. Desmond Williams is **PS#26**.

WLB Tony Taylor So. 6-1 220 PS#55. 1 start as true, 38 tkls, 1 tfl, added 12 lbs. Derrick Holloway (6-4 228 Jr) PS#68. 19 tkls in 2002. Marcus Howard (6-2 210 Fr) is PS#49.

CB DECORY BRYANT SR. 5-11 195 PS#122. 4 sts in '01, 15 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu. 14 sts LY, 46 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu. DeMario Minter (6-0 185 So) **PS#35**. 19 tkl, 4 pbu as true. BJ Fields (5-11 182 rFr) PS#93.

CB BRUCE THORNTON SR. 5-11 195 **PS#12**. 1 st, 230 yds at RB as rFr. 10 sts, 37 tkl, 8 pbu in '01. 11 sts, 43 tkl, 8 pbu LY. Tim Jennings (5-8 164 So) PS#160 3 sts as true, 32 tkl, 3 int, 3 pbu.

ROV KENTRELL CURRY SR. 6-1 198 **PS#42**. 2 sts, 51 tkl, 3 pbu in '00 & '01. 14 sts LY, 69 tkl, 4 int, 3 pbu. Kenny Bailey had 77 yds @ RB in '00 & '01. 11 tkl LY. Tommy Wilson (5-10 210 Jr).

FS SEAN JONES JR. 6-2 212 PS#35QB. 39 tkls, 2 pbu as rFr. 12 sts LY, 91 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu, 4 tfl. Greg Blue (6-2 200 So) PS#81, 42 tkls, 1 pbu LY. Olaolu Sanni-Osomo (6-1 195 rFr) PS#141.

P Andy Bailey Fr. 6-2 215 PS#28. 90% of KO's in EZ in HS, 53 yd FG. Brandon Coutu (6-0 176 Fr) PS#26, 9-9 FG's, 41.0 avg P in HS. Lee Jackson (5-9 185 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

RB	Kregg Lumpkin	6-1 200 PS#3
WR	Sean Bailey	6-1 170 PS#6
DB	Paul Oliver	6-0 185 PS#7
TE	Richard Cook	6-4 270 PS#4
OL	Zeb McKinzey	6-3 290 PS#22
LB	Desmond Williams	6-1 235 PS#26
TE	Coleman Watson	6-6 260 PS#18
LB	Marcus Howard	6-2 210 PS#49
OL	Trey Chandler	6-6 255 PS#66
WR	TJ Gartrell	6-1 180 PS#56
LB	Danny Verdun	6-2 220 PS#61
OL	Ken Shackleford	6-5 285 PS#98
RB	Danny Ware	6-1 210 PS#99
LB	Dana Graydon	6-1 200 PS#117

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	3-3 Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: **(13-1)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 3*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (18,21,2)
Lost: 24 (14,8,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 86,520

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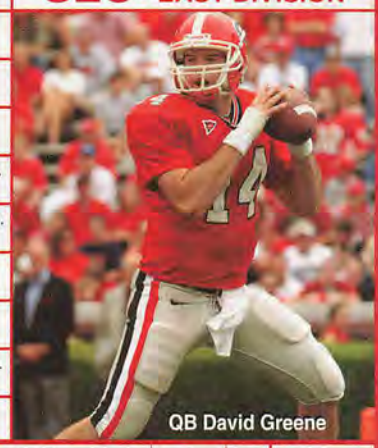
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#36

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score GA	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	at Clemson	G						Georgia is 9-3 ATS as an SEC road favorite since 1998. Georgia is 13-4 ATS as a single digit favorite the last 17. The Bulldogs are 4-1 SU & ATS vs Arkansas.
Sep. 6	Middle Tennessee	G						The Bulldogs are 8-3-1 SU & 8-4 ATS the last 12 games vs Clemson. Georgia is 13-3 SU & 12-4 ATS vs the ACC the last 12 years.
Sep. 13	S Carolina	G						Georgia is 7-4 SU, but 3-7 ATS the last 11 home openers. The Bulldogs are 6-12 ATS as a double digit favorite the last 18 games.
Sep. 20	at LSU	G						The favorite is 5-1 ATS the last 6 games in this series. Georgia is 6-2 SU & ATS their last 8 SEC openers.
Sep. 27								Dawgs are 8-2 SU & 9-1 ATS on the conference road under Richt. The Bulldogs are 5-10 ATS on the road in September since 1988.
Oct. 4	Alabama	G						Georgia is 14-6 ATS after a bye since 1994. The visitor is 6-2 ATS in this series.
Oct. 11	at Tennessee	G						The favorite has covered 4 of the last 6 meetings. Georgia is 3-0 SU & ATS their last 3 meetings.
Oct. 18	at Vanderbilt	G						Dawgs are 5-0 SU & ATS their last 5 trips to the Music City. Georgia has been favored vs Vanderbilt 27 straight years.
Oct. 25	UAB (HC)	G						Georgia is 7-1 SU, but 2-6 ATS vs current CUSA members since 1984. GA is 22-1 SU, but 7-14 ATS in Homecoming games.
Nov. 1	† Florida *(Jacksonville)*	G						UGA has dropped 12 of L/13 SU in the World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party. The Bulldogs are 1-4 ATS their last 5 vs the Gators.
Nov. 8								Bonus: UGA is 9-1 ATS their last 10 conference road finales.
Nov. 15	Auburn	G						Dawgs are 1-9 SU & 2-8 ATS their last 10 at home vs Auburn. Georgia is 3-8 ATS at home in November since 1996.
Nov. 22	Kentucky	G						UGA is 10-5 ATS when they are a 10 pt or less favorite vs the Wildcats. Bulldogs are 6-0 SU & 5-1 ATS before Georgia Tech.
Nov. 29	at Georgia Tech	G						UGA is 5-1 SU & ATS their last 6 stops at Tech. Georgia is 8-2 ATS the last 10 away finales.


QB David Greene

STADIUM: SANFORD STADIUM (92,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	9-2	8-3	7-4	7-4	8-3	12-1	56-23
ATS	5-6	6-5	5-6	6-5	4-6	6-5	9-3	41-36
Home Fav	1-3	3-3	1-5	3-3	3-1	1-4	4-2	16-21
Home Dog	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-2
Away Fav	1-2	2-1	3-0	1-0	1-2	1-0	4-1	13-6
Away Dog	1-1	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-2	4-0	1-0	10-7
Favorite	2-5	5-4	4-5	4-3	4-3	2-4	8-3	29-27
Dog	3-1	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-3	4-1	1-0	12-9
Grass	5-6	5-5	5-6	6-5	4-6	6-5	8-3	39-36
Artificial	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	4-4	4-4	3-5	5-3	7-2	31-26
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-1	1-2	2-1	10-10
Off SU Win	2-2	4-4	3-5	3-4	2-5	4-3	9-1	27-24
Off SU Loss	3-3	2-0	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	0-1	12-8

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Musa Smith	260	1389	65	1324	8	5.1
Tony Milton	**82**	**341**	**27**	**314**	**0**	**3.8**
J.T. Wall	30	149	0	149	3	5.0
D.J. Shockley	**36**	**175**	**68**	**107**	**2**	**3.0**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
David Greene	**379**	**218**	**57.5**	**2924**	**22**	**8**
D.J. Shockley	**52**	**32**	**61.5**	**415**	**5**	**2**
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Terrence Edwards		59	1004	17.0	11	65
Fred Gibson		**43**	**758**	**17.6**	**4**	**53**
Michael Johnson		**28**	**373**	**13.3**	**2**	**34**
Benjamin Watson		**31**	**341**	**11.0**	**3**	**40**
Reggie Brown		**23**	**296**	**12.9**	**2**	**26**
Damien Gary		**27**	**254**	**9.4**	**4**	**25**
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Jonathan Kilgo	64	2708	42.3	66	36.1	0	12
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Billy Bennett	**52-52**	**8-8**	**7-10**	**11-14**	**0-1**	**26-33**	**47**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tony Gilbert	114	2.5	13	2	0
Boss Bailey	114	6	3	4	0
David Pollack	**102**	**14**	**9**	**7**	**2**
Sean Jones	**91**	**0**	**4**	**3**	**2**
Johnathan Sullivan	74	4	14	0	0
Kentrell Curry	**69**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**4**
Thomas Davis	**61**	**3**	**1**	**3**	**1**
Will Thompson	**59**	**6**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Chris Clemons	53	1	3	2	0
Decory Bryant	**46**	**0**	**3**	**7**	**1**
Bruce Thornton	**43**	**0**	**4**	**6**	**2**
Greg Blue	**42**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Ken Veal	**39**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Damien Gary	**34**	**458**	**13.5**	**1**
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Fred Gibson	**19**	**460**	**24.2**	**1**
Terrence Edwards	13	202	15.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Peach	+2	Virginia	35-33	W
99	Outback	+5'	Purdue (OT)	28-25	W
00	Oahu	-9'	Virginia	37-14	W
01	Music City	-4	Boston College	16-20	L
02	Sugar	-8	Florida St	26-13	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

GEORGIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	32.1	21	140	3.6	245	57.8	12.0	+8	2002	5	15.1	17	114	3.0	190	55.1	20.0
7	27.6	22	159	4.1	272	57.8	15.6	-3	2001	7	19.0	20	116	3.2	241	59.1	18.8
8*	27.6	19	134	3.8	217	53.8	12.7	+1	2000	7	17.7	17	114	3.2	204	57.5	18.0
5*	28.0	22	159	4.0	256	56.9	14.8	+9	1999	5	25.8	20	108	3.4	286	55.4	15.2
4	24.3	20	153	4.2	247	59.8	16.4	+1	1998	5	18.5	20	142	3.7	217	56.8	19.4
8*	31.7	22	173	4.4	263	66.6	13.8	+9	1997	6	16.3	19	103	3.2	225	57.7	20.2

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Clemson	14	39-86	2.2	15-25	117	2	19	34-68	2.0	17-37	165	4	-2
at S Carolina	13	38-128	3.4	11-22	169	1	18	42-158	3.8	16-27	213	1	+2
Northwestern St	27	28-142	5.1	29-47	394	2	18	39-55	1.4	21-34	211	2	0
New Mexico St	17	20-92	4.6	19-36	207	1	16	48-81	1.7	18-36	194	6	0
at Alabama	22	42-161	3.8	15-27	224	3	16	37-109	2.9	16-29	197	3	-1
Tennessee	18	32-62	1.9	22-38	232	1	14	40-162	4.1	12-19	182	6	0
Vanderbilt	31	41-180	4.4	28-34	426	3	21	44-234	5.3	10-20	158	2	+1
at Kentucky	33	40-172	4.3	27-47	357	1	19	30-130	4.3	15-31	242	4	-1
† Florida	16	36-126	3.5	14-36	168	4	23	34-42	1.2	36-46	339	1	+1
Mississippi	24	54-196	3.6	12-22	206	1	20	32-107	3.3	12-25	176	2	0
at Auburn	14	33-104	3.2	19-38	231	4	16	46-199	4.3	12-23	133	2	+1
Georgia Tech	24	57-230	4.0	17-25	322	3	12	22-71	3.2	18-36	222	2	+5
† Arkansas	25	40-124	3.1	19-33	257	1	12	35-65	1.9	10-21	74	4	0
† Florida St	11	36-151	4.2	10-15	125	4	18	41-115	2.8	13-26	147	6	+2
TOTALS	289	536-1954	3.6	257-445	3435	31	242	524-1596	3.0	226-410	2653	45	+8
AVERAGES	20.6	38-140	3.6	18-32	245	2.2	17.3	37-114	3.0	16-29	190	3.2	0.6

2002 STATS BY GAME

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kent St	-35	56-3	W
at S Carolina	-5'	17-3	W
Wyoming	-19'	16-9	L
at LSU	+8'	28-27	W
Tennessee	-3	3-22	L
Vanderbilt	-27	31-6	L
at Kentucky	-1	28-26	W
† Florida	+11'	7-38	L
at Auburn	-6	28-17	W
Mississippi	-12	24-17	L
Georgia Tech	-3	19-21	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah St	-28	38-7	W
S Carolina	-14'	24-9	W
UCF	-27'	24-23	L
LSU	-9	23-22	L
at Tennessee	+10'	20-37	L
at Vanderbilt	-7'	27-17	W
Kentucky	-4	49-34	W
† Florida	+14	14-30	L
Auburn	-10	21-38	L
at Mississippi	+5'	20-17	W
at Georgia Tech	+5	48-51 OT	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
GA Southern	NL	29-7	–
at S Carolina	-10	10-21	L
New Mexico St	-30	37-0	W
at Arkansas	-3'	38-7	W
Tennessee	-4'	21-10	W
Vanderbilt	-22	29-19	L
at Kentucky	-9'	34-30	L
† Florida	+9	23-34	L
at Auburn	+2'	26-29 OT	L
Mississippi	-7	32-14	W
Georgia Tech	+1'	15-27	L

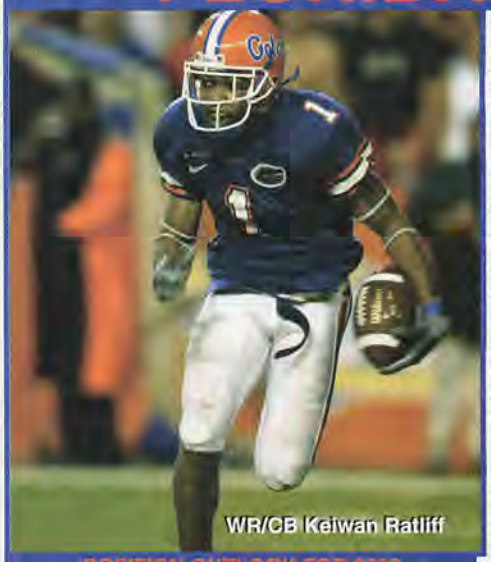
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-35	45-17	L
S Carolina	+2	9-14	L
Arkansas	-10	34-23	W
at Tennessee	+11	26-24	W
at Vanderbilt	-7'	30-14	W
Kentucky	-22	43-29	L
† Florida	+19	10-24	W
Auburn	-7'	17-24	L
at Mississippi	+3	35-15	W
at Georgia Tech	+2'	31-17	W
Houston	-31'	35-7	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Clemson	-8'	31-28	L
at S Carolina	-5'	13-7	W
Northwestern St	NL	45-7	–
N Mexico St	-27	41-10	W
at Alabama	+4'	27-25	W
Tennessee	-4	18-13	W
Vanderbilt	-25'	48-17	W
at Kentucky	-5	52-24	W
† Florida	-1'	13-20	L
Mississippi	-15	31-17	L
at Auburn	-2'	24-21	W
Georgia Tech	-9	51-7	W

FLORIDA GATORS



WR/CB Keiwan Ratliff

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Rex Grossman finished #2 in the Heisman Trophy balloting in 2001 throwing for 4,144 yards (66%) with a 38-12 ratio. He turned down a shot at going to the NFL and returned for his junior season. The year did not go as expected. He struggled in some key games like vs Miami in which he hit just 19 of 45 with 2 interceptions and his 4 int's vs both Ole Miss and LSU were mostly responsible for those losses. He finished the year throwing for 3,402 yards (57.1%) with his ratio faltering to 22-17. Grossman opted to leave early for the NFL (perhaps a year too late) but was the #1DC of CHI. Ingle Martin (PS#10) was a surprising recruit by Spurrier as he ran the Nebraska style option in HS rushing for 935 yards and passing for just 964 (45.2%) as a senior. Martin played in all 12 games handling the punting duties and rushing for 56 yards while hitting 7 of 10 passes for 96 yards. In the 2Q vs Auburn he led a 68 yard TD drive. Gavin Dickey (5-10 195 rFr) does not have the size that you would expect from a Florida QB but is athletic and has been compared to Michael Vick with OC Zaunbrecher calling him a drop back passer with athletic skills. Chris Leak (PS#2) is a huge recruiting coup for Zook and could battle for the job as a true frosh. Patrick Dosh (PS#57) quit the team after the spring. Grossman's stats last year were far below what was expected for him (or for a Gator QB in general) but this group is far less experienced than it was heading into last year and will have trouble matching those numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - When Ed Zaunbrecher took over as OC last year he promised the team would run the ball more effectively. That did not turn out to be the case. Despite having their leading rusher from 2000 and '01, Earnest Graham, returning (799, 5.7) the overall rushing dropped from 4.4 ypc to 3.8. Graham did top 1,000 yards (1,085) but saw his ypc slip from 5.7 to 4.5. He departs but everyone else returns. Ran Carthon (PS#73) is taller than Graham with more speed and had 563 yards (5.4) with 20 rec's (6.8) and 380 KR yards. Ciatrick Fason (PS#4) played at FB and special teams last year but should have a much bigger impact at TB this season. DeShawn Wynn was PS#8 and has a good combination of size (224 lbs) and speed (4.4). Willie Green (5-9 217 Jr) was PS#7 but has only rushed for 134 yards the last two years due to injuries. Jimtavis Walker (5-9 207 rFr) was PS#64. This year they add two VHT's including Joe Cohen (PS#4). Ray Snell (5-11 235 Jr) and Pat Kelley (6-0 219 rFr) will split time when a FB is used. Replacing a player of Graham's caliber is always difficult, but I like the talent that is available and I don't think this unit will slip as much as expected.

RECEIVERS - The Gators had to replace a pair of 2nd round DC's last year but did return Taylor Jacobs who was #3 with 48 receptions (18.4). They also returned their top TE Aaron Walker. As expected, Jacobs (#2DC of WAS) led the team in receiving despite starting just eleven games (injured) as he had 71 (15.3) and was 1st Team SEC. Walker (#5DC of SF) started 13 games with 27 rec's (13.9) and was 2nd Team SEC. I list the 2 deep below and Carlos Perez (PS#4) had a shot at leading the team in rec's last year as he snagged 12 vs Georgia and had 58 (10.2) overall despite missing the final three games with a broken leg. Ben Troupe (PS#57) figures to fare well at TE if he can hold off JUCO David Kenner. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and naturally there are plenty of VHT's in this group. Starting CB Keiwan Ratliff also had two starts at WR and will play both ways. Not listed below are Kenneth Tookes (6-2 202 rFr) who was PS#57 and TE Darrell Carpenter (6-3 219 Jr). Overall this unit has more experience than it did heading into last year and even with the loss of two NFL DC's, could be stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 Florida's offensive front paved the way for 4.4 ypc rushing while allowing a minuscule 15 sacks despite 513 pass attempts (2.9%). Last year they had to replace a pair of 1st Team SEC OL's and two others who combined to start eight games so basically two starters returned. The team averaged just 3.8 ypc rushing while allowing 24 sacks. This year the unit appears to be in great shape. Seven OL's basically rotated last year and six are back. The only loss is RG David Jorgensen (9 sts, 678 plays, 3 yr st'r). Six players are back with starting experience plus Zook has added three top-notch JUCO's who were all in for the spring as well as some solid rFr and soph's added to the mix. There are a ton of VHT's in the 3 deep that I list below, and this should be one of the top O-lines in the country.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Gators had to replace the SEC Defensive POY from this group last season but returned six of their top eight players. Despite having a veteran defensive front, they allowed an alarming 4.0 ypc rushing which was their worst total since 1995 and the defense recorded just 20 sacks. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are DE Clint Mitchell (12 sts, 78 tkls, 8.5 tfl, 20 QBH, #7DC of DEN), DT Ian Scott (12 sts, 57 tkls, 7 tfl, 2nd Tm SEC, #4DC of CHI), DT Bryan Savelio (11 sts, 49 tkls, 7 tfl), DE Marcus Oquendo-Johnson (8 sts, 48 tkls, 5 tfl), DE Arpedge Rolle (1 st, 24 tkls, 1 tfl), DT Chris Reynolds (9 tkls, 2.5 tfl) and DT Tron LaFavor (3 sts, 51 tkls, 5 tfl, #5DC of CHI). Three players return to the front wall with starting experience including former OT Mo Mitchell. They do add a super JUCO in Eric Holcombe (PS#15) who was in for the spring but surprisingly the 2 deep I list below "only" has four VHT's which is in stark contrast to the O-line. This year's unit is a lot less experienced than it was heading into last season.

LINEBACKERS - The Gators had a top-notch LB duo last year in MLB Bam Hardmon (13 sts, 169 tkls, 6 tfl, 2nd Tm SEC) and SLB Mike Nattiel (13 sts, 148 tkls, 7 tfl, #6DC of MIN). Those two were simply #2 and #4 in the SEC in tackles and unfortunately both depart. This figures to be a freshmen dominated group in 2003 although four players do return with starting experience. It appears Zook will be leaning towards using his own recruits in building for the future. I list the 2 deep below and while it has the makings of a decent unit, it will be tough to replace the production of Hardmon and Nattiel.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Gators had a very experienced secondary in 2001 and finished #6 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace three starters including 1st and 6th round DC's and then FS Daryl Dixon was redshirted for medical reasons. The Gators had a significant drop in the pass D rankings, falling to #42 allowing 51.1% with only 7 interceptions while allowing 14 TD's. This year they must replace CB Robert Cromartie (13 sts, 74 tkls, 8 pbu) and FS Todd Johnson (12 sts, 88 tkls, 2nd Tm SEC, #4DC of CHI). I list the 2 deep below and there is plenty of talent in the group with SS Gus Scott leading the team in total plays last year (1,128), Keiwan Ratliff being an outstanding two-way player and Cory Bailey (PS#9) logging six starts as the nickleback. This unit is more experienced than last season and I look for solid improvement in the pass D rankings provided the front seven can generate a pass rush.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Prior to 2000 Florida's best special teams finish was a surprising #40. In 2001 they finished #6 in my special teams rankings. Last year they had to replace their top returnman as well as kicker and the unit plummeted to #91. They struggled to find a capable punter all season and QB Ingle Martin handled the bulk of the chores but averaged just 35.2. The return game was decent. The kicking game was disappointing as well with Matt Leach missing five xp's in the first five games and hitting just 9 of 15 FG's with a long of 48. Basically everyone returns and they add freshman punter Eric Wilbur who could start immediately. I list the rest of the kicking and punting candidates below and the unit can only improve in 2003.

COACHES- Ron Zook had the unenviable job of taking over for the genius, Steve Spurrier. Zook, who was an assistant for the New Orleans Saints, now enters his second year as head man. OC Ed Zaunbrecher came over from Marshall and is also in his second year here. The team has a new DC in Charlie Strong who comes over after being S Carolina's DC the last four years. Defensive assistant Bill Miller has been a DC for 17 years including time at Miami (FL) and Mich St.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

Steve Spurrier did an incredible job with this program and they were one of only two schools to have nine wins or more for 12 straight years heading into last season and they had appeared in 7 out of 10 SEC Title games. The Gators had ranked in the Top 15 for 12 straight years and narrowly missed out on playing for the National Title in 2001 finishing #3 in the polls. That year they beat SEC Champ LSU and ACC Champ Maryland by a combined 100-38. The hiring of Ron Zook was not well received among Gator faithful and the heat is really on this year after last year's record breaking year. The 2001 team outscored foes by an average of 44.8-14.8 and outgained them by an average of 242.5 ypg. Last year the team ended its streak of 9+ wins with just 8, finished outside the Top 20 (24), suffered its worst home loss since 1979 (41-16 vs Miami) and then topped that with a 36-7 loss at home to LSU. Florida was fortunate to get 8 wins as on 4th & 1 they were stopped vs Tennessee but were awarded a TD in a crucial momentum change. Auburn had a chance for a game-winning FG with :05 left from 23 yards out but it was blocked and they only beat Vandy 21-17. Despite those escapes, UF did beat the SEC Champ Georgia and another Top 5 team, and went 5-0 in their own division. They are 26-6 in regular season SEC play the last four years and last year, despite the off year they outgained SEC foes by an average of 73 ypg which was the second best mark in the conference. All of this despite the fact that they were -9 in turnovers which should mean better things are in the offing this season. However just 9 starters are back, the second fewest in the SEC and they have to replace their QB and 1,000 yard rusher as well as 1,000 yard receiver and have just 3 starters back on defense. The team also returns just 37 lettermen which is tied with S Carolina for fewest in the league. This is Florida so you know they have the athletic talent but the pressure will be on Zook this year as they face a tough schedule in what looks to be a rebuilding year.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Ingle Martin So. 6-3 219 **PS#10**, 152 total yards here LY, 46 punts. Chris Leak **PS#2**. Gavin Dickey (5-10 195 rFr) **PS#9**. 2600 pass, 1000 rush as senior in HS.

RB Ran Carthon Sr. 5-11 218 PS#73. 480 yds in '00 & '01. 563 yds (5.4), 20 rec (6.8) LY. Ciatrick Fason (6-0 211 So) **PS#4**. DeShawn Wynn (5-11 224 rFr) **PS#8**. Willie Green **PS#7**.

WR KELVIN KIGHT SR. 6-0 200 **PS#14**. 6 sts LY, 37 rec (13.8). Jemalle Cornelius (5-11 176 rFr) **PS#14**. Reggie Lewis (5-10 191 rFr) PS#32QB. Terrence Holmes (5-10 190 rFr) PS#62.

WR CARLOS PEREZ SR. 5-11 193 **PS#4**. 11 sts LY, 58 rec (10.2) miss L/3. Reggie Vickers (5-11 169 Jr) **PS#10**. Chad Jackson is **PS#4**. Vernell Brown (5-8 152 So) PS#136.

WR OJ Small Jr. 6-1 225 PS#59QB. 1 st, 18 rec (13.1). **Keiwan Ratliff 13 sts at CB**, 2 at WR LY. Andre Caldwell is **PS#1**. Dallas Baker (6-3 196 So) is PS#54.

TE Ben Troupe Sr. 6-4 262 PS#57. 11 rec (10.4) in '01, 268 plays. 7 sts LY, 445 plays, 15 rec (13.3), 4.6 spd. David Kenner (6-3 269 Jr) PS#10JUCO, in for spring.

C MIKE DEGORY SO. 6-5 309 **PS#11**. 13 sts as rFr, 967 plays, SEC Frosh Team. Dewayne DuBose (6-0 272 Jr) 20 plays in 2002. Steven Bell (6-6 283 Sr) 420 bench.

RG Billy Griffin Jr. 6-3 285 PS#86JC. 2x all-league at JC. In for spg. Ryan Carter (6-4 326 rFr) **PS#21**. Shoulder surgery. RS LY. Jonathan Marvin (6-3 310 So) **PS#46**.

LG SHANNON SNELL SR. 6-4 310 **PS#5**. 161 plays as true. 12 starts, 715 plays in '01. 12 sts, **2nd Tm SEC**, 919 plays LY. **Anthony Guerrero** (6-2 315 Jr) **PS#19JC**, in for spg.

RT JONATHAN COLON JR. 6-7 310 PS#47. 124 plays as true. 10 sts, 723 plays LY. Randy Hand (6-6 309 So) **PS#30**. 4 sts as true, 370 plays. Lance Butler (6-7 311 So) **PS#33**.

LT MAX STARKS SR. 6-7 349 **PS#34**. 125 plays as true. 12 starts, 752 plays in '01. 13 starts, 1044 plays, top OL Award LY. Tavares Washington (6-4 295 Jr) **PS#24JC**.

K MATT LEACH JR. 6-1 190 **PS#8**. 28 punts (41.1) as true. 9 of 15 FG's, long of 48 LY. Matt Piotrowicz (5-11 199 Jr) **PS#3**. 13 TB's on KO's LY. Brent Talcott (6-0 200 Sr).

DE Darrell Lee Sr. 6-4 267 **PS#2**. 11 tkls, 1 sk as true, 3 sts, 25 tkls, 2 sks in '01. 22 tkls, 3 tfl, 232 plays LY (miss 4 inj). MacKenzie Pierre (6-3 254 rFr). Tranell Morant is PS#115.

DT Kenny Parker Jr. 6-2 293 PS#99. 9 tkl, 85 plays as true. RS LY. Ronald Dowdy (6-4 276 Jr) PS#48TE. Mo Mitchell (6-7 340 Jr) **PS#27**. 59 plays as true. 4 sts LY, 482 plays, miss 3 inj.

DT Eric Holcombe Jr. 6-2 296 **PS#15JC**, in for spring. Sylvester McGrew (6-4 274 So) PS#74. 3 plays as rFr. Todd Bunce (6-3 286 rFr) PS#170. Michael Hill is PS#161.

DE Bobby McCray Sr. 6-6 245 PS#126. 3 sts in '01. 14 tkls, 2.5 sks. 5 sts LY, 505 plays, 49 tkls, 6.5 tfl. Ray McDonald (6-3 252 rFr) **PS#37**. Steven Harris (6-5 240 rFr) PS#312.

WLB TODD McCULLOUGH JR. 6-5 225 **PS#49**. 8 tkls as true. 4 sts, 41 tkls, 2 tfl LY, 333 plays. Dwright Jackson (6-2 216 Sr) PS#49. 1 st, 18 tkls LY. Reid Fleming (6-0 233 Sr) PS#89, 17 tkls LY.

MLB Taurean Charles rFr. 6-1 229 **PS#42**. 100m relay in HS. Scout Tm MVP. Travis Harris (6-2 239 Jr) **PS#13**. 4 sts in 2000, 24 tkls. 18 tkls LY. Channing Crowder (6-2 236 Fr) PS#128 LY.

SLB Brian Crum rFr. 6-2 217 PS#115. Off Scout TM MVP LY at TE. Matt Farrior (6-1 233 Sr) **PS#7**. 3 sts in 2000, 28 tkls, 30 tkls in '01. 2 sts, 10 tkls LY. Jarvis Moss is **PS#3**.

CB Deshawn Carter So. 6-0 186 **PS#33**. 5 tkls, 1 pbu, 129 plays as rFr. Matt Jackson (5-10 198 Sr) PS#40, 9 rec, 304 plays at WR LY. Tremaine McCollum (5-8 161 rFr) PS#57.

CB KEIWAN RATLIFF SR. 5-10 178 **PS#38WR. 1st Tm SEC** LY, 13 sts, 53 tkl, 8 tfl, 1 int, 9 pbu. Demetrice Webb **PS#13**. Nick Brooks (6-0 198 rFr) PS#119. Reynaldo Hill PS#103JC, 10.3 100m.

SS GUSS SCOTT SR. 5-11 195 PS#69. 3 sts, 82 tkls, 8.5 tfl in '01. 13 sts LY, 103 tkls, 11 pbu, **2nd Tm SEC. Cory Bailey** (5-11 185 Jr) **PS#9**, 6 sts, 43 tkls LY. Tre Orr (6-0 210 Jr) **PS#14**.

FS Daryl Dixon Sr. 5-10 190 **PS#31**. 9 sts as true, 55 tkls, 3 int. 4 sts in 2000, 28 tkls. 25 tkls in '01, RS LY. Jarvis Herring (5-11 190 So) PS#46. 29 tkls LY, Larry Kendrick (5-11 207 So) PS#34.

P ERIC WILBUR FR. 6-3 190 **PS#10**. Avg 48.0 on punts in HS LY, 78% of KO's were TB's, 11 of 14 FG's. Sean Morton (6-3 182 Sr) 15 punts, 41.7 LY. Jason Hunter 14 punts, 35.7 avg.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

WR	Andre Caldwell 6-2 188 PS#1
QB	Chris Leak 6-1 205 PS#2
WR	Chad Jackson 6-1 200 PS#4
RB	Joe Cohen 6-2 250 PS#4
LB	Jarvis Moss 6-7 220 PS#3
LB	Earl Everett 6-2 210 PS#12
QB	Justin Midgett 6-3 180 PS#14
DB	Reggie Nelson 6-0 185 PS#10
DB	Demetrice Webb 5-11 181 PS#13
RB	Skyler Thornton 6-0 200 PS#19
DL	Marcus Thomas 6-4 285 PS#35
TE	David Kenner 6-3 269 PS#10JC
DL	Eric Holcombe 6-2 296 PS#15JC
OL	Anthony Guerrero 6-2 315 PS#19JC
OL	Tavares Washington 6-4 295 PS#24JC
OL	Steven Rissler 6-3 310 PS#94
K	Eric Wilbur 6-3 190 PS#10

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Zook's records AT FLORIDA

8-5	Straight Up	2-5	Home Favorite
4-8	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Dog
0-3	Off A SU Loss	0-2	Away Favorite
3-5	Vs Conference	2-1	Away Dog
		1-3	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 3

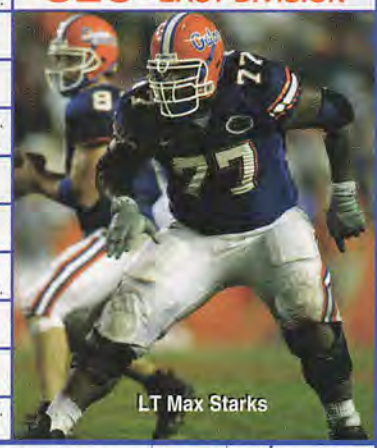
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (16,17,4)
Lost: 18 (5,13,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 85,185

SEC - EAST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#23

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UF	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
								In Spurrier's last year, the Gators outgained foes 538-296 on avg... In Zook's 1st year it was 407-325. LY was first time Gator defense allowed 4.0 defense ypc since 1995.
Aug. 30	San Jose St	G						UF beat San Jose St 59-21 as a 22' pt favorite last time they met in 1991. Florida is 11-0 SU but 3-8 ATS in lined home openers.
Sep. 6	at Miami, Fl	G						The Gators are 3-6 SU & ATS vs Miami since 1980. Florida is 14-8-1 SU & 15-8 ATS in road openers since 1980.
Sep. 13	Florida A&M	G						The Rattlers were 7-5 SU in 2002, 5-3 in the MEAC. Florida's avg score in non-lined games is 45-8 since 1980, 60-6 S/'88.
Sep. 20	Tennessee	G						The Gators are 9-3 SU & 8-3-1 ATS the last 12 vs Tennessee. Florida is 11-4-1 ATS in their last 16 SEC openers.
Sep. 27	at Kentucky	G						UF is 16-0 SU & 11-5 ATS vs Kentucky dating back to 1987. Coming into 2003: UF was 14-4 SU & 13-5 ATS the L/18 Sept road games.
Oct. 4	Mississippi	G						The visitor is 5-2 ATS the last 7 in this series. Florida is 1-3 ATS the last 4 meetings all as favorites vs Mississippi.
Oct. 11	at LSU	G						The home team is 3-8 ATS the last 11 in this series. Florida is 9-2 SU & 8-2-1 ATS on the road vs LSU the last 11.
Oct. 18	at Arkansas	G						Florida is 3-0 SU & ATS vs Ark, including an SEC Championship game. The Gators are 6-3 ATS in the 2nd of back-to-back away games S/'94.
Oct. 25								
Nov. 1	† Georgia (Jacksonville)	G						Florida is 8-1 SU & 7-2 ATS vs Georgia since 1994. The Gators are 10-6 ATS the week after a bye since 1994.
Nov. 8	Vanderbilt (HC)	G						Florida is 9-0 SU but only 3-6 ATS the last 9 vs Vandy. The Gators are 6-4-1 ATS the last 11 Homecoming games (3-0 ATS L3Y).
Nov. 15	at S Carolina	G						Florida is 9-0 SU & 6-3 ATS the last 9 vs S Carolina. The Gators are 1-4 ATS in their last 5 road finales.
Nov. 22								
Nov. 29	Florida St	G						UF is 1-4 SU & ATS the L/5 vs FSU. HT is 7-1 ATS in this series the L/8. Could apply: Florida is 3-7 ATS as a dog in this series since 1990.


LT Max Starks

STADIUM: BEN HILL GRIFFIN STADIUM (88,548)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-1	9-2	9-2	9-3	10-2	9-2	8-4	65-16
ATS	6-4-1	7-4	3-7	4-7-1	9-3	7-4	4-8	40-37-2
Home Fav	3-2	3-2	1-4	0-4-1	5-1	4-2	2-5	18-20-1
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
Away Fav	2-2-1	3-2	2-2	4-2	4-1	3-2	0-2	18-13-1
Away Dog	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-1	3-3
Favorite	5-4-1	6-4	3-6	4-6-1	9-2	7-4	2-7	36-33-2
Dog	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-1	4-4
Grass	6-3	7-4	2-7	4-6-1	8-3	7-4	4-8	38-35-1
Artificial	0-1-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-2-1
vs Conf	6-2-1	5-3	3-5	4-4-1	8-1	5-3	3-5	34-23-2
vs Non-Conf	0-2	2-1	0-2	0-3	1-2	2-1	1-3	6-14
Off SU Win	6-3	6-2	3-6	3-5-1	7-2	6-3	3-5	34-26-1
Off SU Loss	0-0-1	1-1	0-1	1-1	2-0	0-1	0-3	4-7-1

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Earnest Graham	240	1165	80	1085	11	4.5
Ran Carthon	**105**	**582**	**19**	**563**	**5**	**5.4**
Willie Green	**19**	**76**	**3**	**73**	**2**	**3.8**
Rex Grossman	58	174	239	-65	1	-1.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Rex Grossman	503	287	57.1	3402	22	17
Ingle Martin	**10**	**7**	**70.0**	**96**	**0**	**0**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Taylor Jacobs	71	1088	15.3	8	59	
Carlos Perez	**58**	**591**	**10.2**	**4**	**36**	
Kelvin Kight	**37**	**511**	**13.8**	**1**	**41**	
Aaron Walker	27	376	13.9	4	36	
O.J. Small	**18**	**236**	**13.1**	**2**	**37**	
Ben Troupe	**15**	**200**	**13.3**	**1**	**27**	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Ingle Martin	**46**	**1619**	**35.2**	**70**	**–**	**0**	**14**
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Matt Leach	**30-35**	**3-4**	**4-6**	**2-5**	**0-0**	**9-15**	**48**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Bam Hardmon	169	1	5	3	1
Mike Nattiel	148	2	5	6	0
Guss Scott	**103**	**1**	**2**	**11**	**2**
Todd Johnson	88	0	2	5	2
Clint Mitchell	78	2.5	6	2	0
Robert Cromartie	74	0	7	8	0
Ian Scott	57	1	6	0	0
Keiwan Ratliff	**53**	**2**	**6**	**9**	**1**
Tron LaFavor	51	2	3	1	0
Bryan Savelio	49	3	4	1	0
Bobby McCray	**49**	**2.5**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Marcus Oquendo-Johnson	48	2	3	0	0
Cory Bailey	**43**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**1**
Todd McCullough	**41**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Keiwan Ratliff	**32**	**341**	**10.7**	**0**	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Ran Carthon	**17**	**380**	**22.4**	**0**	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Orange	-6'	Syracuse	31-10	W
99	Citrus	-2'	Michigan St	34-37	L
00	Sugar	+6'	Miami, Fl	20-37	L
01	Orange	-14	Maryland	56-23	W
02	Outback	+1	Michigan	30-38	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

FLORIDA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	25.8	23	136	3.8	271	57.1	15.7	-9	2002	5	21.5	16	163	4.0	162	51.1	15.2
8*	44.8	27	129	4.4	409	64.7	12.0	-6	2001	8	14.8	15	100	3.1	196	55.4	20.0
4	36.0	22	113	3.8	308	55.9	11.7	+18	2000	9	21.0	19	137	3.7	217	53.6	16.9
7*	31.0	22	138	4.3	267	53.6	13.1	-5	1999	1	20.9	19	96	2.7	242	54.9	16.1
6*	31.7	21	117	3.8	343	58.0	14.5	-5	1998	6	13.8	15	94	2.6	196	51.5	21.1
4	35.8	22	154	4.4	265	53.3	11.7	+2	1997	7	17.1	16	69	2.1	209	47.6	16.3

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
UAB	26	38-233	6.1	20-32	410	3	15	37-150	4.1	11-31	90	3	0
Miami, Fl	27	36-163	4.5	19-45	191	1	25	46-306	6.7	16-33	202	1	+1
Ohio U	22	34-163	4.8	18-31	202	1	12	62-178	2.9	2-4	12	0	-2
at Tennessee	21	34-94	2.8	20-35	324	4	20	33-99	3.0	30-44	285	0	0
Kentucky	30	46-134	2.9	28-43	375	2	14	29-88	3.0	20-32	180	2	+1
at Mississippi	18	30-95	3.2	19-44	205	2	11	33-37	1.1	18-33	154	3	-3
LSU	16	25-74	3.0	18-44	163	1	15	48-249	5.2	13-20	153	2	-4
Auburn	25	42-129	3.1	30-39	265	2	12	34-189	5.6	9-19	186	0	+2
† Georgia	23	34-42	1.2	36-46	339	1	16	36-126	3.5	14-36	168	4	-1
at Vanderbilt	21	44-223	5.1	17-32	170	1	15	41-173	4.2	10-26	94	2	+2
S Carolina	23	32-155	4.8	25-37	249	0	15	47-197	4.2	8-17	74	2	-1
at Florida St	21	27-83	3.1	24-47	303	2	22	43-225	5.2	13-30	194	0	-1
† Michigan	28	43-183	4.3	21-42	323	4	17	37-104	2.8	21-37	319	1	-3
TOTALS	301	465-1771	3.8	295-517	3519	24	209	526-2121	4.0	185-362	2111	20	-9
AVERAGES	23.2	36-136	3.8	23-40	271	1.8	16.1	40-163	4.0	14-28	162	1.5	-0.7

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
The Citadel	NL	49-10	–
NE Louisiana	-44	42-10	L
at Tennessee	-3	17-20 OT	L
Kentucky	-21	51-35	L
at Alabama	-17	16-10	L
LSU	-12'	22-10	L
Auburn	-19	24-3	W
† Georgia	-11'	38-7	W
at Vanderbilt	-29	45-13	W
S Carolina	-31'	33-14	L
at Florida St	+2'	12-23	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Michigan	-35'	55-26	L
UCF	-36	58-27	L
Tennessee	-2	23-21	T
at Kentucky	-20	38-10	W
Alabama	-16	39-40 OT	L
at LSU	-14	31-10	W
at Auburn	-16	32-14	W
† Georgia	-14	30-14	W
Vanderbilt	-28	13-6	L
at S Carolina	-27	20-3	L
Florida St	+3	23-30	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ball St	-45	40-19	L
Mid Tenn St	-39'	55-0	W
at Tennessee	-3'	27-23	W
Kentucky	-22'	59-31	W
at Mississippi St	-7	35-47	L
LSU	-14'	41-9	W
Auburn	-8'	38-7	W
† Georgia	-9	34-23	W
at Vanderbilt	-19	43-20	W
S Carolina	-14	41-21	W
at Florida St	+11'	7-30	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Marshall	-31	49-14	W
UL Monroe	-56	55-6	L
at Kentucky	-32	44-10	W
Mississippi St	-18	52-0	W
at LSU	-13'	44-15	W
at Auburn	-23'	20-23	L
† Georgia	-19	24-10	L
Vanderbilt	-35'	71-13	W
at S Carolina	-12	54-17	W
Florida St	-16	37-13	W
Tennessee	-17'	32-34	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UAB	-32	51-3	W
Miami, Fl	-2'	16-41	L
Ohio U	-41'	34-6	L
at Tennessee	+5	30-13	W
Kentucky	-19	41-34	L
at Mississippi	-13'	14-17	L
LSU	-8'	7-36	L
Auburn	-8	30-23 OT	L
† Georgia	+1'	20-13	W
at Vanderbilt	-21'	21-17	L
S Carolina	-14'	28-7	W
at Florida St	+3'	14-31	L

S CAROLINA GAMECOCKS

DE George Gause

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the team had to replace two year starting QB Phil Petty who threw for 1,926 yards (56.9%) but most importantly had only 7 interceptions. Petty's backup, Corey Jenkins (PS#26), won the starting job. The #2 QB, Dondrail Pinkins (PS#25) was called the QB of the future when he signed. He suffered an injury in August and missed the first two games. Third string QB Bennett Swygert tore his ACL (2nd ACL injury) and missed the season. Jenkins had a fine opener rushing for 113 yards and passing for 166 but had four turnovers the following week in the loss to Virginia. Jenkins suffered through a turf toe injury and a sprained ankle, and his best passing day was an 18 of 23 effort vs Temple for 198 yards. Jenkins finished as the team's leading rusher with 655 net yards (4.1), and threw for 1,334 yards (55.6%) with a 7-10 ratio. Surprisingly, while he was much maligned for his passing game he was 25th in the NCAA in pass efficiency after the Kentucky game. Both QB's struggled vs Tennessee when the team hit just 5 of 19 for 45 with 3 int's. Part of the reason for the QB struggles was the fact that the WR's were so plagued by injuries. Pinkins hit 16 of 31 for 253 yards with a 1-1 ratio as a starter in just two games after Jenkins (#6DC of MIA) was moved to FS. Pinkins is 20 pounds heavier than Jenkins was and is supposed to be the better passer but hit just 49.2% with a 2-4 ratio while rushing for 232 yards. Swygert (PS#31) still needs to prove his knees will hold up to contact. Mike Rathe threw for 2,874 yards (53%) with a 30-12 ratio and added 173 yards rushing last year at JUCO. True frosh Blake Mitchell (PS#15) is a pocket passer and Syvelle Newton is a dual threat QB (PS#7) and both will contend. This unit actually has a little more experience than last season and should be stronger.

RUNNING BACKS - Despite the fact that Derek Watson rushed for 1,066 yards (5.7) in 2000 and was PS#10, Andrew Pinnock (PS#13) actually led the team in rushing in 2001 with 622 yards (5.4) while Watson had 618 (4.4). Pinnock was expected to be the feature back last season but he had three fumbles in the first three games and the team went to a RB by committee vs Temple. Pinnock did end up being the top RB rusher with 563 yards (4.5) after curbing his fumble problems and was #7DC of SD. Kenny Irons (PS#44) was bothered by an ankle injury for the first half of the season and then also moved to WR late in the year due to the enormous amount of injuries at that position. He finished with 201 yards (4.3). Daccus Turman (5-11 229) broke Herschel Walker's single season Georgia HS record for rushing with 3,167 yards and started two games here last year when Pinnock was benched rushing for 179 yards (5.1). Gonzie Gray (5-11 186 Jr, PS#80) was injured in 2002. This year they add the top RB out of HS in Demetris Summers. Also keep an eye on FB Regis Edgerson (6-1 225 rFr, PS#39). I like the talent level here and think the unit could be more productive, even with the loss of its top RB to the NFL.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace its top WR and starting TE and then went through an amazing streak of injuries (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). This year they must replace WR's Michael Ages (7 sts, 22, 15.0), Ryan Brewer (10 sts, 28, 10.7) and James Adkisson (9 rec). Eight WR's return with starting experience and I list the 2 deep below. Not listed are Andre Hemphill (6-2 202 So, 2 sts) and this year's top-notch class of true frosh. TE Hart Turner (9 sts, 4 rec) returns to his starting job, but will have to hold off Andy Boyd (PS#44) who is considered an NFL prospect. I look for a huge season out of Troy Williamson (PS#17), so this should be a vastly improved group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - SC had an experienced O-line in 2001 that paved the way for 4.5 ypc rushing and only allowed 16 sacks. They were called "The Big Dogs" as they had 4 seniors including three returning starters that weighed more than 300 lbs and could bench 400+. The unit did suffer some injuries with three starters hurt vs Georgia and they were more like "The Young Pups" against Miss St. Overall SC averaged 4.2 ypc rushing and allowed just 19 sacks. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are RT Watts Sanderson (12 sts), RG Shane Hall (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), C CJ Frye (8 sts, 3 yr st'r), LG Cedric Williams (12 sts, 4 yr st'r) and backup Justin McGuire. I like the talent and depth that SC has at this position, especially with Travelle Wharton turning down the NFL (3rd or 4th RD DC), but this group is a lot less experienced than it was heading into last season and this position is the question mark of the offense.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 SC recorded just 20 sacks while allowing 3.6 ypc rushing. Last year they had to replace one starter who was a 6th round DC from their 3 man front. Overall the defense surprisingly allowed 4.1 ypc rushing while generating just 15 sacks. This year they move to a four man defensive front. They must replace their top DL, Langston Moore (12 sts, 60 tkls, 9 tfl, 2nd TM SEC, #6DC of CIN) as well as DT Shaun Smith (1 st, 38 tkls) and DE Dennis Quinn (7 sts, 22 tkls). I list a very impressive four man defensive front below and in the 2 deep alone the unit has no less than seven VHT's!! Holtz has gone the JUCO route to shore up the DL the last few years, and they should have some top-notch contributors this season. Despite the loss of two starters, this group appears to be improved.

LINEBACKERS - Last year SC had to replace 3 starters including 2 who were 2nd & 3rd round DC's. With the Gamecocks moving to a 4-3 defense, there are only three starting LB slots this year. The defense did not live up to expectations in 2002 but the only losses are OLB Jermaine Lemon (10 sts, 85 tkls, 9 tfl, Def MVP) and OLB George Gause who moves to his more natural DE position. Basically two starters return and as I projected last year, true frosh Ricardo Hurley (PS#3) earned playing time in his first year. I list the 2 deep below and this year they signed PS#2JC Marcus Lawrence who was in for the spring and despite his 236 pounds, has 4.58 speed. He could displace one of the returnees as a starter. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and former walk-on Lance Laury has a solid combination of size and speed and also calls the defensive signals. This group is more experienced and I look for big time contributions from both Hurley and Lawrence.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 SC finished #39 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace three starters including 2nd & 3rd round DC's as well as two backups. As expected, the unit dropped in the rankings falling to #76 allowing 59.2% with 17 TD's and just 9 interceptions. This year they must replace SS Jonathan Martin (12 sts, #1 tkl'r, 7 tfl), SPUR Rashad Faison (10 sts, 93 tkls, 3 pbu) and backup CB Brian Elam (6 tkls). The Gamecocks struggled to find a CB to play across from Dunta Robinson who is their top cover corner. This year FS Deandrè Eiland has moved to that spot and two other top-notch players are battling for time with the top four CB's all six foot or taller. While the safeties are new, there are some solid athletic candidates which I list below. Last season due to ineffectiveness, they even moved three WR's to the secondary and at the end of the year QB Jenkins moved into the rotation. I look for big-time improvement in the pass D numbers for the Gamecocks, and Lou Holtz is coaching the safeties himself.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Last year SC finished #85 in my special teams rankings including the K. Early on in the season the return game had some fumbling problems and Holtz went to returnmen who would not turn the ball over. The team averaged a paltry 4.3 on PR's which ranked #117 in the NCAA. This year they lose their top PR and KR in Brewer but Matthew Thomas averaged 26.5 on 8 KR's and gives them some explosiveness. The key will be replacing P Tyeler Dean who has been the lone bright spot of this unit averaging a super 38.0 and 38.2 net punting the last two years. Even with his loss, SC has a chance to improve upon last year's rating.

COACHES - Lou Holtz is a legend. He's taken 6 teams to bowls in his coaching career which is more than any other coach in history. The defense lost longtime DC Charlie Strong to Florida. Former LB coach Chris Cosh is the appointed DC, but Lou should have a major role in rebuilding this defense. Consequently, OC Skip Holtz will have greater control over the offense, and will call all the plays in 2003 (perhaps an audition for the future Gamecock HC??).

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PHIL'S FORECAST

Lou Holtz took over a very weak program that was 1-10 the year before he arrived and went 0-11 in his first season but the D allowed just 308 ypg that year. I called them one of the most improved teams in the SEC in 2000 and they simply went 8-4 including a bowl win vs Ohio St. They accomplished that despite having just 10 scholarship seniors. The 2001 version had 17 returning starters and just 14 lettermen lost and went 9-3 overall, once again winning the Outback Bowl. They did have 5 wins during 2001 by 5 points or less and were outgained in 3 of their victories. The 17 wins they had in 2000 and 2001 were the most in back-to-back years in school history but last year they had to replace 19 seniors and 10 other players who were on the squad in December of 2001, but not back in August. SC also benefitted from +8 in turnovers in 2001 (see page 310). They came into last year ranked #22 in the country and had all 6 home games sold-out prior to the season (#11 in the NCAA in attendance). They suffered 7 turnovers vs Virginia and were upset and the next week vs Georgia fumbling with :20 left going for the winning TD and also fumbled on 1st & goal at the 2 in the 1H. UGA's only TD came on an "interception" in which the DL took the ball out of the QB's hands. Holtz said that he had never experienced such an injury plagued season as last year with 1,289 days lost to injuries and many of those injuries were in the WR corps. The team was also very young last year with 8 true frosh starting at least one game. After a 5-2 start, the Gamecocks lost their last five games for a losing season. This year the losses are heavy once again as the team has the fewest amount of returning starters in the SEC (9) and loses the highest percentage of lettermen as 24 of 56 (42.9%) depart. While this looks like a rebuilding year for SC due to the high amount of starters and lettermen lost, the team should catch much better breaks in injuries and turnovers and could easily get itself on the plus side of the ledger and to its 3rd bowl in the last four years.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Dondrial Pinkins Jr. 6-2 245 **PS#25** L/2 sts LY, 431 pass (49%) 2-4 ratio, 232 rush. Bennett Swygert (6-3 224 rFr) **PS#31**. Mike Rathe **PS#91JC**. Syvelle Newton is **PS#7**.

RB Kenny Irons So. 5-11 195 **PS#44**. 1 st as true, 201 yds (4.3), 4 rec (15.8). **Demetris Summers** is **PS#1**. Daccus Turman (5-11 229 So), 2 sts in '02, 179 yds (5.1).

WR Mikal Goodman Sr. 6-3 197 PS#183QB. 3 sts, 572 pass, 152 rush yds **true**. 1 st@WR LY, 10 rec (12.1). D'von Hill (6-4 214 Fr) PS#67. Andrea Gause (5-9 207 Jr) 2 sts, 7 rec in '01.

WR TROY WILLIAMSON SO. 6-2 200 **PS#17**. 4.32 spd. 6 sts, #1 w/491yds (**28.9**) 47 yds rush. Aryhel Freeman (6-2 219 rFr) PS#43QB. Kris Clark (5-10 188 So) PS#202. 2 sts**true**, 5 rec (10.8).

WR Matthew Thomas Jr. 6-1 188 PS#73. 6 sts as true, 18 rec (13.0). **4.28 spd.** 8 rec, 3 sts LY. Chavez Donnings (5-11 180 Sr) **PS#16JC**. Taqiy Muhammad (5-10 182 Sr) 6 sts, 34 tkls LY.

TE HART TURNER SR. 6-5 247 PS#47. 2 sts in 2001. 9 sts in 2002, 4 rec (8.8). Andy Boyd (6-5 252 So) PS#44, 5 games as true. Brian Brownlee (6-3 247 Jr) PS#87LB.

C Jeff Barnes Sr. 6-4 286 PS#193. 1 st at LT, 8 gms as rFr. 4 gms in '01. Lettered LY. John Strickland (6-5 304 Jr) PS#292, 11 gms, 1L. Chris White (6-4 310 rFr) PS#133.

RG Jonathan Alston Jr. 6-5 302 PS#109DL. 12 tkls, 1 sk as rFr. Backup OT in 2002. Josh Malloy (6-5 335 So) PS#136DL. ACL as rFr. Chad Walker (6-4 311 Jr) PS#164.

LG Jabari Levey So. 6-7 340 **PS#72**. Took off RS mid year as true, 4 games. Jon Hall (6-5 296 rFr) PS#192DL. Almost played as true. Brandon Robinson (6-4 265 rFr) PS#324.

RT Na'shan Goddard So. 6-6 305 PS#80DL. 5 starts at C as rFr. Prototype NFL OT. Stephen Sene (6-6 320 rFr) **PS#97OL**. Kris Mick (6-5 290 rFr) PS#126OL.

LT TRAVELLE WHARTON SR. 6-4 315 PS#244. 10 sts as true. 11 sts at LT in '01. 12 sts in '02. Turned down NFL (#3 or #4 proj DC). Woodly Telfort (6-8 330 Jr) PS#88JUCO.

K DAN WEAVER SR. 6-1 206 PS#34. 13 of 17 FG's in 2001, long of 43. Only 10 of 16 on FG's in 2002, long of 38, 4 of 10 from 30+. Josh Brown hit 53 yd FG in high school.

DE GEORGE GAUSE JR. 6-5 265 **PS#10**. 1 st, 24 tkls, 2 tfl as true. 11 sts LY, 55 tkls, 4 sks, 3 tfl. Darel Slay (6-4 260 Sr) **PS#3JC**. 29 tkls, 5 tfl here LY. James Scott (6-3 247 So) PS#109.

DT Randy Jackson Sr. 6-4 293 **PS#8JC**. 13 tkls LY. Stronger. Freddy Saint-Preux (6-5 295 Jr) **PS#84JC**. Eric Stroman (6-3 277 So) PS#262. Brandon Schweitzer (6-3 284 rFr) PS#109RB.

DT Darrell Shropshire Jr. 6-2 299 **PS#4JC**. In for spring. Preston Thorne (6-0 273 Jr) **PS#54DL**. 1 st, 28 tkls, 2Y. Chris Tucker (6-2 304 So) PS#188DL. Played OL/DL as rFr.

DE MOE THOMPSON SO. 6-3 280 **PS#14TE**. 11 starts as **true**, 52 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl. Jason Capers (6-4 275 Jr) PS#17TE. 1 st, 17 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Charles Silas is **PS#77JUCO**.

WLB Ricardo Hurley So. 6-3 233 **PS#3LB**. 1 st, 20 tkls as **true**, 1 pbu. Rod Thomas (6-1 245 Sr) PS#287. 2 sts, 42 tkls, 1 sk, 3Y. RS LY. Ryan Brown is **PS#39LB**.

MLB LANCE LAURY SO. 6-2 231 PS#193. 9 sts as rFr, 90 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 pbu. DeAdrian Coley (6-3 240 Jr) PS#95 in 2001. 4.5 speed. JC. Orus Lambert (6-2 240 So) PS#211.

SLB MARCUS LAWRENCE JR. 6-3 236 **PS#2JC**, in for spring. **Jeremiah Garrison** (6-1 233 Sr) PS#217. 3 starts, 45 tkls in 2001. 10 starts, 88 tkls, 6 tfl LY. Tray Rogers is PS#72.

CB DeANDRE EILAND SR. 6-0 210 9 sts at FS in 2000 & 2001, 102 tkls, 6 int, 12 pbu. 10 starts at FS LY. 70 tkls, **4.32 speed**. Fred Bennett (6-2 186 Fr) PS#90, 8 int at Hargrave.

CB DUNTA ROBINSON SR. 6-0 185 15 tkls, 1st 2Y. 12 sts LY, 49 tkls, 4 int, 10 pbu, **4.32 spd.** Tremaine Tyler (6-0 181 So) PS#40QB. 1 st, 6 tkls as true. Ted Crawford (5-10 175 Sr) 4 career sts.

SS Jamacia Jackson Jr. 6-1 210 **PS#58RB**. 9 tkls as rFr. 2 sts LY, 47 tkls, 1 tfl. Corey Peoples (6-2 212 Jr) PS#112JC, RS LY. Terrell Davis (6-0 183 So) PS#174QB, 2 tkls LY.

FS Rod Wilson Jr. 6-2 217 **PS#29QB**. 4.5 spd. 27 tkl, 2 tfl. Jermaine Harris (6-4 210 Jr) PS#104JC. Issac Stackhouse (5-10 204 Sr) **PS#40QB**. Rachiem Monroe (5-9 182 Jr) PS#91.

P Josh Brown So. 6-2 190 PS#13K. K/P & QB in HS. Almost won punting job in 2001. 2nd string in 2002. Joey Bowers (6-0 189 Jr) 8 punts, 34.0 and did KO's L/2Y.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

RB	Demetris Summers	6-1 200 PS#1
QB	Syvelle Newton	6-2 196 PS#7
QB	Blake Mitchell	6-4 185 PS#15
LB	Marcus Lawrence	6-3 245 PS#2JC
WR	Derrick Harper	6-3 185 PS#40
LB	Ryan Brown	6-2 238 PS#39
DL	Darrell Shropshire	6-2 285 PS#5JC
WR	David Smith	6-4 205 PS#52
WR	Noah Whiteside	6-0 170 PS#55
RB	Cory Boyd	6-1 210 PS#44
WR	Travis Lee	6-1 182 PS#71
LB	Tray Rogers	6-0 190 PS#72
DB	Ko Simpson	6-2 180 PS#82
OL	William Brown	6-5 275 PS#132
DE	Charles Silas	6-6 255 PS#77JC

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20-23-1	Vs The Spread	5-7	Home Dog
8-13	Off A SU Loss	3-3	Away Favorite
15-17	Vs Conference	5-9	Away Dog
		5-6-1	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: **(5-7)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 3
DEFENSE: 6

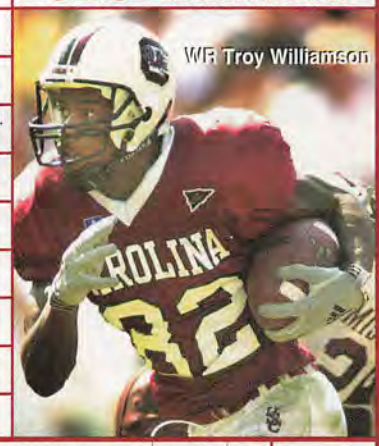
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 32 (14,16,2)
Lost: 24 (11,10,3)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 82,138

SEC - EAST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#38

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SC	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	Louisiana-Lft	G						USC is 3-7 ATS before a bye since 1992. The Gamecocks are 13-1 in non-lined games since 1983. Lou Holtz is 8-13 ATS off a SU loss.
Sep. 6	Virginia	G						USC is 10-4-1 ATS the last 16 as a double digit home favorite. S Carolina is 5-1 SU but 1-4-1 ATS their last 6 home openers.
Sep. 13	at Georgia	G						USC is 10-21 ATS vs ACC teams since 1989. USC is 7-2 ATS as a home favorite off a SU win.
Sep. 20	UAB	G						The home team is 6-3 ATS the last 9 series meetings. The favorite is 6-2 ATS since 1995.
Sep. 27	at Tennessee	G						S Carolina is 15-14 SU all-time vs current CUSA foes (E Car 10-5 SU). The Gamecocks will battle the Blazers for the first time.
Oct. 4								The home team is 2-7 ATS the last 9. South Carolina is 1-10 SU vs Tennessee since 1992.
Oct. 11	Kentucky	G						Gamecocks are 9-3 ATS vs Kentucky since 1981. The visiting team has controlled this series with a 9-2 ATS mark.
Oct. 18	LSU	G						The S Carolina/LSU series only averages 34 ppg, 1st game was in 1930. Could apply: S Carolina is 4-12 ATS as a SEC home dog since 1997.
Oct. 25	Vanderbilt (HC)	G						USC is 7-3 ATS in their last 10 Homecoming games. S Carolina is 9-2 ATS their last 11 meetings with Vanderbilt.
Nov. 1	at Mississippi	A						USC is 2-4 SU & 1-5 ATS vs Ole Miss since 1977. S Carolina is 4-8 ATS their last 12 November games (0-6 ATS L2Y).
Nov. 8	at Arkansas	G						USC is 1-4 both SU & ATS vs Arkansas the last 5 years. The home team has covered 7 of the last 10 series meetings.
Nov. 15	Florida	G						The Gamecocks are 6-3 ATS their last 9 vs the Gators. USC last defeated Florida in 1939 by a 7-0 score.
Nov. 22	Clemson	G						S Carolina is 2-9 ATS vs Clemson at home since 1981. USC is 2-10 ATS their last 12 home finales.
Nov. 29								



STADIUM: WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM (80,250)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	5-6	1-10	0-11	7-4	8-3	5-7	32-46
ATS	8-2	5-6	3-8	4-7	8-3	5-4-1	3-9	36-39-1
Home Fav	1-1	2-1	0-3	0-1	3-0	2-2-1	2-1	10-9-1
Home Dog	2-1	0-3	0-3	3-2	2-1	0-1	0-3	7-14
Away Fav	2-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	2-0	1-1	0-2	6-5
Away Dog	3-0	2-1	3-1	1-4	1-2	2-0	1-3	13-11
Favorite	3-1	3-2	0-4	0-1	5-0	3-3-1	2-3	16-14-1
Dog	5-1	2-4	3-4	4-6	3-3	2-1	1-6	20-25
Grass	7-2	5-6	3-7	4-7	8-3	5-4-1	3-9	35-38-1
Artificial	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	7-1	4-4	3-5	3-5	5-3	5-3	2-6	29-27
vs Non-Conf	1-1	1-2	0-3	1-2	3-0	0-1-1	1-3	7-12-1
Off SU Win	4-1	3-2	0-1	0-0	5-2	4-3	2-3	18-12
Off SU Loss	4-1	2-3	3-6	4-6	2-1	1-1	1-5	17-23

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Corey Jenkins	160	762	107	655	4	4.1
Andrew Pinnock	124	600	37	563	5	4.5
Kenny Irons	**47**	**209**	**8**	**201**	**0**	**4.3**
Dondrial Pinkins	**54**	**232**	**43**	**189**	**0**	**3.5**
Daccus Turman	**35**	**186**	**7**	**179**	**2**	**5.1**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Corey Jenkins	180	100	55.6	1334	7	10
Dondrial Pinkins	**65**	**32**	**49.2**	**431**	**2**	**4**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Troy Williamson	**17**	**491**	**28.9**	**4**	**70**	
Michael Ages	22	331	15.0	0	57	
Ryan Brewer	28	299	10.7	1	27	
Mikal Goodman	**10**	**121**	**12.1**	**0**	**28**	
James Adkisson	9	112	12.4	1	44	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Tyeler Dean	45	1909	42.4	59	--	0	9

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Daniel Weaver	**24-26**	**6-6**	**4-8**	**0-2**	**0-0**	**10-16**	**38**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jonathan Martin	122	2	5	1	1
Rashad Faison	93	0	0	3	0
Lance Laury	**90**	**0**	**4**	**2**	**0**
Jeremiah Garrison	**88**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Jermaine Lemon	85	1	8	4	0
DeAndre Eiland	**70**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**1**
Langston Moore	60	3	6	0	1
George Gause	**55**	**4**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Moe Thompson	**52**	**2**	**2**	**3**	**1**
Dunta Robinson	**49**	**0**	**2**	**10**	**4**
Jamacia Jackson	**47**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Shaun Smith	38	1	0	0	0
Taqiy Muhammad	**34**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ryan Brewer	9	67	7.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ryan Brewer	11	243	22.1	0
Matthew Thomas	**8**	**212**	**26.5**	**1**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
87	Gator	-3'	LSU	13-30	L
88	Liberty	+3	Indiana	10-34	L
94	Carquest	+2	W Virginia	24-21	W
00	Outback	+6'	Ohio St	24-7	W
01	Outback	-1	Ohio St	31-28	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

S CAROLINA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	18.8	17	167	4.2	152	53.6	17.0	-5	2002	4	21.8	19	165	4.1	187	59.2	16.1
9*	25.8	19	181	4.5	178	55.8	13.9	+8	2001	7	19.2	18	138	3.6	194	57.5	17.3
8*	23.6	19	162	4.3	208	53.4	15.7	+5	2000	7	15.1	17	113	3.2	191	54.9	20.2
6	7.9	13	90	2.3	139	41.9	28.9	-4	1999	7	25.3	16	146	3.9	162	56.1	12.2
7*	18.8	21	124	3.3	231	51.9	18.9	-13	1998	5	30.0	20	179	4.5	218	59.4	13.2
7*	23.5	18	124	3.1	204	52.4	14.0	+8	1997	7	25.4	17	132	4.0	212	52.3	13.6

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
New Mexico St	22	46-229	5.0	10-19	172	1	20	40-212	5.3	17-28	207	2	0
at Virginia	17	38-142	3.7	12-21	119	3	20	40-143	3.6	22-32	196	0	-4
Georgia	18	42-158	3.8	16-27	213	1	13	38-128	3.4	11-22	169	1	-2
Temple	18	28-99	3.5	19-24	199	0	22	47-196	4.2	15-34	145	0	+1
at Vanderbilt	24	45-185	4.1	17-25	213	1	13	36-136	3.8	10-19	105	1	0
Mississippi St	20	59-230	3.9	11-21	178	1	12	25-69	2.8	21-40	205	2	+3
at Kentucky	14	41-138	3.4	10-18	212	2	17	34-118	3.5	23-39	209	4	+2
at LSU	13	30-148	4.9	10-22	127	3	24	45-231	5.1	12-23	183	0	-2
Tennessee	13	35-184	5.3	5-19	45	3	21	54-241	4.5	17-24	175	2	-1
Arkansas	14	32-144	4.5	13-31	89	1	17	50-200	4.0	10-18	113	1	-3
at Florida	15	47-197	4.2	8-17	74	2	23	32-155	4.8	25-37	249	0	+1
at Clemson	12	34-150	4.4	9-17	180	1	27	40-145	3.6	27-39	287	2	0
TOTALS	200	477-2004	4.2	140-261	1821	19	229	481-1974	4.1	210-355	2243	15	-5
AVERAGES	16.7	40-167	4.2	12-22	152	1.6	19.1	40-165	4.1	18-30	187	1.3	-0.4

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ball St	-19'	38-20	L
Georgia	+5'	3-17	L
Marshall	-5	21-24	L
Mississippi St	-2'	0-38	L
at Mississippi	+9'	28-30	W
at Kentucky	+14	28-33	W
Arkansas	+7	28-41	L
at Vanderbilt	-6'	14-17	L
Tennessee	+17	14-49	L
at Florida	+31'	14-33	W
at Clemson	+5'	19-28	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at NC State	+7'	0-10	L
at Georgia	+14'	9-24	L
E Carolina	-1	3-21	L
at Mississippi St	+13'	0-17	L
Mississippi	+6'	10-36	L
Kentucky	+7'	10-30	L
at Arkansas	+22'	14-48	L
Vanderbilt	+4'	10-11	W
at Tennessee	+33'	7-30	W
Florida	+27	3-20	W
Clemson	+14	21-31	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Mexico St	-9	31-0	W
Georgia	+10	21-10	W
E Michigan	-23	41-6	W
Mississippi St	+1	23-19	W
at Alabama	+9'	17-27	L
at Kentucky	-2'	20-17	W
Arkansas	-7	27-7	W
at Vanderbilt	-6'	30-14	W
Tennessee	+1'	14-17	L
at Florida	+14	21-41	L
at Clemson	+7'	14-16	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boise St	-19	32-13	T
at Georgia	-2	14-9	W
at Mississippi St	+3	16-14	W
Alabama	-6	37-36	L
Kentucky	-21'	42-6	W
at Arkansas	-9	7-10	L
Vanderbilt	-16'	46-14	W
at Tennessee	+7'	10-17	W
Wofford	NL	38-14	--
Florida	+12	17-54	L
Clemson	-5'	20-15	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Mexico St	-23'	34-24	L
at Virginia	-4'	21-34	L
Georgia	+5'	7-13	L
Temple	-16'	42-21	W
at Vanderbilt	-9'	20-14	L
Mississippi St	-4'	34-10	W
at Kentucky	+4	16-12	W
at LSU	+8	14-38	L
Tennessee	+1'	10-18	L
Arkansas	+4'	0-23	L
at Florida	+14'	7-28	L
at Clemson	+4	20-27	L

KENTUCKY WILDCATS

QB Jared Lorenzen

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Jared Lorenzen was PS#21 and is a huge QB, yet has a decent amount of speed and mobility with a powerful arm. Lorenzen, an unusual looking QB who is bigger than many DL's (played at 300 lbs in 2002) had a 19-21 ratio in his first year as a starter but they did have 9 dropped TD passes. His next two years were interesting (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). The staff did not put restraints on his weight last year and he had a fine season throwing for 2,267 yards (56%) with an amazing 24-5 ratio. He set a school record with 152 consecutive passes without an int. He did seem to struggle in the 4Q LY (perhaps due to conditioning) and unfortunately his season ended on a sour note with a 9 of 23 for 59 yard performance vs Tennessee. Shane Boyd saw action in seven games throwing for 99 yards and rushing for 127. With new OC Ron Hudson coming over from Kansas St, Boyd fits the type of QB that they've used at KSU and could see much more time. Dan Lumley (6-2 185 So) was 38-1 as a Canadian QB and got in 1 pass attempt last year. Trey Barclay (6-5 226 Jr) was the #3 QB last season. This year they signed PS#25 Andre Woodson. With Lorenzen and Boyd both back, this is a position of strength.

RUNNING BACKS - Artose Pinner took over the starting RB job in 2001 in the 5th week and had consecutive 100 yard efforts vs SEC teams but did not top the 100 yard barrier the rest of the way. He still led the team in rushing with 441 yards (4.4). Last year Pinner was basically the only experienced RB returning and he bulked up in the offseason going from 220 to 237, increasing his bench to 340 with 4.5 speed. Alexis Bwenge is from Canada and was the only other scholarship TB who participated in last spring's practice. He is a chiseled, muscular player that Morriss said looks like an SEC FB. Pinner not only won the starting job, but had the second best season in Kentucky history (Mo Williams 1,600 in 1995) rushing for 1,414 yards (5.0) with 13 TD's. Pinner led the SEC in rushing and was named SEC POY. Pinner (#4DC of DET) leaves as the #5 career rusher in UK history. Bwenge is back after rushing for 81 yards with one start and will have to battle Arliss Beach (PS#135) who had 111 yards as a true frosh. Beach was the star of the 2002 Tennessee/Kentucky high school all-star game with 172 yards. Monquantae Gibson (6-1 195 rFr) was PS#163 and rushed for 2,756 yards and 43 TD's as a senior in HS. FB Rock Johnson (6-0 237 So) got his first start against Georgia but broke his leg and missed the rest of the year. They signed Draak Davis who had 1,846 yards (8.4) at JUCO last year and broke some of OJ Simpson's JC records. QB Boyd could be at RB by the end of the season. While there is some talent at this position, Pinner put up remarkable numbers last year for a UK RB, and they will be extremely tough to duplicate.

RECEIVERS - Last year two of the four starters returned to this position including their leading receiver, Derek Abney, who had 66 rec's while the next closest receiver had just 30. The #2 and #3 receivers did depart. This year they must replace their #1 WR Aaron Boone (7 sts, 41, 17.2), TE Chase Harp (8 sts, 11, 7.8) and WR Ernest Simms (1 st, 11 rec). RB Pinner was the #3 receiver so 2 of the top 3 depart this year, but three of the top 4 WR's are back and Derek Abney (40 rec, 14.2), who had six return TD's and 4 receiving TD's figures to be the main man. I list the 2 deep below and finding a new TE will be crucial. Not listed below are Gerad Parker (6-3 205 Jr), Dominick DeVastey (6-4 203 So), Glenn Holt (6-2 178 So, 4 rec as true), and Maurice Marchman (6-0 189 Fr) who was PS#165 and re-enrolled in the spring. Last year's unit did not have any VHT's and provided they find a capable TE, this group should be close to 2002's standards.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 UK had an injury plagued offensive front but still opened the holes for 4.1 ypc rushing and allowed just 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace four players from the 2 deep who combined for 23 starts so basically three starters returned. The team did lose starting OT Matt Huff to an MCL injury after seven starts and the unit was rather thin at season's end. They paved the way for 4.1 ypc rushing and allowed 28 sacks. This year the only loss is RG Keith Chatelain (12 sts, 3 yr st'r). Four full-time starters return as does Sylvester Miller who started the last five when Huff was injured. Yancey Reynolds (6-5 325 Jr) should find a starting spot somewhere after missing last year with wrist surgery. This is a very experienced unit that has better depth and looks to be improved, especially with their top OL, Antonio Hall (PS#4), back for his 4th year as a starter after turning down the NFL (projected 4th round DC).

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Cats yielded 4.4 ypc rushing while the team had just 22 sacks despite the fact that Dennis Johnson had 12 sacks. Johnson was a 3rd round DC last year and two other starters departed so DT Dewayne Robertson was the lone returning starter. UK's D gave up 4.2 ypc rushing and recorded just 21 sacks in 2002. This year they must replace Robertson (11 sts, 48 tkls, 5 sks, 2nd Tm SEC, #1DC of NYJ), DE Otis Gribsby (12 sts, 65 tkls, 2.5 sks, 7 tfl) and DT John Robinson (16 tkls, 2.5 tfl), but everyone else is back. The team is shifting from the 4-2-5 to a 3-4 defense so there is one less position to fill. This group actually has three VHT's and a 2nd Tm SEC player returning. DE Vincent "sweet pea" Burns made a big impact after transferring from N Arizona and the two NT's, Ellery Moore (PS#34) and Bennie Mills (PS#55) should fill the lone open spot on the line in fine fashion. Jeremy Caudill and Burns should be among the SEC's top DL's. This unit looks like the strength of the defense even with a 1st round DC loss.

LINEBACKERS - Because UK ran a 4-2-5 last year, I included one of the safety spots in my LB writeup. The team had to replace two of three starters plus a backup and did not get the impact expected from Chad Anderson (PS#19) who had been ineligible in 2001. He played in 7 games with one tackle before being lost for the season with a dislocated ankle. With the switch to the 3-4, the team adds an LB slot and loses all three starters from last season, so they have zero starters returning. Gone are ILB Ronnie Riley (12 sts , 75 tkls), ILB Morris Lane (12 sts, 79 tkls), OSS David Johnson (12 sts, 70 tkls, 12 tfl) and backup OSS Tayo Agboke (18 tkls). There is a spattering of talent and experience in the group, but they are even less experienced than last year and new LB coach Ron McBride will have his hands full trying to mold this group into a formidable unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cats finished #107 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and last year had to replace five players who combined for 28 starts, but they did have three players back who started six or more games. The secondary moved up to #56 allowing just 47.2% although they had a poor 23-10 ratio. This year they must replace CB Derrick Tatum (12 sts, 40 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu) and FS Quentus Cumby (12 sts, #1 tkl'r, 2 int, 10 pbu), but six of the top eight are back including 10 lettermen altogether. I list the 3 deep below and this unit has more experience than 2002, and could even move up higher in the rankings despite the loss of two productive starters.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Glenn Pakulak is an unusual looking punter as he can bench 28 reps of 225 lbs. He was a huge reason why UK ranked #33 in my special teams rankings in 2001 and improved up to #1 last year. Pakulak's booming punts earned him the Mosi Tatupu Award for the top special teams player in the country and not only did he average 45.6 per boot (a school record), he leaves as the career record holder for average (44.4) and his net punting averages the last two years were amazing at 39.8 and 45.6!! Derek Abney proved to be the most dangerous returnman in the country. He averaged an outstanding 15.1 on PR's and had 4 PR TD's. Abney already is the SEC record holder with 7 career return TD's and with his 4.31 speed he also had 2 KR TD's (26.8). Abney became just the 10th UK player to be named 1st Team AA and he did it as a returnman. Their special teams coach last year, Mark Nelson, was the CFL Special Teams Coach of the Year in '93. FG's were handled by Taylor Begley who hit 9 of 14 with a long of 49 while Clint Ruth handled the KO's. Steve Ortmayer is the new ST coach and he was an NFL ST coach for 17 years. I think this is still a top-notch unit since Abney is back, but clearly should drop in the rankings with the loss of a super punter.

COACHES - Rich Brooks was the head man at Oregon from 1977 to 1994 and complied a 91-109-4 record there. He did guide Oregon to their first Rose Bowl appearance in 37 years and then left for the St Louis Rams where he compiled a 13-19 record. Brooks has actually been out of coaching the last two years. He is the third head coach here in four seasons. His DC is Mike Archer who was the LB coach of the Steelers the past seven years and was the DC at Kentucky under Bill Curry from 1993 to 1995. He was also the head coach at LSU from 1987 to 1990. They also bring in former longtime Utah head man, Ron McBride as their LB coach. The new OC is Ron Hudson who surprisingly left Kansas St where he had been OC for the last six years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Kentucky program under Hal Mumme went to two straight bowls and got off to a 2-1 start in 2000 but then would go just 2-17 the next 19 games. I pointed out last year that despite finishing 2-9 for a second straight season in 2001, the team was much improved as they were outscored by an average of 18.5 ppg in 2000 and just 9.9 ppg in 2001. You have to applaud the UK fans as in 2001 the team was 2-9 but were still #23 in the country in terms of attendance. The team has had its scholarships reduced by 19 over a 3 year period due to NCAA sanctions. While the Cats were also ineligible for a bowl due to NCAA probation, they did finish 2002 with 7 wins and could easily have gone 4-4 in SEC play if not for a Hail Mary pass on the final play vs LSU after Morris had already been drenched in Gatorade in a stunning 33-30 loss. The 7 wins last year tied the most wins for the program in 18 years and their win over #17 Louisville was their first road win over a Top 20 since 1977. They only lost by 7 to Florida in The Swamp and led S Caro 10-0 at the half, but lost by 4. They were fortunate vs Arkansas as they were outgained 515-332 and vs Miss St (392-266 yard Bulldog edge). Last year's 4-0 start was their best start since 1984. Brooks ran a pass-happy offense at Oregon and with QB Lorenzen returning it's surprising that he brought in an option-oriented OC this year. With the new offensive schemes, I think it will be difficult to match the 32.1 ppg from 2002. Last year's defense had just 4 returning starters but made great improvement allowing just 25.1 ypg. As mentioned, the team really should have been 4-4 in SEC play, but despite their 3-5 record they were outgained by an average of 114 ypg in league play, the second worst mark in the league. A new coach with new schemes and just 11 returning starters has this looking like a rebuilding season, and it would be extremely difficult to match last year's 7 win total (although they could go 4-0 in non-conf play).

2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB JARED LORENZEN SR. 6-4 275 **PS#21**. 5866 yds (57%) 17 sts. 38-28 ratio in 2000 & '01. 12 sts LY, 2267 yds (56%) 24-5 ratio, **2nd Tm SEC**. Shane Boyd (6-2 239 Jr) 5 sts, 951 yds 2Y.

RB Alexis Bwenge So. 6-1 216 From Canada. 110 yds as rFr. **Draak Davis PS#108JC**. 1846 (8.4) at JC LY. Arliss Beach (6-0 202 So) PS#135. 111 yds (6.9), 219 ret yds as **true.**

FB Ronald "Rock" Johnson So. 6-0 237 375 bench. 4.7 spd. 1 st LY then broke leg. Anthony Stevenson (5-11 244 Jr) PS#139. 11 games in '01 at FB. LB LY. Justin Sprowles (5-10 218 So).

WR TOMMY COOK JR. 6-0 194 PS#184DB. 4.4 spd. 5 sts, 20 rec (14.9) in 2001. 12 sts, 22 rec (12.5) LY. **John Logan** is **PS#20**. Brian Pickard (6-3 200 So) is PS#82.

WR DEREK ABNEY SR. 5-10 175 PS#49. 4.31 spd. 40 rec (10.3) in '00. 66 rec (11.2), 951 ret yds in '01. 40 rec (14.2) 1348 ret yds, **1st Tm AA KR**. Chris Bernard (6-1 187 Sr) PS#73JC, 14 rec.

TE Jeremiah Drobney So. 6-4 246 2 starts as rFr, 2 rec (11.5). Kurt Jackson (6-5 245 So) PS#216DL in '98 at Utah. Mission. Blocker. Win Gaffron (6-5 245 Sr) 1 rec (6.0).

C NICK SEITZE SR. 6-5 292 11 tkls as rFr at DT. 6 sts at C, 10 games in 2001. 12 sts LY. Daniel Burnett (6-5 279 Jr) PS#94DL. 1 tkl as rFr. 2nd string C in 2002.

RG Sylvester Miller Sr. 6-5 297 1 gm in 2000. 4 gms in '01. Last 5 sts at LT when Huff was inj'd LY. Joe Brady (6-3 290 rFr) PS#187. Travis Slaydon (6-3 280 rFr) PS#298.

LG JASON ROLLINS JR. 6-5 292 PS#120. Last 6 sts as rFr. Started all 12 at LG in '02, added 15 lbs. Jared McGowan (6-4 295 So) PS#286. 2nd string as true and lettered.

RT ANTONIO HALL SR. 6-5 299 **PS#4OL**. 11 sts as **true**. 11 starts, 94 KD's in 2001. 12 starts LY, **1st Tm SEC**. Turned down NFL. Hayden Lane (6-6 270 rFr) PS#314.

LT MATT HUFF JR. 6-5 304 PS#104. 4 sts at LT as rFr. 7 sts in '02 until MCL. **Yancey Reynolds** (6-5 325 Jr) PS#194JC, inj'd LY. Michael Aitcheson (6-3 270 rFr).

K TAYLOR BEGLEY SO. 6-0 204 PS#65. 17 of 20 in HS, long of 48. 9 of 14 FG's here LY, long of 49. 31-37 xp's. SEC Fr Tm. Clint Ruth (6-1 200 Jr) KO's in '00 & '02.

DEFENSE

DE JEREMY CAUDILL SR. 6-3 297 **PS#26**. 11 sts in 2000, 31 tkls, 6.5 tfl in 2000-'01, 460 bench. 12 sts, 39 tkls, 4 tfl in '02. Kareem Reid (6-5 266 rFr) PS#212. Jacob Steuber (6-5 239 Jr).

NT Ellery Moore Jr. 6-3 289 **PS#34OL**. 2 sts, 21 tkls, 4.5 tfl as **true**. 450 bench. 1 st LY, 28 tkls, 3 sk. Bennie Mills (6-3 280 Jr) **PS#55**, Florida trans. Lamar Mills (6-1 285 rFr) PS#135.

DE VINCENT BURNS JR. 6-2 258 27 tkls, 14 tfl @ N Ariz as true. 12 sts here LY, 65 tkls, 14 tfl, **2nd Tm SEC**. Trey Mielsch (6-3 255 So) PS#156LB. 2 sks as rFr. Paul Webb PS#176. In for spg.

OLB Deion Holts So. 6-2 228 PS#382. 30 tkls as rFr at DE, 1 sk, 2 tfl, 6 QBH, SEC Fr Tm. Travis Day (6-3 258 Fr) PS#355DL, in for spg. Jon Sumrall (6-2 218 So) PS#161, 4 tkls LY.

ILB Chad Anderson So. 6-4 240 **PS#19**. 1 tkl until dislo ankle LY. Brad Booker (6-2 228 Fr) PS#104 in '02. Justin Haydock (6-3 229 Jr) PS#187. 25 tkls, 10 gms, 2 pbu in '02.

ILB Dustin Williams So. 6-5 250 **PS#52**. 4.6 spd. 3 tkls as true but RS. 35 tkls LY, 2 tfl, 12 gms. Kamaal Ahmad (6-2 236 Jr) PS#278JC, 5 tkls, 3 gms in '02. Joe Schuler is PS#96.

OLB Durrell White Fr. 6-3 250 PS#170. ACL inj in '02. In for spg. Raymond Fontaine (6-4 218 So) PS#324. 9 tkls, 2 QBH in '02. Keith Shelton (6-3 222 So) PS#149DB.

CB LEONARD BURRESS SR. 5-11 189 PS#64. 8 sts in '01, 26 tkls, 10 pbu. 10 starts in '02, 18 tkls, 10 pbu. Warren Wilson (5-11 175 So) PS#126. 9 tkls true, 1 pbu. RS inj in 2002.

CB Earven Flowers Jr. 5-10 185 9 tkls in '00 & '01. 22 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu LY. Antoine Huffman (6-0 170 So) PS#171. L/2 sts as rFr, 16 tkls, 9 pbu. Bo Smith (6-0 180 So) 13 tkls as **true**.

SS MIKE WILLIAMS JR. 5-11 185 14 tkls as true. 12 sts LY, 53 tkls, 5 tfl, 2 int, 5 pbu. Travis Atwell (6-1 209 Jr) PS#101QB. Toledo trans. 21 tkls, 1 int LY. Randy Driver (6-1 208 rFr) PS#167.

FS Muhammad Abdullah So. 6-0 200 PS#136, 13 tkls as rFr. Claude Sagaille (5-10 181 Jr) PS#100. 39 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 int last year. Tim Funderburk (6-2 193 Sr). 2 tkls in 2002.

P Sevin Sucurovic Jr. 6-2 199 2 of 2 xp's in '01. Anthony Thornton (6-1 202 Jr). 1 punt (26.0) LY. Ryan Byars (6-2 175 Sr) 43.0 avg as senior in HS. Clint Vaughn (6-1 184 So) 43.1 in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

WR	John Logan 6-0 178 PS#20
QB	Andre Woodson 6-5 225 PS#25
WR	Emanuel Harrell 5-11 185 PS#35
WR	Jacob Tamme 6-5 205 PS#92
LB	Joe Schuler 6-3 235 PS#96
DL	Delaine Means 6-5 285 PS#137
OL	Ricky Abren 6-2 265 PS#148
RB	Draak Davis 5-7 170 PS#108JC
DB	Keenan Burton 6-2 180 PS#189
RB	Dominic Lewis 6-3 210 PS#169
DB	Dallas Greer 6-1 186 PS#209
WR	Maurice Marchman 6-0 186 PS#205
DB	Roger Williams 6-0 185 PS#252
LB	Brad Booker 6-2 228 PS#253

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2002 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 4

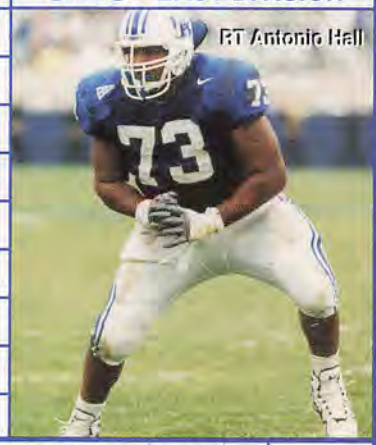
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 61 (28,28,5)
Lost: 24 (10,12,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 64,155

SEC - EAST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#59

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UK	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	Louisville (Sun)	G						Kentucky has lost 15 straight SEC openers. UK is 9-1 SU & 8-2 ATS the week before playing Florida. The Cats were 5-1 ATS vs the SEC West in 2001-2002.
Sep. 6	Murray St	G						The visitor is 4-1 ATS the last 5 years. UK has played the Cardinals every year in their season opener S/'94.
Sep. 13	at Alabama	G						The Racers were 7-5 SU last year in Ohio Valley IAA play. Kentucky is 10-2 in their last 12 unlined games.
Sep. 20	at Indiana	G						The home team is 5-0 ATS the last 5 in the series. Kentucky is 6-3 ATS their last 9 road trips in September.
Sep. 27	Florida	G						UK is 3-1 SU & ATS their last 4 visits to Bloomington. Kentucky is 7-1 SU and 5-3 ATS since 1995 vs Indiana.
Oct. 4								UK is 2-7 ATS the last 9 vs the Gators, the visitor is 5-1 ATS the last 6. Wildcats are 3-9 ATS in lined Sept home games their last 12. Bonus: Cats are 11-5 ATS the week after a bye since 1991.
Oct. 11	at S Carolina	G						UK is 1-6 ATS their last 7 series meetings. The visitor has covered 10 of the last 12 matchups.
Oct. 18	Ohio U (HC)	G						Kentucky is 7-4 ATS the last 11 Homecoming games. UK's last meeting with OU was a 28-0 non-lined shutout in 1987.
Oct. 25	Mississippi St	G						The visitor is 5-0 ATS the last 5 series meetings. Kentucky is 3-6 ATS in their last 9 of a 2nd straight home game.
Nov. 1	Arkansas	G						UK is 2-1 SU & ATS vs Arkansas in their only 3 meetings. The Cats are 6-1 ATS in November the last 2 years.
Nov. 8								
Nov. 15	at Vanderbilt	G						Kentucky is 6-1 SU & 5-2 ATS their last 7 series meetings vs Vandy. The Wildcats are just 5-11 ATS when favored over Vandy since 1980.
Nov. 22	at Georgia	G						The home team is 9-6 ATS the last 15 in this battle of cats & dogs. UK is 3-14 ATS the last 17 years in their road finale.
Nov. 29	Tennessee	G						The Wildcats are 0-11 SU & 2-9 ATS their last 11 with the Vols. Kentucky has been shut out 3 times by an average score of 47-17.



STADIUM: COMMONWEALTH STADIUM (67,606)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	5-6	7-4	6-5	2-9	2-9	7-5	33-45
ATS	4-6-1	6-5	4-6	5-5	2-8	5-6	8-4	34-40-1
Home Fav	1-1	1-0	1-3	1-0	1-1	0-1	3-2	8-8
Home Dog	3-1	2-3	0-1	1-3	1-2	2-3	1-1	10-14
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	4-2
Away Dog	0-4-1	2-2	2-2	2-1	0-4	3-2	3-1	12-16-1
Favorite	1-1	2-0	2-3	2-1	1-2	0-1	4-2	12-10
Dog	3-5-1	4-5	2-3	3-4	1-6	5-5	4-2	22-30-1
Grass	4-5-1	4-5	4-6	5-5	2-8	4-6	8-4	31-39-1
Artificial	0-1	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	3-1
vs Conf	3-4-1	3-5	3-5	4-4	1-7	5-3	5-3	24-31-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	3-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	3-1	10-9
Off SU Win	2-2	1-4	3-3	3-3	1-1	1-1	4-3	15-17
Off SU Loss	2-3-1	4-1	0-3	2-1	1-6	4-4	3-1	16-19-1

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Artose Pinner	283	1467	53	1414	13	5.0
Shane Boyd	12	127	3	124	1	10.3
Arliss Beach	16	121	10	111	0	6.9
Alexis Bwenge	28	91	10	81	0	2.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jared Lorenzen	327	183	56.0	2267	24	5
Shane Boyd	19	10	52.6	99	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Aaron Boone	41	706	17.2	10	72	
Derek Abney	40	569	14.2	4	68	
Tommy Cook	22	276	12.5	2	40	
Artose Pinner	37	264	7.1	2	35	
Chris Bernard	14	197	14.1	1	49	
Ernest Simms	11	165	15.0	1	64	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Glenn Pakulak	66	3008	45.6	71	–	0	27
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Taylor Begley	31-37	2-3	3-5	4-6	0-0	9-14	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Quentus Cumby	87	1	0	10	2
Morris Lane	79	0	2	5	1
Ronnie Riley	75	1	1	0	0
David Johnson	70	1	11	2	0
Vincent Burns	65	3	11	2	0
Otis Grigsby	65	2.5	7	1	0
Mike Williams	53	1	4	5	2
Dewayne Robertson	48	5	3	1	0
Derrick Tatum	40	0	4	8	2
Claude Sagaille	39	0	2	1	1
Jeremy Caudill	39	2	2	4	0
Dustin Williams	35	0	2	0	0
Deion Holts	30	1	2	2	0
Ellery Moore	28	3	2	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Derek Abney	36	544	15.1	4
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Derek Abney	30	804	26.8	2

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
83	Hall of Fame	+10	W Virginia	16-20	W
84	Hall of Fame	+3	Wisconsin	20-19	W
93	Peach	+2'	Clemson	13-14	W
98	Outback	+7	Penn St	14-26	L
99	Music City	-3	Syracuse	13-20	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

KENTUCKY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	32.1	18	149	4.1	199	55.7	10.8	+7	2002	4	25.1	21	174	4.2	227	47.2	16.0
8*	23.5	20	107	4.1	276	56.5	16.3	-8	2001	5	33.4	24	178	4.4	297	60.0	14.2
7	23.1	23	110	4.0	335	57.1	19.3	-12	2000	7	34.8	21	163	4.3	243	56.8	11.7
3	27.3	21	74	2.3	300	65.1	13.7	+3	1999	6	28.6	20	159	4.5	217	52.5	13.2
9*	35.9	26	121	3.9	406	71.2	14.7	-13	1998	5	31.3	19	156	4.4	233	49.0	12.4
7	31.6	26	100	3.5	365	66.5	14.7	-6	1997	4	32.9	20	171	4.5	221	57.2	11.9

	OFFENSE					2002 STATS BY GAME	DEFENSE					
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Louisville	14	42-78	1.9	13-27	195	4	16	24-55	2.3	14-39	193	3	+3
UTEP	27	44-364	8.3	12-19	227	1	19	41-220	5.4	12-26	151	1	+1
Indiana	17	35-144	4.1	19-32	183	3	21	43-160	3.7	13-38	234	2	+2
Mid Tennessee	26	39-205	5.3	22-31	305	3	18	39-220	5.6	10-19	202	0	+1
at Florida	14	29-88	3.0	20-32	180	2	30	46-134	2.9	28-43	375	2	-1
S Carolina	17	34-118	3.5	23-39	209	4	14	41-138	3.4	10-18	212	2	-2
at Arkansas	18	32-79	2.5	19-31	253	2	26	54-293	5.4	17-30	222	2	0
Georgia	19	30-130	4.3	15-31	242	4	33	40-172	4.3	27-47	357	1	+1
at Mississippi St	14	41-105	2.6	12-26	161	1	17	43-230	5.3	9-34	162	3	+5
LSU	21	35-154	4.4	14-29	221	1	18	42-213	5.1	10-23	264	1	-2
Vanderbilt	18	40-228	5.7	14-23	128	1	16	40-102	2.6	11-26	176	1	0
at Tennessee	11	29-89	3.1	12-30	83	2	21	42-155	3.7	13-26	175	3	-1
TOTALS	216	430-1782	4.1	195-350	2387	28	249	495-2092	4.2	174-369	2723	21	+7
AVERAGES	18.0	36-149	4.1	16-29	199	2.3	20.8	41-174	4.2	15-31	227	1.8	0.6

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisville	-11	68-34	W
E Kentucky	NL	52-7	–
Indiana	-21	31-27	L
at Florida	+21	35-51	W
at Arkansas	+4	20-27	L
S Carolina	-14	33-28	L
at LSU	+9	39-36	W
Georgia	+1	26-28	L
Mississippi St	-7'	37-35	L
Vanderbilt	-22	55-17	W
at Tennessee	+10'	21-59	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisville	+3	28-56	L
Connecticut	NL	45-14	–
at Indiana	+8	44-35	W
Florida	+20	10-38	L
Arkansas	+8'	31-20	W
at S Carolina	-8	30-10	W
LSU	-4'	31-5	W
at Georgia	+4	34-49	L
at Mississippi St	+6'	22-23	W
at Vanderbilt	-3	19-17	L
Tennessee	+12'	21-56	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisville	-5'	34-402OT	L
S Florida	NL	27-9	–
Indiana	-4	41-34	W
at Florida	+22'	31-59	L
at Mississippi	+7	17-35	L
S Carolina	+2'	17-20	L
at LSU	+4'	0-34	L
Georgia	+9'	30-34	W
Mississippi St	+6'	17-35	L
Vanderbilt	-6'	20-24	L
at Tennessee	+19'	20-59	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisville	+3'	10-36	L
Ball St	-11	28-20	L
Florida	+32	10-44	L
Mississippi	+8	31-42	L
at S Carolina	+21'	6-42	L
LSU	+16'	25-29	W
at Georgia	+22	29-43	W
at Mississippi St	+7'	14-17	W
at Vanderbilt	+1	56-30	W
Tennessee	+18	35-38	W
at Indiana	+6	15-26	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisville	+13	22-17	W
UTEP	-20	77-17	W
Indiana	-17'	27-17	L
Mid Tenn	-5'	44-22	W
at Florida	+19	34-41	W
S Carolina	-4	12-16	L
at Arkansas	+10'	29-17	W
Georgia	+5	24-52	L
at Mississippi St	-5	45-24	W
LSU	+5	30-33	W
Vanderbilt	-15'	41-21	W
at Tennessee	+8'	0-24	L

VANDERBILT COMMODORES

RB Kwane Doster

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Greg Zolman left as the school's all-time leader in attempts, completions and yards after 2001. Bobby Johnson brought in an option-oriented offense similar to the one he ran at Furman and Benji Walker (PS#99) who has mobility and a strong arm (65% comp in HS) was the only experienced QB returning. In 2001 he had 48 yards passing and 65 yards rushing. Jay Cutler was PS#173 and almost moved to WR or DB in 2001. True frosh Steven Bright (PS#39) threw for 1,550 yards and rushed for 939 his senior year in HS. Walker and Cutler were dead even up to a week prior to the season when Cutler was named the starter because he was slightly more accurate than Walker. He was the first ever rFr QB to start an opener at VU and against Furman he ran for 107 yards and 3 TD's and passed for 215 yards, the first QB in 15 years to top 100 yards rushing and 200 passing here since Eric Jones did it in 1987. Cutler was suspended vs Middle Tenn St and in that game Walker had 13 completions which was more than Cutler had in any game the entire year. They still lost in an upset. Cutler returned to his starting job the rest of the year but in the season finale he was injured early and only attempted five passes. For the season Cutler threw for 1,433 yards (48.6%) with a 10-9 ratio while rushing for 561 gross yards and leading all SEC QB's with 9 rush TD's. Walker threw for 236 yards (55.6%) with a 0-3 ratio while rushing for 157 gross yards. Both are back along with Bright. Bright and Cutler have added 10 lbs of muscle this year. Since coaches love their own recruits, I give Bright a shot at winning the starting job. This is the second year of the system and the group is much more experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Commodores had to replace their top two rushers and their most experienced RB was soph Norval McKenzie (80 yds as rFr). They then suffered a lot of injuries (see Hardcore Fans on page 319). The good news is that Kwane Doster, Norval McKenzie and Matthew Tant are all back and I list Tant at FB below. The only loss is Bara Cola (3 sts, 23 yds). This is the second year of the new system and this group should be much healthier. Doster has a shot at becoming the first 1,000 yard rusher since 1995 and just the 4th in school history.

RECEIVERS - In 2001 Dan Stricker became just the third Vandy player to have 1,000 yards receiving in the season (1,079) and had a shot at becoming the SEC's all-time receiving leader. HB Chris Young (PS#33QB) was called "My Freddie Milons" by former HC Widenhofer prior to the 2000 season. Surprisingly he had just five rec's in 2001 and then was suspended last season. Last year they had their top two receivers returning but Stricker came up short of his SEC goal in the new option-oriented offense with just 620 yards (122 short). Brandon Smith, one of the fastest players on the team, had 4 rec's vs Auburn and appeared on his way to a big year but only finished #3 with 19 (9.1). The second leading receiver from 2001, MJ Garrett, saw his reception total drop from 27 to 20 but still averaged a nifty 19.1 ypc. TE Nick Getter beat out Tom Simone because he was bigger (246 lbs) and a better blocker but Simone still ended up starting 9 and had 8 rec's. Smith is the only receiver with over 3 rec's last year who is back (3 of the top 4 are gone, 72% of LY rec). I list the 2 deep below and three players have starting experience. Of course, being in an option offense, they don't get as much action as the rest of the SEC but on paper, this looks to be an underwhelming group unless Young lives up to his PS #33 rating.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 the Commodores returned seven of ten players (3.5 starters) from a line that produced 4.0 ypc rushing and allowed just 21 sacks. Starting RG Jordan Pettit broke his leg in the first game and missed the year. True frosh Mac Pyle reported 35 pounds overweight but ended up starting six of the last nine games when Brian Kovolisky was injured. The team did go to more of an option-based offense so you would expect the running numbers to increase and the sacks to drop and that they did, as they averaged 4.3 ypc with just 19 sacks allowed. This year they must replace two starters including their top OL, C Jamie Byrum (12 sts, 3 yr st'r) and LG Jim May (12 sts, 4 yr st'r). The team also lost backup OL Greg Robson (4 gms) who was forced to quit the team due to an irregular heartbeat. Seven of the top 10 are back and they also get Pettit back. The top five all have starting experience and even with the loss of two outstanding 3+ year starters, this unit should be just as good as last year, if not stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Commodores allowed 4.7 ypc and had just 12 sacks in 2001. They switched from a 3-4 to a 4-3 so even though they lost just one starter from the front wall, they had only 2 starters returning to fill four positions. The unit was hit hard by injuries as DT Robert Dinwiddie, a projected starter, suffered numerous injuries and played in just seven games. Also prior to the season Ryan Nungesser opted to quit the team while DE Richard Freeman and Chris Booker both suffered season ending injuries. True frosh Antoine Morgan was forced to take off his redshirt with six games left. This year they must replace DE Chuck Losey (12 sts, 31 tkls, 2 tfl, DL MVP) and DT Brett Beard (1 st, 15 tkls, 1 tfl). Overall the team allowed 4.6 ypc rushing while recording 15 sacks. Basically three starters return to the front wall and five players have starting experience. Jovan Haye, who has excellent strength and size, could really blossom this year as he was born in Jamacia and did not play ball until his junior year. With almost everyone back from an injury plagued group, I look for solid improvement from the DL this year.

LINEBACKERS - Vandy had two starters back to fill three LB positions last year. Hunter Hillenmeyer had an outstanding year, leading the SEC in tackles with 168 while adding 11 tfl and he was 1st Tm SEC. Unfortunately he departs this year (#5DC of GB) along with SLB Brandon Walthour (3 sts, 36 tkls). Three players from last year's 3 deep did not make the team in August and Moses Osemwegie who was very impressive when on the field, suffered through an injury plagued season with knee, ankle and hand injuries but still was an All-SEC frosh. Basically four players that split time at the OLB positions combining for 19 starts are all back and the team gets the large additions of Otis Washington (PS#40) and rFr Kevin Joyce (PS#99) both who were awarded Gold Jerseys for outstanding effort in the spring. Replacing Hillenmeyer will be tough, but I think this unit gets a talent upgrade and has more experience with both Washington and Osemwegie potential All-SEC performers.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Vandy finished #28 in my pass efficiency defense ratings in 2000 and despite having seven of their top eight DB's back in 2001 they suffered through an injury plagued year and finished just #115. Last year they only had to replace one full-time starter due to injury and had seven of their top nine back. The group suffered through some injuries with four DB's missing the Florida game but overall were healthier than they were in 2001. They moved up to only #101 allowing 64.1% with an 11-6 ratio. This year the losses are fairly heavy. Gone are CB Rushen Jones (12 sts, 70 tkls, 10 pbu), SS Justin Giboney (12 sts, 143 tkls, 3 pbu), FS Jonathan Shaub (12 sts, 105 tkls, 3 int, 3 pbu), CB Aaron McWhorter (2 sts, 12 tkls, 1 int) and FS Mike Martin (24 tkls). Giboney led all DB's in the SEC in tackles. I list the 2 deep below and safeties Pace and Ohanaja both saw more action down the stretch as frosh and the CB's look to be in good shape. This group has less experience than it did heading into last year and I'll call it down a notch or two.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Bobby Johnson's special teams at Furman had 4 KR TD's and 3 blocked punts in 2001 as he puts an emphasis on the unit. There was clearly improvement last year as Vandy moved up to #48 (#94 in '01) in my special teams rankings. Greg Johnson (PS#64) handled the punting, FG's and did KO's at times as well. He had a super punting average of 43.8 with a net of 38.7 (4th best in NCAA) which was a big reason for the high rankings. Unfortunately, Johnson decided to transfer to Texas, so VU recruited Kyle Keown (PS#97). Abtin Iranmanesh (5-11 205 Jr) played in two games handling some KO's. The PK job should go to Patrick Johnson (PS#44). Ronald Hatcher, the team's top PR, broke his leg vs Furman and Grant Brigham replaced him but only averaged 4.3 per return. Top KR Kwane Doster averaged a super 25.7 on 24 KR's including 243 yds against Ole Miss which set an SEC record. With the loss of Greg Johnson this unit will drop in the rankings this year.

COACHES - Only one staff in the SEC remained intact in the offseason and that was Vanderbilt's. VU's past coaches have done a fine job as they graduated 100% in their 1995-'96 class (Tennessee, as an example graduated just 8%). Head coach Bobby Johnson earned a 60-36 record in 8 years at Furman and was Div IAA National Coach of the Year there in 2001. OC Ted Cain is in his second year here and spent 3 years at Furman as the TE/WR Coach. Prior to that he was the head man at VMI for 2 years and was OC at NC State from '86-'96. DC Bruce Fowler is in his 2nd year here after spending 16 years as an assistant at Furman, the last three as DC there.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Vanderbilt has now had 20 consecutive losing seasons. Last year's squad was young with 18 freshmen in the 2 deep including 8 frosh starters. While the team won just two games, they did have some close calls (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). VU had more players make the All-SEC Frosh squad (5) than any other SEC team. With Vandy's strict academic standards and playing in a tough conference, they've won just 4 SEC games the last 6 years and have had only one SEC winning record in 42 years!! Not only has VU lost 18 straight SEC games, they have been outgained by an average of 142.5 ypg in league play the last 3 years. Bobby Johnson's first squad had to replace 27 lettermen which was the most in the conference. Last year I called for them to go winless in SEC play and my projections showed them being outscored by an average of 26.5 ppg prior to the season. Johnson did a good job as they were "only" outscored by 17.4 ppg which was actually the second worst in the SEC. While this year's team does have 51 lettermen back, they have just one senior starter and only 7 seniors on the roster, so they are still a very young squad and have a lot of ground to make up in SEC play. This team does have a shot at topping last year's two win total, especially with the -14 turnover margin last year (see page 310) but I look for a second straight last place finish in the SEC East.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JAY CUTLER SO. 6-4 217 PS#173. 11 sts as rFr, 1433 yds (49%) 10-9 ratio, 561 rush. Steven Bright (6-3 215 rFr) PS#39. Benji Walker (6-4 208 Sr) PS#99. 284 pass, 236 rush, 3Y.

TB KWANE DOSTER SO. 5-11 186 PS#235. 4.33 spd. 5 sts. 798 yds (5.0) 24 KR (25.7) as true. Norval McKenzie (5-11 205 Jr) PS#169, 406 yds (7.4) 2Y. Ronald Hatcher 35 yds until inj LY.

FB MATTHEW TANT SO. 5-11 227 PS#41. 440 bench, 4.49 spd. 7 sts as rFr, 326 yds (4.3) 7 rec (10.1). Brad Anderson (6-0 225 rFr) PS#330LB. Zeke Brandon (6-2 220 Sr).

WR Brandon Smith Jr. 6-1 185 PS#323. 9 rec (19.6) as true. 3 sts LY, 19 rec (9.1), 126 ret yds. Keith Williams (6-1 180 So) PS#228, 1 st, 3 rec as rFr. Erik Davis (6-2 185 So) PS#253.

WR Chris Young Jr. 6-2 190 PS#33QB! 1 st, 14 rec as true. 3 sts, 5 rec in '01. Susp LY. Grant Brigham (6-0 170 So) is PS#123, 3 rec as true. Jason Caldwell (6-1 201 So).

TE Nick Getter Sr. 6-4 246 Solid blocker. 3 starts LY, 2 rec (20.5), 10 games, 4 rec in 2000 & '01. Jonathan Loyte PS#38DL. Dustin Dunning (6-5 240 So) PS#109.

C Jordan Pettit Jr. 6-3 288 5 gms, 1 st in '01. Started opener LY but broke leg after 7 plays @ RG. Gold Jersey in spg. Steven Brent (6-3 277 So) PS#317, 5 gms as true.

RG Mac Pyle So. 6-4 312 PS#257OL. 35 lbs overweight in preseason but 6 of L/9 sts as true. All SEC Fr Tm. Nigel Seaman (6-5 307 So) PS#107, 4 games as rFr.

LG BRIAN KOVOLISKY JR. 6-7 278 PS#319. Started L/5 @ RG as rFr. 6 starts at RG in 2002 (inj 4). Gold Jersey then moved to LG. Adam Dossett (6-4 270 rFr) PS#295.

RT KENAN ARKAN JR. 6-7 300 9 games as rFr, 2 starts at LT. Started L/11 at RT in 2001, add 15 lbs this year. Blake Luker (6-5 313 rFr) PS#396, added 13 lbs this year.

LT JUSTIN GEISINGER JR. 6-4 327 PS#435. 525 bench team record, 37 reps of 225. 9 sts at LT as rFr (inj). 12 sts, 98% snaps in '02. Ryan King (6-7 302 So) PS#346. 5 games as rFr.

K Patrick Johnson rFr. 5-11 175 PS#44, 87% KO's in EZ as senior in high school, hit 7 of 11 FG's with a long of 51. Abtin Iranmanesh (5-11 205 Jr) 2 games last year.

DE JOVAN HAYE SO. 6-3 255 PS#222. +20 lbs of muscle as RS. 11 sts as rFr, 25 tkls, 3 QBH. Robert Dinwiddie (6-5 270 Jr) PS#96TE. Inj LY. Libnir Telusca (6-3 253 Sr) 10 tkls LY.

DT AARON CARTER JR. 6-3 286 PS#282OL. 9 gms as rFr. 12 sts in '02, 24 tkls, 1.5 sks, 2 tfl, 3 QBH, +10 lbs TY. Trey Holloway (6-2 282 So) PS#318 OL, 7 games as rFr.

DT RALPH McKENZIE SO. 6-4 303 Started 4 of L/5 as rFr, 14 tkls, 1 sk, 3 QBH. **Matt Clay** (6-2 285 Jr) 9 games, 2 tkls as rFr. Started first seven LY (inj) 23 tkls, 1 tfl, 3 QBH.

DE Antoine Morgan So. 6-5 230 PS#157. Took off RS L/6 as true, 15 tkls, 1 sk, 3 tfl. Chris Booker (6-4 237 So) PS#229. 7 tkls as true (ACL). Richard Freeman (6-5 234 rFr) PS#167.

OLB ERIC BYRUM JR. 6-4 226 PS#132. 4 tkls as true. 4 sts LY (inj), 21 tkls. Herdley Harrison (6-2 233 So) PS#312. L/6 sts as true, 32 tkls, 4 tfl. Funtaine Hunter (6-3 218 rFr) PS#449.

MLB Otis Washington So. 5-11 227 **PS#40LB!** PQ in 2002. Gold Jersey. **Pat Brunner** (6-3 235 Jr) PS#129. 9 sts as rFr, 59 tkls. 23 tkls, 1 sk in '02. Paul Meadows (6-2 234 So) PS#303.

OLB MOSES OSEMWEGIE SO. 6-0 220 PS#481DB. 2 sts as rFr, 53 tkls, 4.5 tfl (inj). Marty Morgan (6-3 225 So) PS#196, 7 sts as rFr, 40 tkls. Kevin Joyce (6-3 205 rFr) PS#99. Gold Jersey.

CB Cheron Thompson So. 5-11 188 PS#245. 3 starts as rFr, 27 tkls, 1 pbu. Bill Alford (5-9 175 Jr) top cover CB at JUCO. 1st JC signee S/'94. Tim Miller (6-2 190 rFr) PS#69DB.

CB DOMINIQUE MORRIS SO. 6-0 188 PS#201. 6 sts as rFr, 38 tkls, 6 pbu (miss 5 inj). Gold Jersey. Lorenzo Parker (5-11 190 Jr) PS#119WR. 4.38. 7 sts as rFr, 35 tkls. 3 sts LY, 22 tkls.

SS Andrew Pace So. 6-1 195 PS#326. 4.4 speed. 24 tkls, 1 tfl, 3 pbu as true. Ben Koger (6-1 198 rFr) PS#155, hitter. Nick Lyle (6-2 210 Jr) PS#326, 8 tkls, 2 years.

FS Kelechi Ohanaja So. 6-1 188 PS#298. 8 tkls in 12 gms as "true". 2001 signee that enrolled Jan '02, 4.4 spd. Sean Dixon is PS#198. Ronnie Swoopes (6-2 197 So) PS#262.

P Kyle Keown Fr. 6-0 185 PS#97. 39.3 average, 15 inside 20 yard line, only 15 of 41 punts were returned. Most of KO's were TB's in HS. Matt Weiss (6-3 198 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

DL	Jonathan Loyte 6-6 250 PS#38	
QB	Lance Parker 6-2 185 PS#70	
LB	Jonathan Goff 6-3 215 PS#91	
OL	Josh Eames 6-4 280 PS#139	
OL	Elliot Hood 6-6 265 PS#152	
OL	Greg Jacobs 6-3 255 PS#166	
WR	Marlon White 6-4 185 PS#141	
OL	Tom Sorensen 6-4 290 PS#201	
OL	Brian Stamper 6-5 265 PS#231	
DB	Sean Dixon 6-0 170 PS#198	
TE	Nick Brigham 6-4 238 PS#68	
DB	Marcus Buggs 5-11 200 PS#220	
WR	Stephon Johnson 6-4 190 PS#224	
LB	Antron Dillon 6-5 217 PS#267	

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#45

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score VU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	Mississippi	G					
Sep. 6	Tenn-Chattanooga	G					
Sep. 13	Auburn	G					
Sep. 20	at TCU	G					
Sep. 27	Georgia Tech	G					
Oct. 4	at Mississippi St	G					
Oct. 11	Navy (HC)	G					
Oct. 18	Georgia	G					
Oct. 25	at S Carolina	G					
Nov. 1							
Nov. 8	at Florida	G					
Nov. 15	Kentucky	G					
Nov. 22	at Tennessee	G					
Nov. 29							

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

VU is 4-9 ATS as a double digit favorite.
Vandy has only played 3 road games on artificial turf the L9Y & is 3-0 SU.
The Commodores are 13-7-1 ATS as a double digit home dog.

The home team is 1-7-1 ATS in this series.
Commodores are 7-4 ATS in season openers the last 11, 1-4 ATS L5Y.

Vanderbilt is 4-0 SU & 1-0 ATS vs TC, all prior match-ups in the '80's.
The Mocs were 2-10 overall & 2-6 in Southern Conference play in 2002.

The home team is 8-0-1 ATS in this series.
Vandy hasn't beaten Auburn SU since a 1955 victory 25-13.

This will be Vandy's 1st meeting vs a CUSA teams since '94, 3-0 ATS L/3.
Vandy is 2-7 ATS their L/9 as an away dog.

Vandy is 7-1 SU & 6-2 ATS vs the ACC since 1993.
Last year, GT won 45-3 as a 20' pt HD in their first meeting since 1967.

Commodores are 1-3 SU & 0-4 ATS last 4 vs Mississippi St.
VU is 0-8 SU & 2-6 ATS as an SEC away dog the last 2 years.

Vandy is 1-9 ATS the last 10 Homecoming games.
VU is 1-4-1 ATS their L/6 in the first of 2 or more straight away games.

The visitor is 10-1 ATS with 10 straight covers prior to last year.
Only once in that span has Georgia not won by double digits.

VU is 2-9 SU & ATS the last 11 vs the Gamecocks, 0-5 ATS in Columbia.
Commodores are 3-10-1 ATS on the road before a bye.

Commodores are 0-9 SU but 6-3 ATS vs Florida the last 9.
Vandy has scored just 33 pts in their last 5 trips to the Swamp.

The Commodores are 7-2 ATS at home vs Kentucky since 1985.
VU is 2-13 SU & 5-10 ATS the last 15 years prior to Tennessee.

The visitor is 15-9 ATS with last year being at a neutral site.
VU is 0-20 SU vs Tenn S/'83 & have been outscored by an avg of 33-11.

BOBBY JOHNSON (Career 2-10) (DIV IAA 60-36)
2nd Year at Vanderbilt

Johnson's records AT VANDERBILT

2-10	Straight Up	0-2	Home Favorite
3-7-1	Vs The Spread	2-1-1	Home Dog
3-5	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
3-4-1	Vs Conference	1-4	Away Dog
		0-3	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (27,21,3)
Lost: 22 (11,9,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 32,192

SEC - EAST DIVISION

LT Justin Geisinger

STADIUM: VANDERBILT STADIUM (41,221)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	3-8	2-9	5-6	3-8	2-9	2-10	19-59
ATS	5-5	5-6	4-7	5-5	5-5-1	4-6	3-7-1	31-41-2
Home Fav	0-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-2	0-2	3-7
Home Dog	3-2	1-3	2-3	2-2	1-2-1	2-1	2-1-1	13-14-2
Away Fav	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-4
Away Dog	2-2	2-2	2-3	3-1	3-1	1-3	1-4	14-16
Favorite	0-1	2-1	0-1	0-2	1-2	1-2	0-2	4-11
Dog	5-4	3-5	4-6	5-3	4-3-1	3-4	3-5-1	27-30-2
Grass	2-2	2-2	2-3	5-5	5-5-1	4-6	3-7-1	23-30-2
Artificial	3-3	3-4	2-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	8-11
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	2-6	4-4	4-3-1	3-5	3-4-1	23-31-2
vs Non-Conf	1-1	2-1	2-1	1-1	1-2	1-1	0-3	8-10
Off SU Win	2-0	0-3	1-1	3-2	2-1	1-1	0-1-1	9-9-1
Off SU Loss	2-5	4-3	3-5	1-3	3-3-1	3-4	3-5	19-28

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kwane Doster	160	832	34	798	3	5.0
Jay Cutler	123	561	168	393	9	3.2
Matthew Tant	75	335	9	326	2	4.3
Norval McKenzie	42	346	20	326	1	7.8
Benji Walker	29	157	14	143	1	4.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jay Cutler	212	103	48.6	1433	10	9
Benji Walker	45	25	55.6	236	0	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Dan Stricker	44	620	14.1	6	59
M.J. Garrett	20	382	19.1	3	49
Brandon Smith	19	173	9.1	0	28
Tom Simone	8	124	15.5	1	38
Kwane Doster	12	109	9.1	0	44

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Greg Johnson	66	2891	43.8	70	38.7	1	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Greg Johnson	27-27	4-6	2-3	2-4	0-0	8-13	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Hunter Hillenmeyer	168	4	7	4	0
Justin Giboney	143	0	1	3	0
Jonathan Shaub	105	1	2	3	3
Rushen Jones	70	0	0	10	0
Moses Osemwegie	53	1.5	3	2	0
Marty Morgan	40	1	0	0	0
Dominique Morris	38	0	1	6	0
Brandon Walthour	36	0	0	0	1
Herdley Harrison	32	1	3	0	1
Chuck Losey	31	1	1	0	0
Cheron Thompson	27	0	0	1	0
Jovan Haye	25	1	0	0	0
Mike Martin	24	0	0	1	0
Aaron Carter	24	1.5	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Grant Brigham	11	47	4.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kwane Doster	24	616	25.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
55	Gator	NL	Auburn	25-13	–
74	Peach	NL	Texas Tech	6-6	–
82	All-American	-9	Air Force	28-36	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

VANDERBILT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	18.4	17	174	4.3	139	49.8	17.0	-14	2002	7	30.7	22	187	4.6	219	64.1	13.2
7*	20.5	18	134	4.0	241	51.7	18.2	-2	2001	7	36.5	25	202	4.7	287	64.0	13.4
7*	17.5	18	97	3.1	224	52.0	18.3	-3	2000	9	24.8	20	178	4.6	213	51.6	15.8
8*	22.9	17	115	3.2	202	51.3	13.9	-8	1999	8	23.3	15	136	3.5	180	55.1	13.6
6	12.9	15	117	3.2	151	46.3	20.7	-11	1998	4	33.5	22	175	4.3	266	61.5	13.2
9*	12.6	15	130	3.3	145	44.6	22.0	-9	1997	6	18.6	15	106	2.8	169	53.6	14.8

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Georgia Tech	9	31-109	3.5	13-28	116	2	21	51-279	5.5	15-24	182	0	-2
Furman	26	42-344	8.2	12-16	213	0	22	37-100	2.7	22-32	253	3	+1
at Auburn	19	42-163	3.9	13-24	127	2	19	37-224	6.1	14-20	154	2	-3
at Mississippi	22	49-257	5.2	11-21	207	3	21	31-107	3.5	24-41	386	0	-3
South Carolina	13	36-136	3.8	10-19	105	1	24	45-185	4.1	17-25	213	1	0
Mid Tenn St	16	43-180	4.2	13-23	107	0	22	48-213	4.4	8-17	82	2	0
at Georgia	21	44-234	5.3	10-20	158	2	31	41-180	4.4	28-34	426	3	-1
Connecticut	21	51-221	4.3	11-18	171	2	16	22-101	4.6	23-35	236	0	0
Alabama	9	29-46	1.6	7-18	116	3	24	45-157	3.5	21-31	271	1	-2
Florida	15	41-173	4.2	10-26	94	2	21	44-223	5.1	17-32	170	1	-2
at Kentucky	16	40-102	2.6	11-26	176	1	18	40-228	5.7	14-23	128	1	0
† Tennessee	11	33-117	3.5	7-18	79	1	22	50-242	4.8	13-23	129	1	-2
TOTALS	198	481-2082	4.3	128-257	1669	19	261	491-2239	4.6	216-337	2630	15	-14
AVERAGES	16.5	40-174	4.3	11-21	139	1.6	21.8	41-187	4.6	18-28	219	1.3	-1.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Miss St	+12'	0-42	L
at Alabama	+19'	7-32	L
Mississippi	+7'	6-30	L
at TCU	+10'	16-19 OT	W
W Michigan	-5	24-27	L
at Georgia	+27	6-31	W
S Carolina	+6'	17-14	W
Duke	+4	36-33 OT	W
Florida	+29	13-45	L
at Kentucky	+22	17-55	L
Tennessee	+28'	0-41	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Alabama	+14	17-28	W
N Illinois	-17	34-31	L
at Mississippi	+16	37-34 OT	W
at Duke	+3'	31-14	W
Mississippi St	+5'	14-42	L
The Citadel	NL	58-0	–
Georgia	+7'	17-27	L
at S Carolina	-4'	11-10	L
at Florida	+28	6-13	W
Kentucky	+3	17-19	W
at Tennessee	+23	10-38	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Oh	-7'	30-33	L
at Alabama	+21'	10-28	W
Mississippi	+5	7-12	T
Duke	-17	26-7	W
at Auburn	+14	0-33	L
at Wake Forest	-10'	17-10	L
at Georgia	+22	19-29	W
S Carolina	+6'	14-30	L
Florida	+19	20-43	L
at Kentucky	+6'	24-20	W
Tennessee	+18	26-28	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Middle Tenn	-7'	28-37	L
Alabama	+11	9-12	W
Richmond	NL	28-22	–
Auburn	+5	21-24	W
Georgia	+7'	14-30	L
at S Carolina	+16'	14-46	L
at Duke	-7'	42-28	W
at Florida	+35'	13-71	L
Kentucky	-1	30-56	L
at Tennessee	+25'	0-38	L
at Mississippi	+16	27-38	W

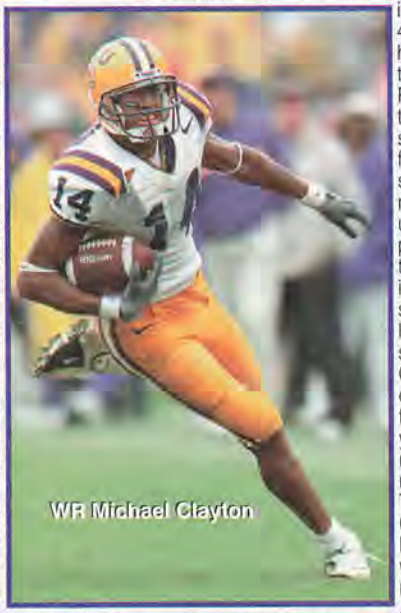
2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at GA Tech	+20'	3-45	L
Furman	NL	49-18	–
at Auburn	+20'	6-31	L
at Mississippi	+21	38-45	W
S Carolina	+9'	14-20	W
Middle Tenn	-6'	20-21	L
at Georgia	+25'	17-48	L
UConn	-8	28-24	L
Alabama	+22	8-30	T
Florida	+21'	17-21	W
at Kentucky	+15'	21-41	L
† Tennessee	+17'	0-24	L

LSU TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Tigers had to replace Rohan Davey who threw for 3,791 yards (59%) with a 21-10 ratio blowing away Tommy Hodson's school record set in 1989 (2,655). Matt Mauck (PS#77) was Davey's backup in 2001. When Davey went down he hit just 5 of 15 for 67 yards, but rushed for 43 yards and 2 TD's in the SEC Championship game, and led the team to the crucial win. He originally signed at Mich St with Saban but decided to play baseball for the Cubs organization for three years following HS. Marcus Randall (PS#143) is very athletic with a strong arm. He got in two pass attempts in 2001 but tore his ACL in last year's spring game but only missed the opener last year. Rick Clausen (6-2 177 So, PS#38) was also in the mix but Mauck won the starting job. Mauck really struggled against Miss St hitting just 4 of 12 for 52 yards but had, arguably, his best game against Florida hitting 13 of 20 for 153 yards and two TD's. Unfortunately Mauck was injured late in that game and lost for the rest of the season. Randall had his moments but against Auburn hit 9 of 20 for 79 yards with 4 int's and Clausen QB'd the 4Q against Alabama after Randall hit just 6 of 17 for 39 yards. Clausen got the start against Mississippi the next week but was pulled after 1Q. Randall started the rest of the year throwing for 179 against Ole Miss and 203 vs Arkansas. On the season Randall threw for 1,173 yards (48.1%) with a 7-5 ratio and was 2-4 as a starter. Mauck threw for 782 yards (48.5%) but with a 9-2 ratio and is 5-1 as a starter. Clausen threw for 35 yards. All three return along with Lester Ricard (6-4 192 rFr, PS#26) and JUCO Mike Harrison who originally was at Hawaii in 1999. This year they added TWO VHT true frosh including JaMarcus Russell (PS#4) a slimmed down version of Daunte Culpepper. This was clearly an underwhelming unit last year, and it is much more experienced and has added talent.


WR Michael Clayton

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the top 3 RB's all returned including exciting LaBrandon Toefield (PS#20) who rushed for 992 yards (4.3) in 2001 before missing the last two games with injury. Toefield rushed for 475 yards (4.1) last year but unfortunately broke his arm against ULL and saw little action when he finally returned against Alabama and Mississippi. He opted to leave early for the NFL (#4DC of JAX). Domanick Davis (PS#7) rushed for 931 yards (4.8). He graduates along with FB Solomon Lee (7 sts, 10 total yds). I list the 2 deep below and they do have four VHT TB's ready to step in. Joseph Addai (PS#17) rushed for 438 yards (5.5) and Shyrone Carey (PS#22), had 257 yards total offense before an injury in October. Justin Vincent (PS#9) enrolled in January. Ryan Gilbert (5-10 206 So, PS#39) had 22 rush yards. They also add two top 10 RB's this year. I list the FB's below. They do have a lot of talent available, but with the loss of Toefield and Davis (#4DC of HOU), I'll call them weaker.

RECEIVERS - Josh Reed set an SEC record with 1,979 rec yards in 2001. Last year they had to replace him as well as their starting TE. TE Eric Edwards bulked up to 270 pounds while dropping his forty time to 4.7. He returns and that position looks solid with the 4th stringer being VHT Kory Hebert (6-4 229 So, PS#7). The WR's probably had more speed than any other year but suffered 8 drops against VT. Devery Henderson made headlines with his miracle catch against Kentucky and was #2 with 23 rec's (19.4). Clearly Michael Clayton was the top receiver but with inexperienced QB's, only had 57 grabs (13.1). This year they must replace WR's Jerel Myers (13 sts, PS#45) and Reggie Robinson (3 sts, 7 rec). Clayton saw some action at safety in the bowl game but should stay mostly on offense. Clayton, Henderson and Edwards are all back and I list the rest of the 2 deep below. This group is more experienced than it was last season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 LSU averaged 2.9 ypc and improved that to 3.5 and to 4.0 in 2001. Last year they had three starters back on the O-line but lost their top RT and 2 backups prior to the season. Despite three starters being back, the unit featured one frosh, one soph, two juniors and a senior and four of the five backups were freshmen. The improvement continued as the team averaged 4.6 ypc rushing while allowing just 16 sacks. This year the only losses are RG Rob Sale (13 sts, 742 plays, 2 yr st'r) and C John Young (3 sts). Not only do four starters return, four of the five starters this year are VHT's and the only non-VHT, Stephen Peterman, was 1st Team SEC. They lose their O-line Coach George Yarno and replace him with Stacy Searels who was the OL coach at Cincinnati and a 1st Team AA at Auburn. This has the makings of one of the SEC's top OL's.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year four players departed who combined for 30 starts including a pair of NFL DC's. Soph VHT's Marquise Hill (PS#8) and Marcus Spears (PS#3) were called "Thunder and Lightning" with Hill having the size and Spears the speed. Overall LSU allowed 3.8 ypc rushing while recording 27 sacks. This year they must replace DT Kenderick Allen (10 sts, 23 tkls) and DT Byron Dawson (3 sts, 30 tkls, 4 tfl). Six of the top eight are back. The group has more experience and should be stronger.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Tigers had to replace just one starting LB, but it was their leading tackler. Bradie James, who was 1st Team SEC, returned. This year they must replace SLB Jeremy Lawrence (10 sts, 49 tkls, 4 sks) and MLB Bradie James (#1 w/154 tkls, 9 tfl, 18 QBH, 1st Tm AA, #4DC of DAL). Four of the top six players return. This has the makings of a decent unit, but with the loss of their top player, the group is a little weaker and less experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001, the LSU secondary was hit hard by injuries and CB Travis Daniels took off his redshirt in the SEC Title game playing just two games as a true frosh. Overall LSU finished #48 in my pass D rankings but allowed 281.2 ypg and 30 TD passes although they led the SEC with 19 int's. Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 24 starts so they basically had two starters returning. FS Damien James then quit the team after six games. The Tigers moved up to #6 allowing 45.2% with a 13-17 ratio. This year they must replace CB Demetrius Hookfin (12 sts, 34 tkls, 5 int, 17 pbu, 2nd Tm SEC), SS Norman LeJeune (13 sts, 15 pbu, #2 tkl'r, 10 tfl, #7DC of PHI) and FS James (6 sts, 2 int, 7 pbu) as well as backup SS Travis Moses (9 tkls). Corey Webster was 1st Tm SEC with 7 int's despite only starting five games. Webster and Randall Gay, who started all 13 at the other CB spot, should form a solid duo there. This group is almost as experienced as last season and should continue to be solid.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Saban plays a lot of starters on the special teams unit and in his final season at Mich St his team finished #20 in my special teams rankings. In his first season here they moved up to #52 from #98 in 1999, and in 2000 were #8. Last year basically everyone returned and if not for the four blocked punts they would have finished even higher than #11. Domanick Davis was his usual explosive self last year and even had an 81 yard PR called back against VT. Punter Donnie Jones suffered a knee injury against Miami (OH) and after an amazing 39.4 net in 2001 he slipped a little to 37.5. He returns. Kicker John Corbello (PS#4) departs after hitting 17 of 24 with a long of 49. I list the potential replacements at kicker below. True frosh Patrick Fisher had 81% of his KO's in HS end up as TB's. Unfortunately Davis leaves after setting LSU career records for PR's and KR's. Ryan O'Neal, who was the unit's kamikaze with 12 special teams tackles, also departs. This will once again be a top-notch unit but with the loss of some key players, looks a little weaker in 2003.

COACHES - Nick Saban is highly respected in the coaching community which inevitably leads to NFL rumors every December. Saban despises these rumors because they undermine his recruiting efforts. Saban is 26-12 at LSU with 1 SEC Title (2001). Jimbo Fisher is in his 4th year as the OC and QB coach. Thankfully DC Will Muschamp returns for his 2nd year in that job, as Saban has had 3 different DC's in 4 years here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000 Nick Saban inherited a 3-8 team that was -7 in turnovers and had 17 returning starters. After a 3-3 start the team won five of its last 6 including a bowl win over Georgia Tech. I called for them to win the SEC West in 2001 despite the fact that they drew both Florida and Tennessee from the SEC East. They got off to a slow start once again and stood just 2-3 in conference play but not only managed to win their last 3, they knocked off Tennessee in the SEC Title game and then romped over Illinois in the Sugar Bowl to finish #7 in the final polls (their highest finish since 1987). Saban has not had a losing season in his nine years as a HC. Last year they had just five returning starters on offense and had to replace star QB Rohan Davey. They went from averaging 32.2 ppg to 24.8. The Tigers finished in a 5-3 tie for the SEC West Title last year and will try for their 3rd straight title this year. LSU did get lucky vs Kentucky with a miracle 75 yard TD pass on the last play but then was unfortunate vs Arkansas giving up an 81 yard, 3 play drive for a TD with :31 left. In the bowl, LSU had a 31-4 edge in plays in the 1Q but only led 10-7 and would go on to lose that game. They did get their first win in Gainesville since 1986 and it was by a 36-7 margin. Saban has led them to back-to-back Jan 1 bowls for the first time since 1966. While they have just 13 starters returning and must replace their top two RB's, they have a top-notch O-line and should get better QB play which means that they should easily top 2002's 24.8 ppg. The defense has some major losses but is still solid. None of my sets of power ratings have LSU rated in the Top 10 of the country in terms of talent but I can foresee, looking at their schedule a scenario in which they will be favored in all 12 games as I consider all 5 road games winnable. Last year I said I did not have Ohio St ranked in my Top 10 in any of the 7 power ratings but that 5 had called for an OSU perfect season. Thanks to the schedule, LSU should not only top last year's 8 win total and win the SEC West, but they also make my list of darkhorse National Title contenders.

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OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB MATT MAUCK JR. 6-2 217 PS#77. MLB 3Y. 3 gms as rFr, 322 yds, 6 sts LY, 782 pass (49%) 9-2 ratio, 242 rush, inj'd. Marcus Randall (6-2 218 Jr) 6 sts, 1173 pass (48%) 7-5 ratio.

RB Joseph Addai So. 6-0 202 **PS#17**. 2 gms LY, 438 yds (5.5) LY. Justin Vincent (5-11 205 Fr) **PS#9**. Shyrone Carey (5-6 185 Jr) **PS#22**. 257 yds LY. Ryan Gilbert (5-10 206 So) **PS#39**.

FB Brandon Hurley So. 6-3 289 **PS#82OL**. DT/FB LY, 10 games, 4 tkls. Jason Spadoni (6-0 207 So) PS#48. Kevin Steltz (5-9 250 So), 470 bench. Alley Broussard is **PS#8**.

WR Devery Henderson Sr. 6-0 190 **PS#32RB**. 10.3 in 100m. 327 rush yds in '01. 1 st at WR LY. 23 rec (19.4). Skyler Green (5-9 189 So) **PS#24**. 4.35, 7 rec as true. Amp Hill is **PS#12**.

WR MICHAEL CLAYTON JR. 6-4 192 **PS#2**. 5 sts, 55 rec (15.9) as true. 13 sts, 57 rec (13.1), **2nd Tm SEC** LY. Bennie Brazell (6-1 165 So) PS#45, 3 rec (9.3), sprinter on track tm.

TE ERIC EDWARDS SR. 6-5 264 **PS#3**. 4.7 spd, 10 sts in '02, 6 rec (5.8). David Jones (6-4 252 So) **PS#4**. 9 gms LY. Demetri Robinson (6-3 250 Jr) 3 sts, 2 rec (5.5) in '02.

C BEN WILKERSON JR. 6-4 300 **PS#1**. 9 sts at C as **true**. 10 sts at C in '02, 620 snaps, 0 sks allowed. Doug Planchard (6-3 275 rFr) **PS#57DL**. Jimmy Courtenay (6-3 304 Sr).

RG STEPHEN PETERMAN SR. 6-4 325 PS#105. 8 tkls, 3 tfl as true. 12 sts at LG in '01. 13 sts at LG LY, 770 plays, **1st Tm SEC**. Garett Wibel (6-3 303 rFr) **PS#39**. Jerry Sevin is **PS#21**.

LG Rudy Niswanger So. 6-5 293 **PS#14OL**. 187 plays, 9 games as rFr. Terrell McGill (6-4 323 So) PS#66DL, 5 games, 46 plays LY as true. Steve Arflin (6-4 319 So) **PS#90**.

RT RODNEY REED SR. 6-4 280 **PS#62**. 8 sts (6 at LT) as rFr. 13 sts at LT in '01. 13 sts at RT LY, 790 plays, 3 sks. Nate Livings (6-5 322 So) PS#104, 25 plays, 4 games.

LT ANDREW WHITWORTH SO. 6-7 320 **PS#8OL**. 13 sts at LT as rFr, 785 plays, 2 sks allowed. Paris Hodges (6-5 350 rFr) PS#220. Brian Johnson (6-4 315 rFr) **PS#40**.

K Chris Jackson Fr. 6-0 175 **PS#9K**. 14 of 18 FG's, long of 54 as Sr in HS, 61 of 68 KO's reached the EZ. Andre Boagni (5-9 171 rFr) PS#23. Ryan Gaudet (5-9 170 Fr).

DE MARCUS SPEARS JR. 6-4 295 **PS#3DL**. 12 sts in 2002, 46 tkls, 3 tfl, 16 QBH. Brandon Washington (6-4 295 So) PS#42DL. 4 tkls as rFr. Tory Collins (6-2 255 rFr) PS#56DL.

DT Kyle Williams So. 6-3 299 **PS#24**. 7 tkls, 2 sks as **true**, 1 QBH. Melvin Oliver (6-3 255 So) PS#119. 1 st as rFr, 29 tkls, 6 sks, 3 QBH. Carnell Stewart is **PS#34**.

DT CHAD LAVALAIS SR. 6-3 289 PS#101LB. 12 sts in '01, 54 tkls, 5 tfl, 16 QBH. 13 sts in '02, **2nd Tm SEC**, 66 tkls, 8 tfl, 21 QBH. Torran Williams (6-4 290 Sr) JC. 9 tkls, 1 sk LY.

DE MARQUISE HILL JR. 6-7 294 **PS#8**. 10 tkls, 2 tfl as true. 11 sts LY, 58 tkls, 3 sks, 1 tfl, 16 QBH. Bryce Wyatt (6-4 264 Sr) PS#135RB. 2 sts, 20 tkls, 2 sks. Tim Washington is **PS#16**.

WLB Cameron Vaughn So. 6-4 225 **PS#24**. 38 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl as true. Phillip Maxwell (6-0 222 So) PS#26. Dorsett Buckels (5-10 222 Jr) 8 tkls, 2Y. Darius Ingram is PS#95.

MLB Jason LeDoux Sr. 6-3 245 PS#64 & orig at Texas A&M. 6 tkls, 2 sks, 1 pbu here in 2002. Kenneth Hollis (6-1 235 Jr) PS#49JUCO. Willie Demps (6-1 232 rFr) PS#281LB.

SLB LIONEL TURNER JR. 6-2 255 **PS#47**. 7 tkls in '01. 12 sts, 71 tkls, 3 sks, 6 tfl, 5 pbu, 4 QBH LY. Dave Peterson (6-3 240 Sr) PS#80JC in '01. Eric Alexander (6-3 225 Sr) 12 tkls, 3Y.

CB RANDALL GAY SR. 5-11 174 PS#134RB. 1 st in '01, 27 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu. 13 sts in '02, 64 tkls, 11 pbu. Travis Daniels (6-1 184 Jr) PS#47. 3 tkls LY. Nick Child is PS#71.

CB Corey Webster Sr. 6-0 197 PS#119QB. 9 rec (9.8) in '01. 5 sts LY, **1st Tm SEC**, 7 int, 17 pbu. Ronnie Prude (5-11 175 Jr) **PS#27QB**, 9 tkls LY. Vernon Russell (5-11 179 rFr) **PS#56**.

SS Adrian Mayes Sr. 6-1 211 **PS#12**. 23 tkls in 2000 & '01. 13 tkls, 1 pbu LY. LaRon Landry is **PS#18**. Jeff Cook (6-0 205 rFr) PS#98. Chad White (5-11 203 Sr) PS#170, 11 tkls, L2Y.

FS JACK HUNT SR. 6-1 189 6 rec (11.5), 1st 2Y. 6 sts at FS LY, 58 tkls, 2 sks, 8 pbu. Daryl Johnson is **PS#31**. Keron Gordon (6-1 174 rFr) PS#76. Jessie Daniels is **PS#38**.

P DONNIE JONES SR. 6-3 217 PS#22K. 65 punts, 38.5 avg, 34.2 net as rFr. 55 punts in '01, 43.7 average, **net of 39.4**. Knee inj in Sept LY, 64 punts, 44.0 avg, 37.5 net, **2nd Tm SEC**.

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WR	Amp Hill	6-3 190 PS#12
DL	Tim Washington	6-4 245 PS#16
OL	Jerry Sevin	6-4 293 PS#21
QB	Matt Flynn	6-3 215 PS#17
LB	Kirston Pittman	6-4 245 PS#21
DL	Sean Merrill	6-3 285 PS#25
DB	LaRon Landry	6-2 180 PS#18
DL	Carnell Stewart	6-5 285 PS#34
WR	Craig Davis	6-3 185 PS#28
OL	Will Arnold	6-5 300 PS#36
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17-16	Vs The Spread	2-2	Home Dog
3-5	Off A SU Loss	1-4	Away Favorite
13-12	Vs Conference	6-3	Away Dog
		4-4	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: **(8-5)**

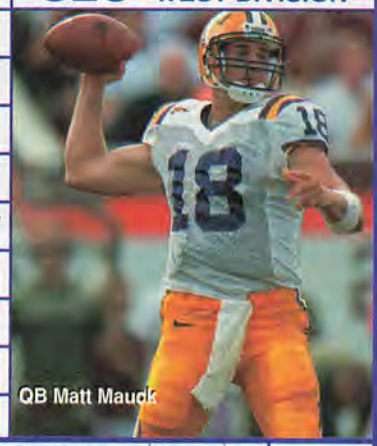
RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (19,18,1)
Lost: 17 (8,7,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 90,307

SEC - WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4 2003 Schedule Difficulty-#47		TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score		Win	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Date	Opponent				LSU	Opp	Loss	
Aug. 30	UL Monroe	G						LSU is 6-3 ATS in their 2nd straight road game since 1993. The Tigers have covered 7 of their last 10 as an away dog. LSU is 5-12 ATS as a single digit favorite the last 17.
Sep. 6	at Arizona	G						This is the 1st meeting between these 2 Louisiana teams. LSU is 4-8 ATS the last 12 seasons in their 1st lined game.
Sep. 13	W Illinois	G						Tigers are 5-2 ATS their last 7 road openers. In their only other meeting ('84), LSU won 27-26 but did not cover as a 10 pt HF.
Sep. 20	Georgia	G						LSU is 4-1 SU in non-lined games since 1986. The Leathernecks were 11-2 & finished #5 in Div IAA last year.
Sep. 27	at Mississippi St	G						The Tigers have covered 9 out of their last 11 SEC openers. The SU winner is 5-1 ATS in this series.
Oct. 4								Tigers are 10-1 SU & ATS vs Miss St in their last 11 series meetings. LSU is 6-18 ATS their last 24 prior to a bye week.
Oct. 11	Florida	G						The Tigers are 8-16-1 ATS their last 25 games after a bye. The visiting team is 16-6-1 ATS their last 23 in this series.
Oct. 18	at S Carolina	G						Louisiana St is 2-8-1 ATS their last 11 after playing Florida. LSU is 13-2-1 SU all-time vs S Carolina, 1st meeting was in 1930.
Oct. 25	Auburn	G						Baton Rouge brigade is 2-4 ATS in this Tiger tussle since 1997. The dog is 9-4 ATS in this series since 1988.
Nov. 1	LA Tech (HC)	G						Pending ULM: LSU is 3-1 SU, but 0-4 ATS in 1st ever meeting since '98. LSU is 6-0 SU & 4-2 ATS vs current WAC teams since 1982.
Nov. 8								Bonus: LSU is 5-10-1 ATS in November since 1998.
Nov. 15	at Alabama	G						The visitor is 10-1 ATS in the last 11 series meetings. The dog is 4-1 ATS the last 5 games in the SEC West showdown.
Nov. 22	at Mississippi	A						LSU is 10-5 ATS their last 15 in road finales. The home team is 5-14 ATS in the LSU/Ole Miss series.
Nov. 29	Arkansas	G						The dog is 7-3 ATS the last 10 with 4 outright upsets. Tigers are 3-10 ATS in their last 13 home finales.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PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	8-3	4-7	3-8	7-4	9-3	8-4	48-31
ATS	5-5-1	6-5	3-7-1	5-6	5-5	6-6	6-5	36-39-2
Home Fav	2-4-1	2-4	1-5	1-3	2-2	2-4	4-1	14-23-1
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-2	2-0	0-1	0-1	4-4
Away Fav	2-0	3-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-2	7-6
Away Dog	1-1	0-0	1-1-1	3-1	1-2	3-0	2-1	11-6-1
Favorite	4-4-1	5-5	2-6	1-3	2-3	3-5	4-3	21-29-1
Dog	1-1	1-0	1-1-1	4-3	3-2	3-1	2-2	15-10-1
Grass	5-5-1	6-4	3-7-1	5-6	5-5	5-6	5-5	34-38-2
Artificial	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-1
vs Conf	4-3-1	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	5-4	4-4	28-28-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	0-2-1	1-2	1-1	1-2	2-1	8-11-1
Off SU Win	4-4	3-4	1-3	1-1	3-4	4-4	6-2	22-22
Off SU Loss	1-0-1	2-1	2-3-1	4-4	2-1	1-2	0-2	12-13-2

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Domanick Davis	193	965	34	931	7	4.8
LaBrandon Toefield	116	508	33	475	2	4.1
Joseph Addai	**80**	**456**	**18**	**438**	**4**	**5.5**
Marcus Randall	**73**	**442**	**94**	**348**	**2**	**4.8**
Matt Mauck	**50**	**242**	**67**	**175**	**2**	**3.5**
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Marcus Randall	**181**	**87**	**48.1**	**1173**	**7**	**5**
Matt Mauck	**130**	**63**	**48.5**	**782**	**9**	**2**
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Michael Clayton	**57**	**749**	**13.1**	**5**	**48**	
Devery Henderson	**23**	**447**	**19.4**	**8**	**75**	
Jerel Myers	17	181	10.6	0	26	
Domanick Davis	16	130	8.1	0	27	
Skyler Green	**7**	**123**	**17.6**	**1**	**67**	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Donnie Jones	**64**	**2813**	**44.0**	**86**	**37.5**	**2**	**17**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
John Corbello	34-34	6-6	4-5	7-12	0-1	17-24	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Bradie James	154	3	6	3	1
Norman LeJeune	107	5	5	15	0
Lionel Turner	**71**	**3**	**6**	**5**	**0**
Chad Lavalais	**66**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**0**
Randall Gay	**64**	**0**	**1**	**11**	**0**
Jack Hunt	**58**	**2**	**0**	**8**	**0**
Marquise Hill	**58**	**3**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Jeremy Lawrence	49	4	4	0	0
Marcus Spears	**46**	**3**	**0**	**2**	**2**
Cameron Vaughn	**38**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Corey Webster	**36**	**0**	**1**	**17**	**7**
Demetrius Hookfin	34	0	0	17	5
Damien James	31	0	0	7	2

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Domanick Davis	36	499	13.9	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Domanick Davis	24	560	23.3	0
Devery Henderson	**11**	**305**	**27.7**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Peach	-6'	Clemson	10-7	L
97	Independence	-6'	Notre Dame	27-9	W
00	Peach	+8'	Georgia Tech	28-14	W
01	Sugar	-2	Illinois	47-34	W
02	Cotton	+10'	Texas	20-35	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

LSU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		DEF RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	24.8	19	197	4.6	153	47.7	14.1	-1	2002	7	18.3	15	134	3.8	153	45.2	15.7
6	32.2	23	153	4.0	309	58.0	14.4	+4	2001	10	23.2	20	112	3.7	281	56.0	16.9
9*	26.7	19	128	3.5	249	52.4	14.1	+4	2000	8	19.6	19	135	3.9	213	54.4	17.8
6	20.3	18	82	2.9	219	49.4	14.9	-7	1999	7	23.5	19	152	3.7	197	54.0	14.8
7*	30.6	21	169	4.3	216	59.1	12.6	+1	1998	8	25.4	21	133	3.5	276	62.8	16.1
8*	31.1	20	257	5.4	146	59.9	13.0	+13	1997	7	15.7	19	117	3.3	222	50.3	21.6

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Virginia Tech	14	28-80	2.9	15-35	134	4	13	51-166	3.3	7-14	65	3	-1
The Citadel	19	40-293	7.3	10-22	107	0	13	35-132	3.8	12-31	104	0	-1
Miami, Oh	23	45-207	4.6	15-26	215	0	13	17-29	1.7	22-34	195	3	0
Mississippi St	19	53-256	4.8	4-12	52	1	13	30-88	2.9	16-43	161	1	0
Louisiana-Lft	17	47-205	4.4	10-23	154	1	7	34-17	0.5	8-26	53	7	+1
at Florida	15	48-249	5.2	13-20	153	2	16	25-74	3.0	18-44	163	1	+4
S Carolina	24	45-231	5.1	12-23	183	0	13	30-148	4.9	10-22	127	3	+2
at Auburn	14	41-163	4.0	9-20	79	0	14	45-216	4.8	7-11	105	0	-4
at Kentucky	18	42-213	5.1	10-23	264	1	21	35-154	4.4	14-29	221	1	+2
Alabama	14	31-131	4.2	9-23	65	2	27	54-300	5.6	11-25	177	2	-1
Mississippi	19	46-134	2.9	15-27	188	2	16	28-61	2.2	19-38	218	2	-1
at Arkansas	20	43-150	3.5	14-25	203	2	19	48-245	5.1	4-16	127	1	0
† Texas	25	49-248	5.1	19-46	193	1	15	32-113	3.5	15-28	269	3	-2
TOTALS	241	558-2560	4.6	155-325	1990	16	200	464-1743	3.8	163-361	1985	27	-1
AVERAGES	18.5	43-197	4.6	12-25	153	1.2	15.4	36-134	3.8	13-28	153	2.1	-0.1

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-43	42-6	L
at Auburn	-5	31-19	W
Idaho	-34	53-20	L
Georgia	-8'	27-28	L
at Florida	+12'	10-22	W
Kentucky	-9'	36-39	L
Mississippi St	-8	41-6	W
at Mississippi	-10	31-37 OT	L
Alabama	-8	16-22	L
at Notre Dame	+2'	36-39	L
at Arkansas	+6	14-41	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Jose St	-27	29-21	L
N Texas	-34	52-0	W
Auburn	-8'	7-41	L
at Georgia	+9	22-23	W
Florida	+14	10-31	L
at Kentucky	+4'	5-31	L
at Mississippi St	+15'	16-17	W
Mississippi	+4'	23-42	L
at Alabama	+20	17-23	W
Houston	-3	7-20	L
Arkansas	+11	35-10	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Carolina	NL	58-0	–
Houston	-13	28-13	W
at Auburn	+6'	17-34	L
UAB	-16'	10-13	L
Tennessee	+9'	38-31 OT	W
at Florida	+14'	9-41	L
Kentucky	-4'	34-0	W
Mississippi St	+6	45-38 OT	W
Alabama	-3	30-28	L
at Mississippi	+2'	20-9	W
at Arkansas	-3	3-14	L

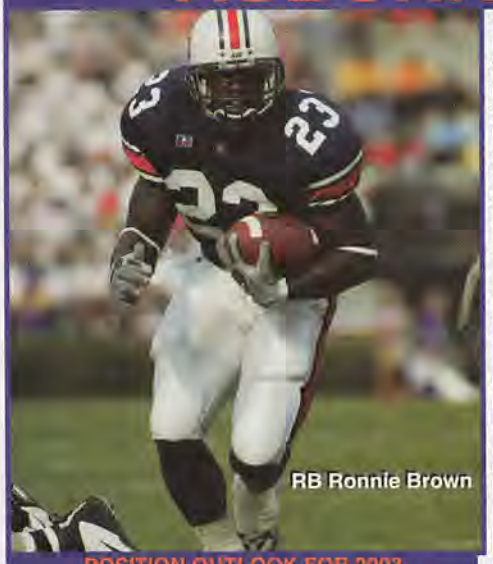
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulane	-21'	48-17	W
Utah St	-23'	31-14	L
at Tennessee	+10	18-26	W
Florida	+13'	15-44	L
at Kentucky	-16'	29-25	L
at Mississippi St	-3	42-0	W
Mississippi	-9'	24-35	L
at Alabama	+5	35-21	W
Mid Tenn St	-17	30-14	L
Arkansas	-9'	41-38	L
Auburn	-7	27-14	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia Tech	+7	8-26	L
The Citadel	NL	35-10	–
Miami, Oh	-13	33-7	W
Mississippi St	-13'	31-13	W
Louisiana-Lft	-27'	48-0	W
at Florida	+8'	36-7	W
S Carolina	-8	38-14	W
at Auburn	-3'	7-31	L
at Kentucky	-5	33-30	L
Alabama	+1'	0-31	L
Mississippi	-9'	14-13	L
at Arkansas	+5	20-21	W

AUBURN TIGERS


RB Ronnie Brown

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Jason Campbell (PS#2) and Daniel Cobb (PS#9) split the QB duties with Campbell getting 8 starts and throwing for 1,191 yards (63.1%) with a 4-5 ratio while rushing for 247 yards and Cobb getting 4 starts and throwing for 1,236 yards (56.5%) with an 8-8 ratio. Last year new OC Petrino cut down on the amount of decisions the QB had to make, making the offense simpler. In 2001 it was Campbell who started the first five games and last year Cobb started the first 7. Cobb played well at times but then suffered an ankle injury vs Syracuse and Campbell led the comeback win. Cobb got pulled vs Arkansas and Florida with Campbell being more impressive in each and Campbell was awarded the starting job for the rest of the season. Cobb departs after throwing for 1,175 yards (53.3%) with a 7-5 ratio. Campbell threw for 1,215 yards (63.1%) with an 11-5 ratio while rushing for 348 yards. He is currently #1 in career completion percentage here (ahead of Jeff Burger, 61% from 1984-'87). Five freshmen battle for the backup spot in Brandon Cox (PS#20, 6-2 185) Josh Sullivan (6-4 201 rFr, PS#207), Wesley Hill (6-3 221 rFr, PS#149) and two 2003 signees, Courtney Denson (PS#47) and Kelcy Luke (PS#152). Cox signed last year but left the team prior to the season returning for bowl practices and is a "true" frosh. Campbell was 3-1 as a starting QB against Top 10 teams last year. He earned the nickname "Jason Scramble" for being nervous in the pocket in 2001 and seemed much more poised last year, and I look for him to continue to improve in his junior season.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1999 Auburn was last in the SEC in rushing, and their leading rusher had just 330 yards. JUCO Rudi Johnson came in and simply rushed for 1,652 yards in 2000 and was drafted by Cincinnati. The team signed Carnell "Cadillac" Williams (PS#4) in 2001 and as expected, he emerged as the starter and led the team with 614 yards (5.1) despite having just two starts in just 9 games in a season cut short by injury. Last year "Cadillac" increased his size to 200 pounds and was dominating again with 745 yards (5.3) in just 7 starts. Unfortunately he broke his leg against Florida, ending his season for the second straight year. Ronnie Brown had five starts and rushed for 358 yards (4.0) in 2001. In just six starts last year, he rushed for 1,008 yards (5.8). Tre Smith (5-10 197 So, PS#27) had 3 starts as a true frosh and rushed for 454 yards (5.7). The team did lose super blocking FB Brandon Johnson to an injury vs Georgia and he played in just 11 games. The only players departing this year are TB Chris Butler (108 yards, 4.0) and FB Michael Owens (PS#38, 68 yards). The team gets a huge addition in Brandon Jacobs (PS#1JC) who is 257 pounds yet possesses 4.4 speed and rushed for 1,899 yards (7.1) at JUCO in 2002 and joined Auburn for bowl practices. This is clearly one of the strongest RB corps in the country and last year's 1,000 yard rusher could be third string!

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace their top two receivers but brought in an outstanding freshmen class with three VHT's and in fact four of the five freshmen recruited were taller and faster than any returnee. Surprisingly the leading receiver was Marcel Willis (11 sts, 31 rec, 13.5), a senior possession WR. TE Robert Johnson (13 sts, 30 rec, 12.2) who left early for the NFL draft was #2. Those two depart along with backup TE Lorenzo Diamond (PS#27, 7 rec). Everyone else is back and I list the 2 deep below. Auburn's projected starting WR duo is a tongue twister with Ben Obomanu and Devin Aromashodu who both have good size and Obomanu has 4.29 speed. WR Anthony Mix (PS#21) could be tried at TE or even DE and is very talented. Not listed below are Courtney Taylor (6-2 192 rFr), Lee Guess (5-10 174 rFr, PS#130) and Justin Fetsko (5-9 167 Sr). Although the top two receivers depart, last year's crop of true frosh are now experienced and this unit is stronger than it was heading into last season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Tigers had to replace three four year starters, two of which were NFL DC's including a first rounder. Those OL logged the majority of the time so the backups saw little action. Surprisingly, Auburn increased its ypc rushing from 3.6 to 4.7 while the sacks allowed decreased from 33 down to 21. This, despite the fact that two true frosh logged starting time. This year they must replace C Ben Nowland (11 sts, 1st Tm SEC, 3 yr st'r) as well as G Ryan Hockett (1 st, 10 gms). Six players return with starting experience and the projected starters I list below average 317.6 lbs per man. This year's line should be one of the SEC's best units.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 Auburn had practically everyone back but allowed 3.9 ypc with a poor pass rush. Last year they had to replace three of their top four DE's but moved in TE Jay Ratliff (PS#20). Three of the top four DT's were back. The unit did suffer some injuries last year with only one player starting all 13 games and they once again allowed 3.9 ypc rushing with the DL accounting for just 11.5 of the team's 29 sacks. This year the only loss is backup NG Dante Booker (13 tkls, 3 tfl). Seven players return with starting experience plus the group gets the super addition of two JUCO's who combined for 35.5 sacks at JC last year as well as two VHT true frosh (see Top Newcomers). This is the 2nd year of DC Gene Chizik's system, and I look for the DL to be much stronger in 2003.

LINEBACKERS - The team underwent a switch from the 4-2-5 to the 4-3 last season but basically two of three starting LB's returned. They proved to be one of the better LB corps in the SEC (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). Two of three starting LB's return this year with the only loss being MLB Mark Brown (13 sts, 2nd Tm SEC, #1 tkl'r, 8.5 tfl). His replacement, Lemarcus Rowell (PS#4), adds athleticism to the unit. Basically five of the top seven are back and they are now in the second year of Chizik's defensive system. Dontarrious Thomas' cohort at OLB, Karlos Dansby, also turned down the NFL, even though he was projected as a 2nd round DC! I list an impressive 2 deep below and not listed are Kevin Sears (6-4 217 Fr, PS#92) who originally signed last year, Antarrious Williams (5-11 205 So, PS#103) who had two starts and 13 tackles, Jake Slaughter (6-2 240 So) and Mike Sherill (6-1 246 rFr, PS#219). This should be one of the top LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Tigers finished #18 in my pass defense rankings in 2001 despite having to replace three starters. Last year seven players returned with starting experience. The team racked up 21 int's which was their most since 1968 and finished near the top once again (#16) allowing 55.3% with a 9-21 ratio. This year they must replace CB Roderick Hood (8 sts, 26 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu), CB Horace Willis (9 sts, 35 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu), FS Travaris Robinson (13 sts, #2 tkl'r, 94 tackles, 4 int's, 1st Tm SEC) and CB Rashaud Walker (15 tkls, 1 pbu). There is decent talent in this group but it is less experienced, and it will be tough to match 2002's performance.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tuberville's teams at Ole Miss always ranked in the upper half of my special teams rankings and have continued to so do here. In 2001 the team finished #18 thanks to the solid year from K/P Damon Duval but he struggled last year (see Hardcore Fans). The return game was average with Roderick Hood averaging 19.8 on KR's and a stronger 11.6 on PR's. Philip Yost does have a strong leg and had 87% of his KO's for touchbacks in HS. I list the punting candidates below. Even with the loss of all of their stat leaders from last year, this unit could improve (#63 LY) as Tuberville usually fashions a solid group.

COACHES - Tommy Tuberville inherited a team that went 3-8 and after just missing out on a winning season his first year, has won or shared a piece of the SEC West Title for three consecutive seasons. His teams routinely have done better than I have forecasted, so I have a lot of respect for his coaching ability. Tuberville just signed a new five year $1.5 million per year contract and put himself on the hotseat by saying "We will win a National Championship in a few years." Prior to coming to Auburn, he was a head coach at Mississippi from '95 to '98, DC at Texas A&M in '94 and DC at Miami, Fl in '93. He does lose OC Bobby Petrino who left to become the head coach of Louisville. Hugh Nall, who has been an OL coach under Tuberville since 1995, is the new OC. QB coach Steve Ensminger has previous OC experience at La Tech, Georgia, Texas A&M and Clemson, and they are keeping 2002's offensive system. DC Gene Chizik was the DC at UCF from 1998 to 2001. There he took a defense in his first year that was ranked #81 and built it up to #16 in 2001 before moving here. I'm concerned with the loss of Petrino, but this is still a quality group.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

Auburn beat three Top 10 teams in 2002 and won five of their last six including wins over LSU, Alabama and Penn St by a combined 61-23 margin. They almost pulled an upset of Florida but missed a 23 yard FG with :30 left in regulation and had eventual SEC Champ Georgia beaten but allowed a 19 yard TD pass with 1:25 left on 4th & 15. Two of their losses came vs teams that ranked in the Top 5 at the end of the year (Georgia and USC) and they finished #14 in the AP poll. Auburn plays in the 7th largest stadium in the country and has 13 seniors this year. While Auburn has not won an official SEC Title since 1989, they have won or shared in the SEC West Title in each of the last 3 years while compiling a 16-8 record in SEC play. Last year Auburn did benefit from +9 in turnovers and only lose 17 lettermen (fewest in the SEC). They have 16 returning starters which is the second most. They have the top RB unit in the country running behind a veteran line, a capable QB and some dangerous receivers that are now seasoned and will clearly have one of the most potent offenses in the SEC. Last year they had my #18 rated defense and this year they look even stronger. I compile 7 sets of power ratings every year and 3 call Auburn the best team in the SEC overall and 4 call them the best team athletically in the SEC West. This team has the talent to contend for a National Title but the schedule is extremely difficult. They draw both Georgia and Tennessee out of the SEC East and also face USC in non-conf play. They have road trips to three extremely tough venues in SEC action vs Arkansas, LSU and Georgia. Auburn deserves to be called a favorite in the SEC West and a National Title contender but once again do face a killer schedule.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JASON CAMPBELL JR. 6-4 223 **PS#2.** 8 sts as rFr, 1191 yds (63.1%) 4-5 ratio, 247 rush. Last 6 sts LY, 1215 yds (63.1%) 11-5 ratio, 348 rush. Brandon Cox (6-2 185 Fr) **PS#20.**

RB CARNELL WILLIAMS JR. 5-11 204 **PS#4**. 2 sts as true (inj'd), 614 yds. 7 sts LY (inj) 745 yds (5.3). **Ronnie Brown** (6-1 223 Jr) PS#78. **1008 yds** (5.8), 6 sts. Tre Smith (PS#27) 454 yds (5.7).

FB BRANDON JACOBS JR. 6-4 257 **PS#1JC**. 1899 yds (7.1) at JC LY, 1349 yds as Fr, 4.42 spd. **Brandon Johnson** (6-1 234 Sr) PS#150. 8 sts L/2Y, 99 yds rush, 7 rec (10.9).

WR Ben Obomanu So. 6-1 192 **PS#23. 4.29 spd**. 1 st as true, 17 rec (13.2). Jeris McIntyre (6-0 207 Sr) PS#156. 5 sts, 3 yrs, 29 rec (12.4). Lee Guess (5-10 174 rFr) PS#130.

WR DEVIN AROMASHODU SO. 6-2 196 **PS#27**. 8 sts as true, 18 rec (16.9). Silas Daniels (6-0 187 Jr) PS#42. 4.3 spd. 4 sts LY, 24 rec (11.6) 2Y. Courtney Taylor (6-2 192 rFr).

TE Cooper Wallace So. 6-4 252 PS#40. 1 start as rFr, 8 rec (15.4). Anthony Mix (6-5 234 So) PS#21WR. 1 start as **true** at WR, 13 rec (14.8). Kevin Williams is PS#63DL.

C DANNY LINDSEY JR. 6-2 300 PS#128OL. 1 start as true, 8 games. 13 sts in '02 (11 @ G, 2 @ C). Jeremy Ingle (6-2 272 Jr) PS#342. 4 games LY. William Ward (6-2 270 rFr) PS#144.

RG MONREKO CRITTENDEN SR. 6-5 350 PS#247. 4 gms at OL as rFr. 10 sts at RT in '01. 13 sts LY (11 @ G, 2 @ T) 674 plays. Jarrod Britt is PS#28. Thomas Anderson (6-7 320 Jr).

LG Troy Reddick So. 6-5 297 PS#130. 3 sts as true frosh, 7 games, 1 letter. Jonathan Palmer (6-5 298 rFr) PS#100. -22 lbs. Nate French (6-2 328 Jr) was PS#40DL.

RT MARCUS McNEILL SO. 6-9 329 **PS#10**. 11 games as true, 449 plays and 7 starts at RT. Taylor Bourgeois (6-5 305 So) PS#123. 4 starts at RT as rFr until inj, 226 plays.

LT MARK PERA SR. 6-6 312 PS#91. 5 gms on OL as rFr. 2 sts @ RT, 11 gms in '01. 13 sts at LT LY. Steven Ross (6-6 282 So) PS#143. 13 games as rFr, 105 plays at OT.

K Philip Yost Jr. 6-2 187 **PS#5**. 52 yd FG in HS, 87% TB's. 1 of 3 FG's here LY, 7 of 7 on xp's. John Vaughn (6-1 175 Fr) PS#32, never missed FG inside 39 in HS!

DE JAY RATLIFF JR. 6-5 262 PS#20TE. 2 sts as true, 3 rec. 8 sts at DE LY, 37 tkls, 10 tfl. Brett Eddins (6-5 261 Jr) PS#74. 5 sts, 14 tkls LY. Doug Langenfeld **PS#43JC**. 16.5 sks JC LY.

NG DeMARCO McNEIL SR. 6-2 300 **PS#12**. 13 sts as rFr, 73 tkls, 5 sks. 8 sts in '01, 38 tkls, 5 tfl. 13 sts LY. 39 tkls, 8 tfl. Wayne Dickins (6-2 290 So) PS#25. 3 sts as rFr, 19 tkls, 5 tfl.

DT SPENCER JOHNSON SR. 6-3 289 **PS#42**. 29 tkls, 3 sks as true. 9 starts in 2001, 54 tkls, 5 tfl. 10 starts LY, 33 tkls, 8 tfl. Dexter Murphy (6-2 280 Sr) 5 sts, 3 yrs, 21 tkls, 5 tfl.

DE REGGIE TORBOR SR. 6-3 242 PS#96RB. 11 sts as rFr, 29 tkls, 4 sks. 31 tkls, 15 QBH in '01. 9 sts LY, 26 tkls, 7.5 tfl. Tony McClain (6-3 270 So) **PS#20JC**. 19 sks at JC LY! 76 tkls, 14 tfl LY. Turned down NFL (proj #2DC!). Travis Williams (6-1 209 So) PS#113. 10 tkls as rFr.

SLB KARLOS DANSBY SR. 6-5 235 PS#97. 9 sts, 66 tkls, 9 tfl in '01. 12 sts, **1st Tm SEC**.

MLB Lemarcus Rowell So. 6-3 229 **PS#4**. 21 tkls as "true", 1 pbu, 12 gms. Mayo Sowell (6-1 228 Jr) PS#63. 3 sts as rFr, 31 tkls. 3 sts LY, 16 tkls. Kevis Burnam (6-2 246 So) PS#75.

WLB DONTARRIOUS THOMAS SR. 6-4 238 Turned down NFL (#4DC). 10 sts in '01, 132 tkls, 9.5 tfl, 2nd Tm SEC. 11 sts LY (inj) 92 tkls, 11 tfl. Derrick Graves (6-1 206 Jr) PS#61. 1 st, 18 tkls LY.

CB JUNIOR ROSEGREEN JR. 6-0 185 PS#106. 1 st in '01, 25 tkls. 13 sts LY, 63 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu. Montavis Pitts (6-1 190 rFr) **PS#37WR**. 1 st at WR as true. Lamel Ages (5-9 187 Jr) 4.3 spd.

CB CARLOS ROGERS JR. 6-1 191 PS#171. 10.7 in 100m. 9 sts as true, 64 tkls, 12 pbu. 9 sts LY, 48 tkls, 4 int, 9 pbu, 2 tfl. Dee Durham (5-11 193 So) PS#90. 8 tkls, 1 pbu as rFr.

SS Roshard Gilyard Sr. 5-10 208 PS#54. 7 sts in 2000. 3 sts in '01, 58 tkls, 6 pbu in 3Y. Patrick Lee (6-0 180) is PS#153. David Irons (6-1 185 Jr) PS#73 in '01. 45 tkls, 11 pbu at JC LY.

FS Donnay Young Jr. 6-0 198 PS#115. Last 4 sts as rFr. 25 tkls, 1 int. 21 tkls, 1 int. 13 games LY. Cavari Dailey (6-1 203 rFr) PS#62. Will Herring (6-4 207 rFr) PS#92QB.

P Michael Gibson rFr. 6-1 205 PS#56. Avg 46.5 as a senior in HS. Also 5 starts at QB. Kody Bliss (PS#7) avg'd 46.9, 44.0 net LY in HS. Stefan Slade (6-2 190 rFr) PS#70.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

RB	Brandon Jacobs 6-4 257 PS#1JC
DL	Stanley McClover 6-4 236 PS#24
DL	Quentin Groves 6-4 235 PS#27
OL	Jarrod Britt 6-4 274 PS#28
DL	Tez Doolittle 6-3 260 PS#43
DL	Kevin Williams 6-7 270 PS#63
QB	Courtney Denson 6-0 180 PS#47
K	Kody Bliss 5-11 175 PS#7
DL	Lloyd Blevins 6-4 225 PS#86
DL	Tony McClain 6-3 270 PS#20JC
DL	Josh Thompson 6-1 295 PS#109
DL	Doug Langenfeld 6-3 247 PS#43JC
TE	Cole Bennett 6-5 230 PS#37
TE	Kenny Williams 6-7 228 PS#50

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30-19	Straight Up
22-22	Vs The Spread
6-7	Off A SU Loss
17-16	Vs Conference
9-10	Home Favorite
3-3	Home Underdog
3-2	Away Favorite
7-7	Away Underdog
5-6	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

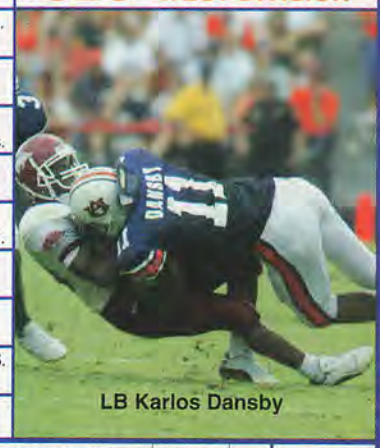
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (22,23,3)
Lost: 17 (9,6,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 82,943

SEC - WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#16

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score AU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Auburn is 23-1 SU in their home opener since 1979. The Tigers are 8-3 SU & ATS the last 4 years in November.
Aug. 30	USC	G						Auburn is 8-2 SU & 6-2 ATS the last 10 season openers. Auburn is 5-2 ATS in lined September home games since 2000.
Sep. 6	at Georgia Tech	G						These teams have not met since 1987. Auburn is 7-3 ATS as an away favorite since 1996.
Sep. 13	at Vanderbilt	G						The Tigers are 10-0 SU since 1978 & 5-3-1 ATS since 1986 vs Vandy. Auburn is 7-0 ATS since 1991 in conference openers.
Sep. 20								
Sep. 27	W Kentucky	G						W Kentucky was the Division IAA Champion in 2002. Auburn is 16-0 SU in non-lined games since 1980.
Oct. 4	Tennessee	G						Auburn is 0-3 ATS vs Tennessee since 1991, not including title games. The Tigers are 3-7 ATS the last 10 vs Tennessee
Oct. 11	at Arkansas	G						The road team is 2-7 ATS the last 9 in this series. Tuberville is 2-6 SU & 0-7-1 ATS vs Arkansas.
Oct. 18	Mississippi St	G						The favorite has covered 8 of the last 11 games. LY's 42 pts was the most scored by a Tuberville team vs MSU in 8 gms.
Oct. 25	at LSU	G						Auburn is 9-4 SU, but 5-8 ATS since 1988 vs LSU. The home team has won & covered the last 3.
Nov. 1	UL Monroe (HC)	G						Auburn is 6-0 SU, but 3-3 ATS in Homecoming games. The Tigers have won the last 4 SU by an avg of 40-16, but are 1-2 ATS.
Nov. 8	Mississippi	G						Auburn has won 13 of the last 15 SU & is 6-2 ATS the last 8. Tuberville is now 3-1 SU & ATS vs his old team, Mississippi.
Nov. 15	at Georgia	G						The visitor is 9-1-1 SU & 8-3 ATS the last 11 in this series. Auburn is 8-1 ATS as an away dog the last 9 vs Dawgs.
Nov. 22	Alabama	G						The Tigers have only avg'd 13 ppg vs Bama the L5Y, but are 2-3 SU & ATS. The visitor is 7-1 ATS the last 8 in this series.
Nov. 29								


LB Karlos Dansby

STADIUM: JORDAN-HARE STADIUM (86,063)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	9-3	3-8	5-6	9-3	7-4	8-4	48-32
ATS	5-5	7-5	3-8	4-6	6-6	4-7	8-3	37-40
Home Fav	2-4	2-3	1-1	1-2	4-3	2-3	2-2	14-18
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	1-4	1-2	0-0	1-0	1-1	4-8
Away Fav	2-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	2-0	7-3
Away Dog	1-1	3-0	1-3	2-2	1-3	1-2	3-0	12-11
Favorite	4-4	4-4	1-1	1-2	5-3	2-5	4-2	21-21
Dog	1-1	3-1	2-7	3-4	1-3	2-2	4-1	16-19
Grass	5-5	6-5	3-8	4-6	6-5	4-6	8-3	36-38
Artificial	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-2
vs Conf	4-4	4-5	2-6	3-5	5-4	3-5	6-2	27-31
vs Non-Conf	1-1	3-0	1-2	1-1	1-2	1-2	2-1	10-9
Off SU Win	3-4	4-4	0-3	2-3	5-4	2-5	4-3	20-26
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-1	3-4	2-3	0-2	1-2	3-0	13-13

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ronnie Brown	175	1056	48	1008	13	5.8
Carnell Williams	141	787	42	745	10	5.3
Tre Smith	79	464	10	454	3	5.7
Jason Campbell	72	348	142	206	3	2.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jason Campbell	149	94	63.1	1215	11	5
Daniel Cobb	150	80	53.3	1175	7	5
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Marcel Willis	31	417	13.5	1	75	
Robert Johnson	30	365	12.2	4	31	
Devin Aromashodu	18	304	16.9	1	65	
Ben Obomanu	17	224	13.2	3	45	
Anthony Mix	13	193	14.8	1	46	
Silas Daniels	13	173	13.3	0	41	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Damon Duval	54	2344	43.4	69	36.4	0	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Damon Duval	40-40	1-4	4-6	1-4	0-1	6-15	40

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Mark Brown	97	2.5	6	1	0
Travaris Robinson	94	0	3	4	4
Dontarrious Thomas	92	3	8	3	0
Karlos Dansby	76	4	10	4	3
Junior Rosegreen	63	1	3	5	2
Carlos Rogers	48	0	2	9	4
DeMarco McNeil	39	1	7	2	1
Jay Ratliff	37	1	9	0	0
Horace Willis	35	0	1	8	2
Spencer Johnson	33	2	6	1	0
Reggie Torbor	26	3.5	4	4	0
Roderick Hood	26	0	1	7	2
TJ Jackson	24	0.5	8	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Roderick Hood	36	417	11.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Roderick Hood	21	416	19.8	0
Tre Smith	11	163	14.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Independence	-7'	Army	32-29	L
97	Peach	-4'	Clemson	21-17	L
00	Citrus	+7'	Michigan	28-31	W
01	Peach	+2	N Carolina	10-16	L
02	Capital One	+7	Penn St	13-9	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

AUBURN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		DEF RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	29.8	19	204	4.7	184	58.2	13.0	+9	2002	8	17.8	18	142	3.9	186	55.3	18.5
5	21.2	18	141	3.6	202	59.2	16.2	-1	2001	6	23.4	17	137	3.9	207	53.7	14.7
8*	24.3	18	158	4.1	209	60.4	15.1	-1	2000	4	20.5	17	103	3.4	212	56.0	15.4
8*	21.2	16	68	1.9	227	58.4	13.9	+6	1999	7	21.5	20	103	3.2	260	56.7	16.9
4	15.1	15	94	2.6	176	45.8	17.9	-2	1998	8	21.4	15	119	3.3	188	56.7	14.4
7*	26.2	18	77	2.5	270	51.4	13.3	+4	1997	8	19.2	17	110	3.2	219	53.9	17.1

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at USC	19	38-140	3.7	11-22	141	1	22	37-84	2.3	23-32	302	1	+1
W Carolina	37	49-345	7.0	21-30	276	1	14	25-86	3.4	26-45	175	1	+1
Vanderbilt	19	37-224	6.1	14-20	154	2	19	42-163	3.9	13-24	127	2	+3
at Miss St	19	48-207	4.3	10-21	183	1	18	31-91	2.9	20-34	232	5	+6
Syracuse	23	54-231	4.3	17-33	271	1	15	44-158	3.6	15-30	163	1	-1
Arkansas	21	40-104	2.6	21-34	288	4	18	45-426	9.5	7-15	66	2	-2
at Florida	12	34-189	5.6	9-19	186	0	25	42-129	3.1	30-39	265	2	-2
LSU	14	45-216	4.8	7-11	105	0	14	41-163	4.0	9-20	79	0	+4
at Mississippi	15	42-254	6.0	11-21	113	1	22	28-74	2.6	26-46	284	2	+2
UL Monroe	24	42-210	5.0	21-30	293	0	16	29-83	2.9	19-38	193	3	-1
Georgia	16	46-199	4.3	12-23	133	2	15	33-104	3.2	19-38	231	4	-1
at Alabama	14	38-129	3.4	10-18	169	5	17	34-111	3.3	18-37	209	4	0
† Penn St	15	50-200	4.0	10-17	78	3	15	36-170	4.7	10-27	98	2	-1
TOTALS	248	563-2648	4.7	174-299	2390	21	230	467-1842	3.9	235-425	2424	29	+9
AVERAGES	19.1	43-204	4.7	13-23	184	1.6	17.6	36-142	3.9	18-33	186	2.2	0.7

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Virginia	+1	0-19	L
at Mississippi	+3	17-0	W
LSU	+5	19-31	L
Tennessee	+6'	9-17	L
at Mississippi St	+1	21-38	L
at Florida	+19	3-24	L
LA Tech	-6'	32-17	W
Arkansas	+3'	21-24	W
UCF	-5'	10-6	L
Georgia	+6	17-28	L
at Alabama	+4	17-31	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Appalachian St	NL	22-15	–
Idaho	-11	30-23	L
at LSU	+8'	41-7	W
Mississippi	-4	17-24 OT	L
at Tennessee	+19	0-24	L
Mississippi St	+3	16-18	W
Florida	+16	14-32	L
at Arkansas	+7'	10-34	L
UCF	-10'	28-10	W
at Georgia	+10	38-21	W
Alabama	+3'	17-28	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wyoming	-12'	35-21	W
at Mississippi	+4'	35-27	W
LSU	-6'	34-17	W
N Illinois	-23'	31-14	L
Vanderbilt	-14	33-0	W
at Mississippi St	+1	10-17	L
at Florida	+8'	7-38	L
LA Tech	-32	38-28	L
Arkansas	-9'	21-19	L
Georgia	-2'	29-26 OT	W
at Alabama	-1	9-0	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ball St	-21	30-0	W
Mississippi	-5'	27-21	W
at Syracuse	+2'	14-31	L
at Vanderbilt	-5	24-21	L
Mississippi St	-2'	16-14	L
Florida	+23'	23-20	W
LA Tech	-12'	48-41 OT	L
at Arkansas	-1	17-42	L
at Georgia	+7'	24-17	W
Alabama	-3	7-31	L
at LSU	+7	14-27	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at USC	+7'	17-24	W
W Carolina	NL	56-0	–
Vanderbilt	-20'	31-6	W
at Miss St	-3	42-14	W
Syracuse	-15	37-34 3OT	L
Arkansas	-5'	17-38	L
at Florida	+8	23-30 OT	W
LSU	+3'	31-7	W
at Mississippi	-4	31-24	W
UL Monroe	-35	52-14	W
Georgia	+2'	21-24	L
at Alabama	+10'	17-7	W

ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Arkansas used five different QB's and in the season opener used four different QB's in a span of eleven plays. JUCO transfer Ryan Sorahan (PS#54) won the starting job for two games but then was injured. Zak Clark and Matt Jones (PS#43) split time the rest of the year with Clark throwing for 1,013 yards and Jones 275 (43%). Jones has great size (6-5 225) with 4.4 speed. Jones took over the starting job last year although in the first three games he split time with Tarvaris Jackson who had the strongest arm of the QB's. Jackson finished with 39 pass attempts (36%) for 143 yards with a 1-2 ratio coming in on the 3rd series of each half. Jones pretty much took over the position and threw for 1,592 yards (52%) with a 16-8 ratio while rushing for 822 gross yards (Hog QB rush record). Jones suffered from shoulder problems most of the year but the doctors opted to not perform surgery, just rehabilitation. Jones opted not to play basketball this year in hopes of remaining healthier for the football season. He worked a lot at WR in the spring and will definitely see time there. Sorahan saw his most action in the bowl game last year and in two years has had 73 pass attempts (53.4%) for 388 yards with a 1-6 ratio. Jackson opted to transfer. Sorahan could be the passing QB this year and could even win the starting job. Also in the mix at QB are Rhett Lashlee (6-2 205 rFr, PS#53), Cedric Washington (6-0 185 rFr, PS#78) and two HT true frosh. This unit should put up better numbers in 2003.

RUNNING BACKS - Cedric Cobbs (PS#5) has been hyped on and off as a Heisman Trophy candidate but has run into problems with both injuries and off the field problems. Fred Talley also had injury problems but led the team in rushing in both 2000 (768, 5.6) and 2001 (797, 4.6). Last year basically everyone returned but Talley was banged up early and had just 26 carries in the first 4 games. He then had a stretch of 3 games in which he rushed for 559 yards but sprained his ankle against Troy St. Talley's biggest play of the year was a 56 yard run that turned around the LSU game, and he finished the season with 1,119 yards (5.7). Cobbs started the first four games but then suffered from turf toe and finished the year with just 399 yards (5.4). The team was able to redshirt De'Arrius Howard (PS#7) in 2001 and last year he rushed for 595 yards (4.5) and is an Earl Campbell type of back. This year they lose Talley but almost everyone else returns and I list the players below. Not listed below at TB are Kyle Dickerson (5-9 198 So, PS#55) who had 64 yards as a rFr, John Johnson (5-10 190 rFr, PS#64 WR), and Radale Pearson (5-8 200 Jr, PS#98) who was still limited last year after tearing his ACL in 2001. Cobbs, who had been bulking up, has trimmed 20 pounds and joined the track team as a sprinter to stay in shape. Could this be the year Cobb finally lives up to expectations? With Howard and Cobbs the team has two of the SEC's best RB's.

RECEIVERS - In 2001 George Wilson set an Arkansas frosh record with 41 rec's (14.0). Richard Smith, who is a long jumper on the track team, has been #2 in each of the last three years with 37, 38 and 34 rec's. Last year he had his best ypc at 17.1. TE Jason Peters may be 320 lbs but is surprisingly fast for his size (4.7) and is a solid blocker. The only losses are WR Sparky Hamilton (7 rec), TE Marcellus Poydras (3 sts), WR Gerald Howard (1 st) and TE James Toussaint (1 rec). Wake Forest transfer Carlos Ousley (PS#116) was hampered by injuries and should have a bigger impact. Not listed below at WR are Desmond Sims (6-2 225 rFr, PS#112), Tom Crowder (6-1 183 Sr, 3 rec), David Thompson (6-1 195 rFr, PS#72), Caleb Ceaser (6-0 191 So, 4.4 spd) and Steven Harris (5-11 182 Jr). Harris was the fastest WR in 2001 but suffered a torn ACL and was limited last year. Also working at WR this spring were QB's Matt Jones and Cedric Washington. With basically everyone back I look for more production in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Hogs averaged 3.7 ypc rushing and allowed 28 sacks in 2001. Last year they had to replace three starters but did have their top player, RT Shawn Andrews, returning. Andrews simply won the Jacobs Blocking Trophy for the top blocker in the SEC and helped the Hogs lead the SEC in rushing as they averaged a super 4.77 ypc while allowing 31 sacks. The unit was hit by injuries early as starting C Josh Melton and RG Mark Bokermann both missed significant action. This year the only losses are C Melton (2 sts), LG Nathan Ball (7 sts) and LG Scott Davenport (7 sts, moves to DL). Four full-time starters return along with Jerry Reith (5 sts) and they add some top-notch rFr and a JC who redshirted. This could be the SEC's top O-line this year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 they yielded 3.9 ypc and improved that to 3.7 in 2001 while the team recorded 21 sacks. Last year the team had to replace two DL starters and a backup. They lost a couple of backups to injury during the year in Jayson Johnson (PS#57) and Keith Turner and then suffered the shocking loss of captain Jermaine Brooks who was kicked off the team after six starts. At the end of the year Nutt said that they needed DL's in the worst way and they would probably bring in some JUCO's and he signed one this year in Titus Peebles. They move in OL Scott Davenport as well as MLB Jeb Huckeba to the DL and also have VHT rFr's Chase Pressley and Lucas Jackson at their disposal. Not listed below is DT Gene Perry (6-5 285 Jr, PS#170JC). Overall the team allowed just 3.15 ypc rushing while recording 30 sacks. This year they must replace DE/NG Raymond House (12 sts, 18 tkls, 5 tfl), NG Brooks (6 sts, 14 tkls), DT Pervis Osborne (7 sts, 36 tkls, 5 tfl), DE Gavin Walls (4 sts, 44 tkls, 6 sks, 5 tfl) and DT Scott Summers (1 st, 3 tkls). I do not see any stars in this group, but they are very deep with experience and I list the 3 deep below.

LINEBACKERS - The Hogs only had to replace one starter last year but it was a good one in Jermaine Petty (1st Tm AA) who led the team with 150 tackles. This year the unit returns two full-time starters with the only losses being Jeb Huckeba (8 sts) and Wes Murphy (10 tkls) who both moved to DE. Clarke Moore's emergence at MLB allowed Huckeba's move to DE and they also bring in Brandon Holmes who has seven starts at RB the last three years. Besides Holmes, the LB corps adds Marcus Whitmore (PS#45JC) who redshirted, Shane Collins (PS#90) who has been injury plagued and some rFr who I list in the 2 deep below. This unit has even more experience than it did last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Hogs finished just #42 in my pass D rankings in 2001 despite the fact that they had four top-notch CB's and plenty of talent at safety. Last year three starters returned but CB Marvin Jackson (PS#2JC) was lost prior to the season (ACL). Three DB's, Ken Hamlin, Lawrence Richardson and Ahmad Carroll all made the Thorpe Preseason list, three of just 36 players on it. Once again, the Hogs surprisingly were not near the top of my pass D rankings as they finished #44 allowing 234.5 ypg (55.3%) with a solid 17-19 ratio. This year the only loss is FS Ken Hamlin (14 sts, #1 tkl'r, 11 pbu, 1st Tm SEC) who left early for the NFL (#2DC of SEA), and seven of the top eight are back. Vickiel Vaughn (PS#7) figures to be the next great FS here. I list a very talented 2 deep below and even with the loss of Hamlin (career tackle leader), I look for this group to finish in the top 10 in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In the seven years prior to 2001 Arkansas had finished in the lower half of my special teams rankings each year. In 2001 their fortunes changed dramatically. Punter Richie Butler had an amazing net of 39.1 and the team had a dangerous return game led by Marvin Jackson (9.2 on PR's). Overall the unit finished #14 and last year it appeared to be in good shape again as everyone returned. Unfortunately Jackson was lost in August. When Arkansas's special teams were on the field a lot of crazy things happened. The team blocked 4 punts but also had 5 blocked while scoring 2 TD's and allowing two. Butler's net punting slipped to 32.6 and the team slipped to #51 in my rankings. Kicker Brennan O'Donohoe hit his first 3 FG's but then had 2 misses vs Tennessee. KO man David Carlton took over the job and hit 12 of 16 but 3 of his misses were from 50+ and he had a long of 47. The top PR was DeCori Birmingham (12.2) and he also led the team in KR's (22.8). Jackson is back to challenge. Butler must be replaced however. The Hogs have the potential to improve upon last year's ranking.

COACHES - Houston Nutt was the SEC Coach of the Year in 2001 and is 39-23 in his 5 years here. He is a Little Rock native and his teams are now 14-0 SU in games played there. He has guided the Hogs to five bowl bids the last five years and his 62.9 winning percentage in that span is the best in the SEC West. His run game coordinator on offense is OL coach Mike Markuson and the passing game coordinator this year is Roy Wittke who has been the OC at E Illinois for the last 13 years. David Lee, who held that position last year, has moved on to the Dallas Cowboys. Dave Wommack enters his second year as the DC here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year I called for the Hogs to get to the SEC Title game and they did just that. They did it on the strength of the ground game that led the SEC in rushing and rated 12th in the country. The last time Arkansas led its conference in rushing was in 1989. Houston Nutt has not had a losing season in five years here and his biggest win total in a season was 9 in his inaugural year. Last year I called for the Hogs to either match or exceed that win total and they did just that winning 9 games and could have exceeded it but were upset in the Music City Bowl. Arkansas benefitted from +17 in turnovers, which is scary (see page 310). They return 17 starters which is the most in the league and 50 of 70 lettermen. They had a 515-332 yard edge vs Kentucky and lost but benefitted from "the pass", a 31 yard TD pass with :31 left to upend LSU and put them in the SEC Title game. The Hogs reward was to lose their last two games by a combined 59-17 margin and the team is now just 1-10 SU their last 11 bowl games. Overall I rate them as having the best defense in the SEC and that makes them a threat to win the title. Three of my sets of power ratings call Arkansas the best team talent-wise in the SEC West but the schedule is difficult. The Hogs must face Bama, Ole Miss and LSU on the road where they always struggle. Its nice to see the regular season rivalry resume vs Texas and the Hogs clearly have a shot at defending their SEC West crown and will find themselves in their sixth straight bowl game.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB MATT JONES JR. 6-5 225 PS#43. 14 sts, 1592 yds (52%). 16-8 ratio, 822 rush. Also WR. **Ryan Sorahan** (6-4 240 Sr) PS#54. 2584 pass (52%) at JC in 2000. 416 ttl yds here.

RB De'Arrius Howard So. 6-0 227 **PS#7**. 4.4 spd. 595 yds (4.5) as rFr. Cedric Cobbs (6-1 225 Sr) **PS#5**. Track team. 1796 yds rush (4.7), 4Y. Dedrick Poole (5-10 194 So) **PS#29**.

FB MARK PIERCE JR. 6-0 242 PS#47. 1 st as true, 169 ttl yds. 9 sts LY, 204 rush (5.5), 10 rec (10.4). Brandon Kennedy (6-0 227 So) PS#243. 4 yds as true. Farod Jackson is PS#61.

WR GEORGE WILSON SR. 6-1 210 10 sts, 41 rec (14.0) in '01. 11 sts LY, #1 w/49 rec (12.8). **Chris Baker** (6-2 205 Fr) **PS#25, 4.27 spd**. David Thompson (6-1 195 rFr) PS#72.

WR RICHARD SMITH SR. 5-10 186 PS#42. 4.33 spd. 37 rec (9.4) in 2000. 38 rec (10.1) in '01. 34 rec (17.1) LY. DeCori Birmingham (5-11 200 Jr) PS#77RB. 4 sts, 17 rec (10.8) LY. RB in '01.

TE JASON PETERS JR. 6-5 320 **PS#51DL**. 3 sts, 3 rec (15.0) in '01. 12 starts LY, 4 rec (9.2), 4.7 spd. Jared Hicks (6-6 273 So) 2 sts, 1 rec. Tyler Meenan (6-5 247 rFr).

C DAN DOUGHTY SR. 6-2 290 L/12 sts LY when Melton was inj'd, 34 KD's. 1 of 29 Rimington candidates TY. Kyle Roper (6-3 283 So) 3 gms LY. Tyler Morgan (6-5 284 rFr) PS#159OL.

RG MARK BOKERMANN SR. 6-5 302 **PS#38OL**. 5 gms as rFr. 11 sts in '01. 9 sts LY (miss spg), 24 KD's. Gene Perry (6-5 285 Jr) PS#170JC LY. Nate Garner is PS#130OL.

LG Jerry Reith Sr. 6-3 300 PS#123DL. 2 games in 2001. 5 sts at RG last year. **Tony Ugoh** (6-5 280 rFr) **PS#44**. Bkup LY, still RS. Caleb Perry (6-4 295 Sr), 2 letters.

RT SHAWN ANDREWS JR. 6-5 371 **PS#12**. 10 sts as **true**, 2nd Tm SEC. 13 sts LY, **1st Tm AA, Jacobs Blocking Trophy**. +26 lbs. Zac Tubbs (6-6 351 So) PS#167, 1 st, 10 gms as **true**.

LT BO LACY SR. 6-4 298 PS#144. 8 gms in 2000. 8 games in '01. 14 sts at LT LY, 52 KD's, 420 bench. Jason Grimes (6-6 286 rFr) PS#377. Duston Moore is **PS#37**.

K DAVID CARLTON JR. 6-1 184 KO's as true. Hit 12 of 16 FG's LY, L/47, 3 misses from 50+! Brennan O'Donohoe hit 6 of 9 FG's, L/45. Chris Balseiro (6-1 189 So) PS#57.

DE JEB HUCKEBA JR. 6-4 236 **PS#14WR**. MLB LY. 8 sts, 60 tkls, 5 tfl. Keith Turner (6-3 237 Sr) 1 sk LY (inj). Jonathan Barry PS#417 in for spg. James Johnson (6-6 281 So) PS#61.

DT ELLIOTT HARRIS SR. 6-4 262 PS#124. 12 sts @ DE, 31 tkls, 4 tfl. Jayson Johnson (6-4 333 Sr) PS#57. Titus Peebles (6-2 300 Jr) PS#278JC. Reggie Banks (6-5 281 So) PS#103.

NG ARRION DIXON JR. 6-4 293 PS#52. 9 sts LY, 32 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl. **Scott Davenport** (6-2 304 Sr) PS#149OL. **7 sts** at LG LY. **Chase Pressley** (6-4 287 rFr) **PS#32**. 4.9 spd.

DE Justin Scott Sr. 6-2 252 PS#161. 2 sts LY, 20 tkls, 3 tfl, 425 bench. **Lucas Jackson** (6-2 243 rFr) **PS#31LB**. Wes Murphy (6-2 254 So) PS#169DL, 10 tkls as true.

WLB TONY BUA SR. 5-11 218 11 sts, 117 tkl, 10 tfl in '01, **2nd Tm SEC 2Y**. 13 sts LY, 131 tkl, 4 sk, 5 tfl. Desmond Sims (6-2 225 rFr) PS#112WR. Michael Robinson (6-2 210 So) PS#95.

MLB Clarke Moore So. 6-2 245 **PS#35**. 4.6 spd. 6 sts LY, 61 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl. Brandon Holmes (6-2 227 Sr) PS#80DB. 7 sts, 891 ttl yds @ RB 3Y. Pierre Brown (6-0 227 So) PS#60DL. 25 tkls.

SLB CALEB MILLER SR. 6-3 225 PS#119. 12 sts, 109 tkls, 7.5 tfl in '01. 14 sts, 113 tkls. 4 sks, 5 tfl LY. Marcus Whitmore (6-0 220 Jr) **PS#45JC**. Shane Collins (6-2 232 Jr) PS#90.

CB LAWRENCE RICHARDSON SR. 5-10 183 **PS#6**. 10.19 100m. 12 sts, 53 tkl, 20 pbu in '01. 12 sts, 4 int, 13 pbu, 49 tkl LY. **Eddie Jackson** (6-0 190 Sr) **PS#48, 25 sts**, 3Y, 4 int, 25 pbu, 149 tkl.

CB AHMAD CARROLL JR. 5-11 190 **PS#8**. 6 sts as true, 47 tkls, 1 int, 13 pbu. 12 sts LY, 60 tkls, 6 pbu. **2nd Tm SEC**. 60m UA rec track tm. Marvin Jackson (5-9 168 Sr) **PS#2JC**. Inj'd LY.

SS JIMMY BEASLEY SR. 5-11 196 PS#133QB. 1 st, 22 tkls in '01. 13 sts LY, 99 tkls, 6 tfl, 1 int, 6 pbu. Bo Mosley (5-10 179 Sr) **PS#35**, 32 tkls, 3 int, 7 pbu. John Jackson (6-0 207 So) PS#96.

FS Vickiel Vaughn So. 6-0 192 **PS#7**, 3 tkls as true. Jimarr Gallon (5-11 196 Sr) PS#120JC. 4 sts in '01, 32 tkls, 3 tfl. 5 sts at WLB LY, 59 tkls, 2 tfl. Lerinezo Robinson (6-0 188 So) PS#56.

P Brennan O'Donohoe Sr. 6-0 190 **PS#7**. 43.7 avg in HS. 23 of 34 FG's here in 3 years, L/45. Jacob Skinner (6-3 185 Fr) PS#94K, 43.5 avg in HS. Josh Dennis (6-1 175 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

OL	Duston Moore 6-4 336 PS#37
QB	Robert Johnson 6-3 205 PS#35
QB	Landon Leach 6-2 190 PS#45
WR	Willie Hordge 5-10 170 PS#68
LB	Rodney Giles 6-4 235 PS#63
RB	Farod Jackson 6-2 235 PS#61
WR	Terrance Hampton 6-0 185 PS#75
LB	Derek Moore 6-3 230 PS#70
DL	Marcus Harrison 6-3 285 PS#108
OL	Jeremy Harrell 6-3 300 PS#112
OL	Robert Felton 6-4 325 PS#114
DL	Keith Jackson 6-1 260 PS#114
OL	Nate Garner 6-6 290 PS#130
DB	Chris Houston 5-11 175 PS#96

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Nutt's records AT ARKANSAS

39-23	Straight Up	13-10	Home Favorite
30-25	Vs The Spread	7-2	Home Underdog
9-6	Off A SU Loss	3-8	Away Favorite
22-19	Vs Conf	7-5	Away Underdog
		8-6	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (9-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (25,23,2)
Lost: 20 (9,8,3)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 60,752

SEC - WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-6
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#40

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30							
Sep. 6	Tulsa	G					
Sep. 13	at Texas	G					
Sep. 20	N Texas (Little Rock)	A					
Sep. 27	at Alabama	G					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	Auburn	G					
Oct. 18	Florida	G					
Oct. 25	at Mississippi	A					
Nov. 1	at Kentucky	G					
Nov. 8	S Carolina (Little Rock)	A					
Nov. 15	New Mexico St	G					
Nov. 22	Mississippi St	G					
Nov. 29	at LSU	G					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Razorbacks are 1-5 SU, but 5-1 ATS the last 6 meetings with the Vols.
Arkansas is 2-8 ATS in their 1st road game of the season the last 10 years.
Razorbacks are 16-26 ATS in lined September games.

Arkansas is 29-5 SU & 20-12 ATS the last 34 in the State of Arkansas.
UA is 8-0 SU & 6-2 ATS vs the Golden Hurricane since 1984.

The Razorbacks are 3-8-1 ATS vs Texas.
Arkansas is 19-9-1 ATS as a dog the last 29.

UA is a perfect 14-0 SU at War Memorial Stadium under Nutt, but just 8-5 ATS.
UA was 1-3 ATS on art turf LY breaking a string of 6 straight yrs w/o an art turf gm.

Arkansas is 7-4 ATS the last 11 years in SEC openers.
The home team has won & covered 4 of the last 5 games.

The home team is 7-2 ATS the last 9 in the series.
The dog is 5-1 ATS the last 6 in the Arkansas/Auburn series.

These teams have met only 3 times with the last being in 1997.
Arkansas is 0-3 SU and ATS vs Florida.

Arkansas is 6-2-1 ATS vs the Rebels in their last 9 meetings.
The favorite is 8-2-1 ATS the last 11 in this series.

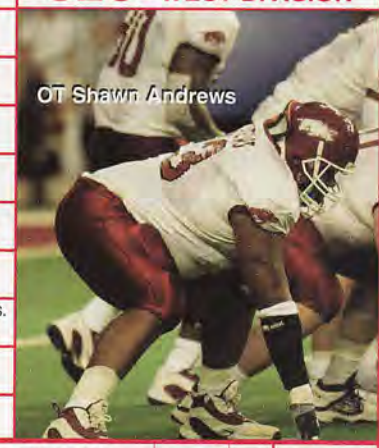
Arkansas is 5-2 ATS in November away games.
Coming into 2003: UA is 1-6 ATS in their last 7 as an AF in SEC gms.

The favorite has covered 8 of the last 9 games.
Arkansas is 4-1 ATS the last 5 meetings with the Gamecocks.

Pending 10/18: Razorbacks are 9-2 ATS in the 2nd of B2B home games.
Arkansas won both meetings SU & ATS outscoring the Aggies 87-24.

The dog is 10-1 ATS in this series since 1992.
Arkansas is 3-7 ATS the last 10 meetings between these 2.

The dog is 7-3 ATS the last 10 in this series.
Arkansas is 11-5-1 ATS in their last 17 away finales.



STADIUM: RAZORBACK (72,000) GRASS
WAR MEMORIAL (LITTLE ROCK 53,727) FIELD TURF

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	4-7	9-2	7-4	6-5	7-4	9-4	46-33
ATS	3-8	5-5-1	7-4	6-5	5-5	6-4	6-7	38-38-1
Home Fav	2-2	0-2	4-1	4-1	1-1	1-2	3-5	15-14
Home Dog	0-3	3-1	1-0	1-0	2-2	3-0	0-0	10-6
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	1-3	1-4	0-0	0-0	1-1	3-9
Away Dog	1-3	2-1-1	1-0	0-0	2-2	2-2	2-1	10-9-1
Favorite	2-2	0-3	5-4	5-5	1-1	1-2	4-6	18-23
Dog	1-6	5-2-1	2-0	1-0	4-4	5-2	2-1	20-15-1
Grass	3-8	5-5-1	7-4	6-5	5-5	6-4	5-4	37-35-1
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	1-3
vs Conf	2-6	5-2-1	6-2	3-5	4-4	5-3	4-5	29-27-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-3	1-2	3-0	1-1	1-1	2-2	9-11
Off SU Win	0-4	1-3	6-2	3-4	2-3	6-1	2-7	20-24
Off SU Loss	3-3	4-1-1	1-1	2-1	3-2	0-2	3-0	16-10

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Fred Talley	197	1185	66	1119	2	5.7
Matt Jones	129	822	208	614	5	4.8
De'Arrius Howard	131	629	34	595	7	4.5
Cedric Cobbs	74	417	18	399	2	5.4
Mark Pierce	37	204	0	204	6	5.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Matt Jones	234	122	52.1	1592	16	8
Tarvaris Jackson	39	14	35.9	143	1	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
George Wilson	49	626	12.8	7	42
Richard Smith	34	582	17.1	4	92
DeCori Birmingham	17	184	10.8	3	31
Mark Pierce	10	104	10.4	2	17

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Richie Butler	69	2715	39.3	79	32.6	5	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
David Carlton	28-29	9-9	1-1	2-3	0-3	12-16	47
Brennan O'Donohoe	14-14	2-2	3-5	1-1	0-1	6-9	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ken Hamlin	159	0	5	11	4
Tony Bua	131	4	5	4	2
Caleb Miller	113	4	5	4	0
Jimmy Beasley	99	2	4	6	1
Clarke Moore	61	3	3	5	1
Jeb Huckeba	60	0	5	2	0
Ahmad Carroll	60	1	1	6	0
Jimarr Gallon	59	0	2	0	0
Eddie Jackson	52	0	1	6	1
Lawrence Richardson	49	2	0	13	4
Gavin Walls	44	6	5	5	1
Pervis Osborne	36	0	5	2	0
Bo Mosley	32	0	0	7	3
Arrion Dixon	32	2	4	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
DeCori Birmingham	28	342	12.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
DeCori Birmingham	28	638	22.8	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Citrus	+3	Michigan	31-45	L
99	Cotton	+5'	Texas	27-6	W
00	Las Vegas	+1	UNLV	14-31	L
01	Cotton	+13	Oklahoma	3-10	W
02	Music City	-7'	Minnesota	14-29	L

ARKANSAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	26.4	18	219	4.8	135	49.5	13.4	+17	2002	7	19.8	19	114	3.2	235	55.3	17.6
6	24.5	17	166	3.7	136	48.0	12.3	+4	2001	8	23.3	18	139	3.7	223	55.8	15.6
4	23.2	18	147	3.9	175	50.0	13.9	-8	2000	5	24.1	16	149	3.9	158	48.6	12.8
6*	29.4	18	141	4.3	231	54.8	12.6	+5	1999	7	17.8	17	92	2.7	203	53.8	16.5
10*	32.5	20	148	3.8	242	51.5	12.0	+12	1998	9	18.9	18	105	2.9	213	52.5	16.8
6	16.5	15	57	1.8	216	47.8	16.6	-6	1997	7	25.8	19	132	3.5	219	54.6	13.6

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE							
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Boise St	15	48-217	4.5	11-24	128	2	18	26-27	1.0	25-39	331	7	+5
S Florida	34	65-307	4.7	18-25	240	4	10	15-48	3.2	14-36	102	1	0
Alabama	13	32-172	5.4	8-29	127	2	18	48-267	5.6	12-24	285	1	-1
at Tennessee	25	66-238	3.6	12-21	211	4	18	47-162	3.4	19-28	291	3	+2
at Auburn	18	45-426	9.5	7-15	66	2	21	40-104	2.6	21-34	288	4	+2
Kentucky	26	54-293	5.4	17-30	222	2	18	32-79	2.5	19-31	253	2	0
Mississippi	16	41-257	6.3	7-15	79	1	27	25-36	1.4	42-56	414	0	+4
Troy St	6	30-65	2.2	7-16	60	1	14	50-95	1.9	8-27	47	2	+3
at S Carolina	17	50-200	4.0	10-18	113	1	14	32-144	4.5	13-31	89	1	+3
Louisiana-Lft	16	45-263	5.8	11-15	141	4	16	30-61	2.0	19-38	168	4	+1
at Mississippi St	19	53-237	4.5	8-14	89	0	27	31-125	4.0	25-49	289	2	+2
LSU	19	48-245	5.1	4-16	127	1	20	43-150	3.5	14-25	203	2	0
† Georgia	12	35-65	1.9	10-21	74	4	25	40-124	3.1	19-33	257	1	0
† Minnesota	19	31-80	2.6	18-40	208	3	21	45-168	3.7	17-32	266	0	-4
TOTALS	255	643-3065	4.8	148-299	1885	31	267	504-1590	3.2	267-483	3283	30	+17
AVERAGES	18.2	46-219	4.8	11-21	135	2.2	19.1	36-114	3.2	19-35	235	2.1	1.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Louisiana	-32	38-17	L
SMU	-9	44-17	W
Alabama	+3	42-6	W
Kentucky	-4	27-20	W
at Memphis	-17'	23-9	L
at S Carolina	-7	41-28	W
at Auburn	-3'	24-21	L
Mississippi	-9	34-0	W
at Tennessee	+9	24-28	W
at Mississippi St	-3	21-22	L
LSU	-6'	41-14	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at SMU	-14	26-0	W
UL Monroe	-35	44-6	W
at Alabama	-2	28-35	L
at Kentucky	-8'	20-31	L
Mid Tenn St	-35'	58-6	W
S Carolina	-22'	48-14	W
Auburn	-7'	34-10	W
at Mississippi	-1	16-38	L
Tennessee	+8	28-24	W
Mississippi St	-7	14-9	L
at LSU	-11	10-35	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Missouri St	NL	38-0	–
Boise St	-13'	38-31	L
Alabama	+2'	28-21	W
Georgia	+3'	7-38	L
UL Monroe	-34'	52-6	W
at S Carolina	+7	7-27	L
at Auburn	+9'	19-21	W
Mississippi	+1'	24-38	L
at Tennessee	+13'	20-63	L
at Mississippi St	+17	17-10	W
LSU	+3	14-3	W

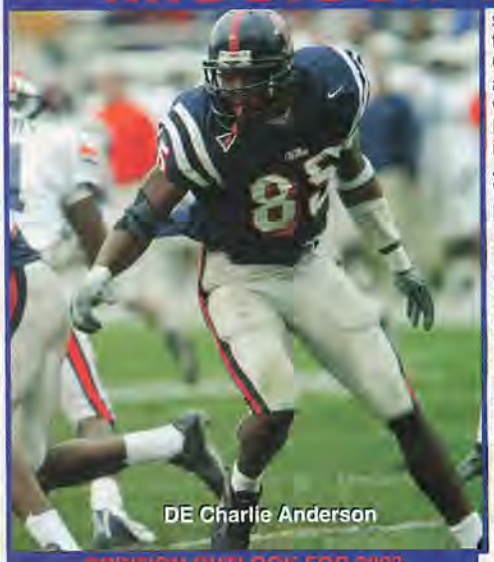
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UNLV	-5	14-10	L
Tennessee	+13	3-13	W
at Alabama	+10	10-31	L
at Georgia	+10	23-34	L
Weber St	NL	42-19	–
S Carolina	+9	10-7	W
Auburn	+1	42-17	W
at Mississippi	+6	58-56 7OT	W
UCF	-5'	27-20	W
Mississippi St	-7'	24-21	L
at LSU	+9'	38-41	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boise St	-7'	41-14	W
S Florida	-13'	42-3	W
Alabama	-6'	12-30	L
at Tennessee	+11	38-41 6OT	W
at Auburn	+5'	38-17	W
Kentucky	-10'	17-29	L
Mississippi	-8	48-28	W
Troy St	-24	23-0	L
at S Carolina	-4'	23-0	W
Louisiana-Lft	-34	24-17	L
at Mississippi St	-11'	26-19	L
LSU	-5	21-20	L

MISSISSIPPI REBELS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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Romaro Miller left Ole Miss as the career leader in passing yards and TD's after the 2000 season, but the Rebels were in good hands with Eli Manning taking control. Manning set 13 school records in his first full year as a starter and hit 1,000 yards passing faster (4th game) than any other Rebel QB. He threw for 2,948 yards (63.5%) with a super 31-9 ratio. He had just 3 int's heading into the final two games but threw six in those. Manning returned for his junior season and for the second straight year bulked up in the offseason adding 15 pounds. He threw for a career best 414 yards against Arkansas (but the team lost) and a career low 154 against Florida (but the team won). Manning passed Miller as the school's all-time career passing leader in the bowl game and currently stands at 6,686 yards. His overall statistics did drop some as he threw for more yards (3,401) but completed only 58% with his ratio dropping to 21-15. Just like his brother, Manning turned down his birthright 1st round DC in the NFL to return for his senior season and he is a frontrunner for the Heisman Trophy. Michael Spurlock (5-11 200 So, PS#42) was third string last year, but has yet to see significant action. Also in the mix at QB are Ethan Flatt (6-6 200 rFr, PS#137) who Cutcliffe said could be the QB of the future and Seth Smith (6-2 210 So) who was PS#74. This year they added VHT true frosh Robert Lane (PS#5). Last year's backup, David Morris, got in just five pass attempts and departs. Since Manning had an off year, I look for solid improvement this season, and he could be the best QB in the country.

RUNNING BACKS - Ole Miss had a solid running game from 1998-2001 averaging 160.2 ypg. Last year the team signed JUCO Ronald McClendon (4.28 speed) who was a JCAA in track. McClendon rushed for 1,012 yards (6.6) at JUCO in 2001 and was recruited by the likes of Nebraska. The team used a TB by committee last year. Robert Williams emerged as the starter and did rush for 100 yards in the opener and 107 vs Memphis but injuries and later a suspension ended his season after just five games. McClendon was a slow starter, but did emerge down the stretch. He led the team in rushing but finished with just 378 yards (3.9). In the first two games Ole Miss averaged 197 rush ypg but in the last ten (not including Ark St) the team averaged just 64.4 ypg. FB Toward Sanford, an outstanding blocker, got in just one start last year with 75 total yards. Tremaine Turner (PS#233) was the best runner down the stretch including an 89 yard effort vs Georgia. Vashon Pearson (6-0 205 So, PS#114) had two starts and 236 yards (3.0). Marvin Vaughan (PS#67) originally signed with Miss St and walked-on here after going to JUCO. Jamal Pittman who was labeled their "back of the future" tore his ACL in the spring. They add VHT true frosh Alan Abrams (PS#35) and JUCO Lorenzo Townsend (6-2 235 Jr). I list the FB's below. While Williams and Sanford depart, this unit's production was lacking last season and I look for significant improvement.

RECEIVERS - Last year four of the top five receivers returned including some VHT's. The unit suffered a big loss in the 4th game when star TE Doug Zeigler was lost for the season. Chris Collins led the team in receiving the last two years, nearly gaining the school record for rec's (56) both years as he had 54 (12.8) in 2001 and 55 (14.8) with ten TD's in 2002. Bill Flowers also had a shot at the school record hauling in 53 rec's (11.1). This year the team must replace FL Jason Armstead (9 sts, 24, 13.2), Zeigler (8 rec), WR Trey Fryfogle (13, 10.8), TE Bo Hartsfield (3 sts, 3, 8.7) and WR Ross Barkley (5 rec). The top three receivers are back and the VHT's in this group include Bill Flowers (PS#38), Mike Espy (PS#22) and Taye Biddle (PS#30) who is a track All-American for Ole Miss. Watch for TE Lawrence Lilly (PS#27) who was able to redshirt last year. Not listed below are Mario Hill (6-1 195 So, PS#129, 3 rec) and Matt Pierce (6-1 185 rFr, PS#108). Despite the losses, I think this is a very talented group and should be even stronger in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Since 1999 Ole Miss has allowed the fewest amount of sacks in the SEC (50) and last year OL Coach Latina said this was the deepest OL he's had since he's been here. Overall they had four starters returning plus got the solid addition of PS#2 Chris Spencer who played as the sixth man all year. Surprisingly the team averaged just 2.97 ypc rushing which was their lowest since 1996 but they did allow just 17 sacks. This year they must replace C Ben Claxton (12 sts, 2nd Tm SEC, 3 yr st'r, #5DC of DEN), RT Belton Johnson (13 sts, 3 yr st'r) and OL Don Prince (3 gms). Eight of the top ten do return and there are three VHT's in the starting 2 deep I list below. Despite the fact that this group is a little less experienced than last year, I look for an improvement in the rushing numbers and for them to keep the usual steady performance in sacks allowed.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Rebels had a good sized defensive front in 1999 and allowed just 2.4 ypc but have been rather small in the trenches the last three years and weak against the rush. Last year they had to replace their two starting DT's, but actually improved their rush defense from allowing 5.0 ypc in 2001 to 4.0 last year. The team rotated five DT's and four DE's and seven of the top nine are back. Gone this year are DT Yahrek Johnson (12 sts, 39 tkls, 2.5 sks), DE Germain Landrum (2 sts, 14 tkls, 2 sks) and DE Chris Herring (10 tkls, PS#20). The group has added some size over last year, has plenty of experience and should be tougher up front in 2003.

LINEBACKERS - The Rebels appeared to be in great shape at the LB position heading into last year but their top LB, Eddie Strong, missed most of the first four games due to injury. He played well enough down the stretch to earn 1st Team SEC honors. Another top LB, Lanier Goethie, broke his foot after four starts and missed the rest of the regular season. The third returning starter, L.P. Spence was limited in the spring following a knee injury and would get just one start. This year the team must replace MLB Eddie Strong (9 sts, 63 tkls), Goethie (4 sts, 22 tkls) and SLB Ryan Hamilton (3 sts, 55 tkls). The team now plays in a 4-2-5 scheme so I list the weak safety as one of the LB spots and that position returns a starter. While two of last year's starters return, they have three players with nine or more career starts under their belt plus get a solid JUCO transfer in Ken Bournes (PS#49) and true frosh Marquis McBeath (PS#59) added to the mix. Replacing a player like Strong is not easy, but he did miss about a third of last season, so I will actually call this unit stronger provided it stays healthier in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Rebels finished #22 in my pass D rankings in 2001, partly due to the fact that teams were able to run at will on them and did not have to pass. Last year they had to replace both starting CB's. Chris Knight and Desmond Johnson began the year as the starting CB's but both lost their jobs after the fourth week and they depart after compiling 26 and 11 tackles respectively. The only starter lost this year is SS Matt Grier (13 sts, 1st Tm SEC, 79 tkls, 5 int). Everyone else is back and if you look at the FS position below, you'll see two VHT's listed as 2nd and 3rd stringers that should end up playing somewhere. The Rebels finished #38 last year allowing 51.9% with a 17-18 ratio and could move up the rankings as the DB's are more experienced and talented.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This was an area of strength under Tuberville with their worst finish in the rankings being #33. Cutcliffe inherited a veteran group but they dropped a little from #44 in 1999 to #55 in 2000 and down to #71 in 2001. Last year all of the key players were back and the unit had its ups and downs during the season, finishing #57 when you include the kicker (#71 without the kicker) because Jonathan Nichols hit a super 15 of 20 FG's with a long of 50 and was a perfect 6 of 6 from 40+. He is back for his junior season. P Cody Ridgeway (PS#28) improved his average from 38.8 to 42.4 and the team net went up to 34.9, and he too is back. They do lose their top returnman in Jason Armstead (12.0 on PR's) but after averaging 27.6 on KR's in 2001 he averaged only 18.6 last season. They look to have one of the best kicking tandems in the SEC and even with the loss of their top returnman, they could move up in the rankings.

COACHES - David Cutcliffe enters his fifth year as the head man at Ole Miss and has a solid 30-19 record. OC John Latina enters his fifth season at Ole Miss, his fourth as OC. Chuck Driesbach enters his second season as the DC. He came under a lot of fire early when they allowed 464 yards to Vandy but then they held Florida to just 300, quieting the critics. He was the DC at TCU in 2001 when they had a top-notch defense and at W Michigan from 1997-2000. The team also added LB coach Jim Knowles, who has been the DC at W Michigan the last two years to the staff. Driesbach was the third DC in three years so there should be more stability this season with him returning.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1954 to 1971 Ole Miss went to 17 bowls including 9 appearances in either the Sugar Bowl or Cotton Bowl. From 1972 to 1996 they were in just five bowls with one New Year's Day game. This is a team that has won 6 SEC Titles but the last was in 1963. Scholarships were short when Cutcliffe took over but they finally got back to the full allotment last year. The team expanded its stadium and sold 45,000 season tickets last year. In 2001 they had to replace their all-time passing leader, rushing leader and receiving leader in the same season but Manning stepped in and guided them to a 7-4 season in his first year as a starter. Last year I called for them to get their 6th straight 7 win season and they barely got there winning the final game of the season to become bowl eligible and then upsetting Nebraska in the Independence Bowl for that 7th win. They lost their first non-conf game since 1994 but beat a Top 10 team for the first time since 1997 (Florida) and it was the biggest win in Oxford since they beat #3 Maryland in 1952. They are the only team in the SEC West to be bowl eligible for six straight years. This year they should have one of the top offenses in the SEC with Manning and a top-notch receiving corps. I look for RB Ronald McClendon to have much more of an impact. While the Rebels were 3-5 last year in the SEC they were outgained by 61.5 ypg which was the 3rd worst mark in the conference. The Ole Miss D showed some improvement last year against the rush allowing 4.0 ypc and is getting bigger up front and that will make them stronger on the defensive side where they return 8 starters. This is the best Rebel contingent in over a decade and I will call for them to notch at least 9 wins for the first time since 1992.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB ELI MANNING SR. 6-5 218 **PS#12.** 11 sts in '01, 2948 yds (64%) 31-9 ratio. 3401 yds (58%) 21-15 ratio, 2nd Tm SEC LY. Robert Lane is PS#5. Michael Spurlock is PS#42.

RB RONALD McCLENDON SR. 5-9 190 **PS#2JC.** 4.28 spd. 1 st LY, #1 w/378 yds (3.9). Tremaine Turner (5-10 200 Sr). 4 sts, 300 yds (3.8). Vashon Pearson (6-0 205 So) PS#114.

FB RICK RAZZANO JR. 5-11 240 PS#120LB. 21 yds as rFr. 13 sts LY, 23 rec (7.8), 60 rush. Brandon Jacobs (6-1 240 So) PS#204. 44 yds. Jamal Pittman (6-2 240 rFr) PS#145.

WR CHRIS COLLINS SR. 6-2 190 PS#98. 8 sts, 54 rec (12.8) in '01. 2 sts LY, 55 rec (14.8), **2nd Tm SEC. Bill Flowers** (6-1 193 Jr) **PS#38.** 10 sts LY, 53 rec (11.1), missed spg.

WR MIKE ESPY SO. 6-0 187 **PS#22.** 3 sts as rFr, 30 rec (15.5). Taye Biddle (6-1 175 So) **PS#30. Track AA!** 14 rec (20.1) as rFr. Kerry Johnson (6-3 193 Jr) 15 rec (12.0).

TE Lawrence Lilly rFr. 6-4 265 PS#27. Eric Rice (6-3 230 Jr) 3 sts last year, 10 rec (8.8). Jimmy Brooks (6-4 262 So) PS#117DL. 1 letter as backup DL last year.

C Justin Sawyer Sr. 6-3 310 PS#251DL. 10 gms as true. 11 gms in 2000, RS in '01, 11 gms LY, 3 sts (2@TE, 1@C), added 12 lbs. Tony Bonds (6-4 308 So) PS#165DL. 1L.

RG MARCUS JOHNSON JR. 6-6 330 PS#157. 11 sts as rFr. 13 sts at RG in '02, added 10 lbs. James McCoy (6-4 325 rFr) PS#193. Shelby Van Every (6-0 265 Jr) 2 gms LY.

LG DOUG BUCKLES JR. 6-5 300 **PS#13OL.** 8 sts as rFr. 13 sts at LG in 2002 and zero sks allowed, added 10 lbs. James Campbell (6-5 310 Jr) PS#61. 3 games in 2 years.

RT Chris Spencer So. 6-4 320 **PS#2OL.** 13 games as rFr & "6th man on OL". Added 15 lbs. Cliff Woodruff (6-6 301 Sr) PS#198DL. 4 gms as rFr, 11 in '01, 13 LY, 3 letters.

LT TRE' STALLINGS SO. 6-4 317 **PS#75.** 13 sts at LT as rFr, SEC Frosh Tm. Bobby Harris (6-4 315 So) PS#161. 3 games LY, 1L. Antonio Sanders (6-3 310 rFr) PS#408.

K JONATHAN NICHOLS JR. 6-0 180 PS#17K. 3 of 6 FG's, 47 of 49 xp's as rFr. 15 of 20 FG's, 6 of 6 from 40+, long of 50 LY! Lee Rogers (5-11 182 Sr) KO's L/3Y, 12 TB's in '02.

DE CHARLIE ANDERSON SR. 6-4 240 PS#134TE. 9 sts in '01. 33 tkls, 2.5 sks, 10 sts in '02, 35 tkls, 3.5 sks, 5 tfl, 7 QBH. Cory Robinson (6-4 250 Jr) PS#190. 6 sts in '01, 2 LY, 43 tkls, 11 tfl, 12 QBH. Jacob Andrew Wicker (6-5 275 rFr) PS#81. Mike Gibson (6-2 298 So) PS#303. 17 tkl LY.

NT JESSIE MITCHELL SR. 6-1 277 PS#112DL. 2 sts, 45 tkl, 3 sks in '01. 12 sts LY, 77 tkl, 6 tfl, 1 pbu. Bryant Thomas (6-1 195 So) PS#95QB. Joe McClendon (5-10 183 Jr) JC.

DT McKinley Boykin So. 6-2 285 **PS#56.** 800 lb squat. 48 tkls, 8 QBH as rFr, +15 lbs. Daniel Booth (6-4 281 Jr) PS#144. 1 st, 14 tkls LY. Brandon Jenkins (6-5 270 Fr) PS#141 LY.

DE JOSH COOPER SR. 6-4 245 4 sts in '01, 27 tkls, 4 tfl. 12 sts LY, 44 tkls, 3 sk, 8 QBH. Jayme Mitchell (6-6 280 So) PS#112. 1 st as true, 28 tkls. Dedrick Clark (6-4 276 rFr) PS#89.

SLB JUSTIN WADE SR. 6-3 225 PS#265. 11 tkls in '01. 9 sts LY, 59 tkls, 2 sk, 4 tfl. Rob Robertson (6-2 228 Jr) PS#148. 2 sts, 48 tkls, 2Y. Jamil Northcutt (6-2 235 Sr) PS#187.

WLB L.P. Spence Sr. 6-3 220 **PS#43.** 8 sts, 45 tkls, 5 sks in '01. Knee surgery LY. 1 st, 29 tkls, 2 tfl. Ken Bournes (6-2 265 Jr) 4.7 spd. **PS#49JC** LY & RS. Brian Lester 22 tkls in 2Y.

WS TRAVIS BLANCHARD SR. 5-11 185 17 tkls in 2000 & '01. 9 sts LY, 63 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. Wes Scott (6-1 195 Sr) PS#265. 3 rec in '99. 3 sts at WS LY, 32 tkls, 1 int. Brad Nichols (6-2 225 Jr) 11 tkls.

CB VON HUTCHINS SR. 5-11 184 PS#222. 11 sts at S in '01, 88 tkls, 1 int. 10 sts LY (3@CB), 66 tkls, **6 int**, 5 pbu. Bryant Thomas (6-1 195 So) PS#95QB. Joe McClendon (5-10 183 Jr) JC.

CB TRAVIS JOHNSON SO. 6-1 191 PS#165. 9 starts as rFr, 47 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu, SEC Fr Tm. Bryan Brown (5-9 185 rFr) PS#66QB. Basketball team. Edwin Gelin is PS#118WR.

SS Kelvin Robinson So. 6-1 215 PS#247. 34 tkls as rFr, 3 tfl, 1 pbu. Marcus Woodson (6-1 190 Sr) PS#262. 3 sts in '01, 22 tkls, 1 int, ACL LY. Keith Houston (6-3 215 rFr) PS#171.

FS ERIC OLIVER JR. 6-2 210 PS#264. 2 sts as true, 25 tkls. 13 sts LY, #1 w/129 tkls, 4 pbu. Tavarus Horne (6-0 203 Jr) **PS#36.** Jeremy Ruffin (6-2 200 So) **PS#25LB.** 17 tkls as true.

P CODY RIDGEWAY JR. 6-1 190 PS#28. 48 punts as rFr, 38.8 avg, net of 32.3. 67 punts LY, 42.4 avg & net of 34.9. Shae Orrell (6-2 215 Sr) PS#86JC. Wesley Bryan (6-2 210 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

QB	Robert Lane 6-3 220 PS#5
OL	Marcus Cohen 6-5 285 PS#39
RB	Alan Abrams 6-0 195 PS#35
LB	Marquis McBeath 6-1 225 PS#59
RB	Trumaine McBride 5-10 177 PS#66
DB	Danny Bell 6-2 205 PS#98
WR	Edwin Gelin 6-3 196 PS#112
WR	Robert Hough 6-5 205 PS#142
DB	Charles Clark 6-0 185 PS#163
CB	Iroko Ayodele 6-2 205 PS#128JC
DL	Viciente DeLoach 6-4 220 PS#203
OL	Thomas Eckers 6-2 290 PS#245
RB	Brandon Jenkins 6-5 270 PS#204
RB	Dawan Woods 6-2 200 PS#215

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#54

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	at Vanderbilt	G					
Sep. 6	at Memphis	G					
Sep. 13	UL Monroe	A					
Sep. 20							
Sep. 27	Texas Tech	A					
Oct. 4	at Florida	G					
Oct. 11	Arkansas St (HC)	A					
Oct. 18	Alabama	A					
Oct. 25	Arkansas	A					
Nov. 1	S Carolina	A					
Nov. 8	at Auburn	G					
Nov. 15							
Nov. 22	LSU	A					
Nov. 27	at Miss St (Thur)	G					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Rebels are 2-8 ATS in their last 10 SEC openers.
Ole Miss is 12-1 SU & 8-1-1 ATS after Auburn since 1990.
Mississippi is 4-14-1 ATS as a double digit favorite.

The home team is 1-7-1 ATS in this series.
Ole Miss is 20-11-1 ATS in SEC road games since 1995.

Rebels are 11-5 ATS their last 16 vs Memphis.
UM is 4-8 ATS the last 12 as a non-conference favorite.

The Rebels are 7-16 ATS as home favorites since 1998.
Ole Miss is 3-7 SU & 3-6-1 ATS prior to a bye their last 10.

Bonus: Ole Miss is 8-1 ATS as a double digit dog.
Bonus: The Rebels are 12-6 ATS their last 18 at home in September.

Mississippi is 6-3 ATS the last 9 after a bye.
Ole Miss entered 2003 at 4-9 ATS the L4Y in non-conf home games.

The SU winner is 6-1 ATS in the Mississippi/Florida series.
UM is 3-1 ATS since 1989 vs Florida.

The Rebels are 10-0 SU but 1-5 ATS vs Arkansas St since 1987.
The average line for the last 6 in this series is Ole Miss -26'.

Ole Miss is 4-14 ATS their last 18 vs the Crimson Tide.
The SU winner is 17-2 ATS in this series.

The Rebels are 3-6 SU & 2-6-1 ATS the last 9 vs the Hogs.
The home team is 6-3-1 ATS the last 10 in this series.

The visitor has covered all 3 meetings since 1981.
Ole Miss is only 3-11-1 ATS the last 15 home games in November.

Ole Miss is 2-6 ATS their last 8 vs Auburn.
The road team has covered 6 of the last 7 games in this series.

The visitor is 13-5 ATS the last 18 meetings.
The Rebels are 2-7 ATS their last 9 home finales.

The home team is 3-6 ATS the last 9 in this series.
Ole Miss is 13-7 ATS the last 20 & 7-2 ATS their last 9 road finales.

DAVID CUTCLIFFE (Career 30-19)
5th Year at Mississippi
Cutcliffe's records AT MISSISSIPPI

30-19	Straight Up	6-13	Home Favorite
19-24-1	Vs The Spread	4-2	Home Dog
8-8-1	Off A SU Loss	4-3-1	Away Favorite
15-16-1	Vs Conference	5-6	Away Dog
		4-8	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (23,24,3)
Lost: 22 (12,9,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 57,217

SEC - WEST DIVISION

WR Chris Collins

STADIUM: VAUGHT-HEMINGWAY (60,580)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	7-4	6-5	7-4	7-4	7-4	6-6	45-33
ATS	2-7	7-3-1	6-5	5-6	4-6-1	4-6	6-6	34-39-2
Home Fav	0-1	2-1-1	1-3	0-4	2-4	1-3	3-2	9-18-1
Home Dog	0-3	0-2	1-1	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	5-8
Away Fav	1-0	1-0	2-0	2-1	1-0-1	1-2	0-0	8-3-1
Away Dog	1-3	4-0	2-1	2-0	0-2	1-1	2-3	12-10
Favorite	1-1	3-1-1	3-3	2-5	3-4-1	2-5	3-2	17-21-2
Dog	1-6	4-2	3-2	3-1	1-2	2-1	3-4	17-18
Grass	1-7	6-3-1	5-5	5-6	4-6-1	4-6	6-5	31-38-2
Artificial	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-1
vs Conf	2-6	5-2-1	4-4	5-3	3-4-1	3-5	4-4	26-28-2
vs Non-Conf	0-1	2-1	2-1	0-3	1-2	1-1	2-2	8-11
Off SU Win	0-4	4-2	3-3	2-5	2-4	3-3	3-2	17-23
Off SU Loss	2-3	3-0-1	2-2	3-0	1-2-1	1-3	3-3	15-13-2

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ronald McClendon	96	402	24	378	3	3.9
Robert Williams	61	314	7	307	4	5.0
Tremaine Turner	79	311	11	300	3	3.8
Vashon Pearson	78	244	8	236	5	3.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Eli Manning	481	279	58.0	3401	21	15
David Morris	5	4	80.0	36	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Chris Collins	55	812	14.8	10	79	
Bill Flowers	53	588	11.1	3	35	
Mike Espy	30	465	15.5	3	78	
Jason Armstead	24	316	13.2	0	28	
Taye Biddle	14	282	20.1	1	67	
Rick Razzano	23	180	7.8	0	20	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Cody Ridgeway	67	2840	42.4	58	–	0	18
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Jonathan Nichols	40-40	5-6	4-8	5-5	1-1	15-20	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Eric Oliver	129	1	3	4	0
Matt Grier	79	4	8	3	5
Jesse Mitchell	77	3	8	1	0
Von Hutchins	66	0	0	5	6
Travis Blanchard	63	0	1	3	1
Eddie Strong	63	2.5	5	5	0
Justin Wade	59	2	4	0	1
Ryan Hamilton	55	1.5	2	0	0
McKinley Boykin	48	0.5	0	0	0
Travis Johnson	47	0	1	6	3
Josh Cooper	44	3	4	2	0
Yahrek Johnson	39	2.5	4	0	0
Charlie Anderson	35	3.5	5	1	0
Kelvin Robinson	34	1	2	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jason Armstead	32	383	12.0	1	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Ronald McClendon	15	252	16.8	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Motor City	-1	Marshall	34-31	W
98	Independence	+9'	Texas Tech	35-18	W
99	Independence	+4	Oklahoma	27-25	W
00	Music City	-3'	W Virginia	38-49	L
02	Independence	+7	Nebraska	27-23	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MISSISSIPPI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	27.0	21	94	3.0	264	58.2	13.3	+5	2002	7	25.5	18	160	4.0	187	51.9	13.6
6	35.5	24	144	3.8	271	63.1	11.7	-1	2001	5	28.2	19	214	5.0	161	49.5	13.3
6*	29.3	19	143	3.9	216	54.2	12.2	+5	2000	5	27.4	19	173	4.6	199	48.5	13.5
7*	26.9	18	181	4.6	187	55.7	13.7	+3	1999	9	19.0	19	78	2.4	260	57.8	17.8
6	23.3	21	173	4.1	217	55.6	16.7	-4	1998	5	22.8	17	126	3.6	202	53.4	14.3
5	22.3	20	138	3.8	252	63.7	17.5	-1	1997	7	20.0	18	166	4.5	190	51.1	17.8

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
UL Monroe	28	35-180	5.1	18-33	198	0	14	43-118	2.7	9-23	110	2	0
Memphis	26	42-214	5.1	14-30	174	0	14	20-18	0.9	20-38	271	5	+2
at Texas Tech	29	30-76	2.5	34-57	374	0	20	27-39	1.4	25-39	270	2	0
Vanderbilt	21	31-107	3.5	24-41	386	0	22	49-257	5.2	11-21	207	3	+3
Florida	11	33-37	1.1	18-33	154	3	18	30-95	3.2	19-44	205	2	+3
Arkansas St	22	42-188	4.5	17-22	320	1	13	36-133	3.7	12-23	131	1	-1
at Alabama	15	28-4	0.1	18-32	219	3	18	43-234	5.4	10-17	222	4	0
at Arkansas	27	25-36	1.4	42-56	414	0	16	41-257	6.3	7-15	79	1	-4
Auburn	22	28-74	2.6	26-46	284	2	15	42-254	6.0	11-21	113	1	-2
at Georgia	20	32-107	3.3	12-25	176	2	24	54-196	3.6	12-22	206	1	0
at LSU	16	28-61	2.2	19-38	218	2	19	46-134	2.9	15-27	188	2	+1
Mississippi St	16	27-90	3.3	16-29	207	0	23	35-79	2.3	23-42	340	4	+1
† Nebraska	20	32-52	1.6	25-44	313	4	17	52-266	5.1	7-17	93	1	+2
TOTALS	273	413-1226	3.0	283-486	3437	17	233	518-2080	4.0	181-349	2435	29	+5
AVERAGES	21.0	32-94	3.0	22-37	264	1.3	17.9	40-160	4.0	14-27	187	2.2	0.4

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Memphis	-10	30-10	W
Auburn	-3	0-17	L
at Vanderbilt	-7'	30-6	W
at SMU	-5'	48-41 OT	W
S Carolina	-9'	30-28	L
at Alabama	+5'	17-20 OT	W
Arkansas St	-26	30-17	L
LSU	+10	37-31 OT	W
at Arkansas	+9	0-34	L
at Georgia	+12	17-24	W
Mississippi St	+6	6-28	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Memphis	-13	3-0	L
Arkansas St	-32	38-14	L
Vanderbilt	-16	34-37 OT	L
at Auburn	+4	24-17 OT	W
at S Carolina	-6'	36-10	W
Tulane	-12	20-13	L
Alabama	+3	24-30	L
at LSU	-4'	42-23	W
Arkansas	+1	38-16	W
Georgia	-5'	17-20	L
at Mississippi St	+3'	20-23	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulane	-19	49-20	W
Auburn	-4'	27-35	L
at Vanderbilt	-5	12-7	T
Kentucky	-7	35-17	W
Arkansas St	-26	35-10	L
at Alabama	+4'	7-45	L
UNLV	-9'	43-40 OT	L
at Arkansas	-1'	38-24	W
LSU	-2'	9-20	L
at Georgia	+7	14-32	L
Mississippi St	+5'	45-30	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Murray St	NL	49-14	–
at Auburn	+5'	21-27	L
at Kentucky	-8	42-31	W
at Arkansas St	-22	35-17	L
Alabama	+8	27-24	W
Mid Tenn St	-12	45-17	W
at LSU	+9'	35-24	W
Arkansas	-6	56-58 7OT	L
Georgia	-3	15-35	L
at Mississippi St	-3	28-36	L
Vanderbilt	-16	38-27	L

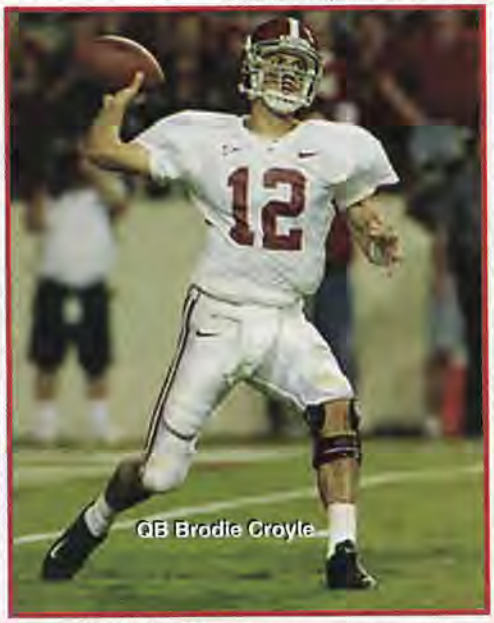
2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UL Monroe	-31'	31-3	L
Memphis	-8'	38-16	W
at Texas Tech	+3'	28-42	L
Vanderbilt	-21	45-38	L
Florida	+13'	17-14	W
Arkansas St	-29	52-17	W
at Alabama	+11	7-42	L
at Arkansas	+8	28-48	L
Auburn	+4	24-31	L
at Georgia	+15	17-31	W
at LSU	+9'	13-14	W
Miss St	-8	24-12	W

ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Bama had a QB controversy for three straight years with Andrew Zow and Tyler Watts sharing the duties. Watts threw for 1,325 yards (54.7%) with a 10-3 ratio while rushing for 668 yards in 2001. He finally had the starting job to himself last year although Brodie Croyle (PS#2) made his much anticipated debut as a rFr. Watts hurt his foot vs S Miss on the first series and Croyle struggled in that game hitting just 4 of 15 for 15 yards with 2 interceptions. However, in Croyle's first start he threw for 285 yards and two TD's vs Arkansas. Watts returned two games later but was injured again in the 2Q. Watts took 43 snaps against Tennessee but hit just 2 of 5 for zero yards. He had his breakout game against Miss St hitting 16 of 22 for 223 yards and finished the season #2 in the SEC in pass efficiency. Watts departs after throwing for 1,414 yards (61.9%) with a 7-4 ratio while rushing for 487. Croyle threw for 1,046 yards but completed just 48.8% with a 5-5 ratio while rushing for 92 yards. It was the first time in Tide history that two QB's threw for over 1,000 yards in the same season. Croyle threw for 9,323 yards in his HS career (52.6%). Spencer Pennington (6-4 218 So, PS#72) has a strong arm and played in six games last year with one pass attempt. Brandon Avalos (6-0 185 rFr) was PS#86. Bama fans have clamored for Croyle to start in each of his first two years, and he should be productive in his first full year as a starter.


QB Brodie Croyle

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Tide had all of their top RB's returning including their leading rusher from 2001, Ahmaad Galloway (971, 5.1) and the impressive Santonio Beard who averaged 8.0 ypc. They did lose their top two FB's prior to the year and used a W-back which is a combination TE/FB. Galloway started the first four and rushed for 257 yards (4.4), but was lost for the year with a torn ACL. Beard started six games rushing for 811 yards (4.9). Shaud Williams, a Texas Tech transfer (PS#30), rushed for 921 yards and a team high 7.1 ypc, hauled in 21 rec's (10.9) and added 437 return yards. This year they must replace both Galloway (#7DC of DEN) and Beard. Challenging Williams is Ray Hudson (5-11 194 Jr, PS#117) who rushed for 306 yards (6.2) and Kenneth Darby (5-11 186 rFr, PS#36). Not listed below is Trevis O'Neal (6-2 225 rFr, PS#120) and Nic Luke (6-1 209 rFr, PS#140). Some of this year's new signees could also play. This group is not as deep as it was heading into last season, but should put up decent numbers.

RECEIVERS - The Tide receiving corps was inexperienced last year as they had to replace their starting TE and not only lost two of their top three WR's due to graduation, but lost the other one to an injury prior to the season. The leading returning receiver, Sam Collins (PS#17), had just 20 rec's in 2001. Triandos Luke had an up and down season as he had 9 rec's in the opener but then just 7 in the next seven games. However, he had 9 vs Vanderbilt and would have 16 more in the final four games to lead the team with 41 (11.8). The strongest WR, Dre Fulgham, benches 455 and added 30 rec's (16.8). Both are back this year. The only losses are WR Sam Collins (13 sts, #2 rec, 35, 15.8) and WB Theo Sanders (6 sts, 7 rec, 11.9). Antonio Carter (5-9 188 Sr, PS#7) returns, but was forced to undergo another surgery on his leg and missed the spring. In Carter's three years he has 18 starts and 110 rec's (12.1). I list the rest of the 2 deep below and not listed are Marcus McKnight (6-2 170 rFr) and TE David Cavan (2 sts, 2 rec). This unit will get a lot more action than it did last season and is not only more experienced but also more talented.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Tide had to replace three starters and one of the returning starters lost his job. Over the last eight games the unit featured three rFr starters. The Tide was still able to lead the SEC in rushing and the unit paved the way for 5.2 ypc while allowing 24 sacks. That was the first year of Franchione's system and nine of the top ten returned last year including all five starters. The Tide's numbers surprisingly slipped as they averaged 4.48 ypc rushing while allowing 31 sacks. This year three players depart including two starters. Gone are C Alonzo Ephraim (13 sts, 2 yr st'r, 1st Tm SEC), RG Marico Portis (13 sts, 1st Tm SEC) both of whom were VHT's and backup LT Lannis Baxley (13 games). I list the 2 deep below and the depth is not as solid this year due to their probation but those three redshirt frosh are all juniors and form a solid nucleus up front. Another problem arises in the fact that the OL's were solid run blockers but now must improve their pass blocking skills. The team arguably loses its top two OL's and is a little less experienced than they were last season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Tide had one of the best DL's in the country returning all but two players from 2001 and the starting front four possessed three dominating seniors. The Tide allowed just 2.7 ypc rushing and recorded 44 sacks as a team. This year they must replace NT Kenny King (10 sts, 51 tkls, 10 tfl, 1st Tm SEC, #5DC of ARZ), DE Kindal Moorehead (13 sts, 54 tkls, 9 sks, 1st Tm SEC, #5DC of CAR) and DT Jarret Johnson (13 sts, 54 tkls, 3rd Tm AA, 1st Tm SEC, #4DC of BAL). DE Antwan Odom suffered from sleep apnea in his first year here, and also missed the 2001 season with a shoulder injury. He finally had a big impact with 10 sacks in five starts. Not listed below are Leslie Williams (6-5 223 Sr, PS#24) who had 7 tkls and 2 tfl in 145 snaps last year and JP Adams (6-3 245 rFr). You rarely see a team forced to replace three 1st Team All SEC DL's in one year, but this is what the Tide must face. The backups were very productive but this year's line has less depth than it had last season, and looks weaker.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Tide had to replace their #1 tackler plus three backups who combined for three starts and 55 tackles but surprisingly the unit performed well. The good news this year is that basically everyone is back including MLB's Freddie Roach and Derrick Pope who split time last year and Brooks Daniels and Cornelius Wortham, the #1 and #2 tacklers. While the group will not have last year's outstanding D-line in front of them, it looks like one of the best LB corps in the SEC and is even more experienced than last year's fine group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - While the Tide traditionally finishes high in my pass D rankings, they finished #84 in 2001 allowing 58% completions with only six interceptions. Seven different players earned starts in that season and five returned last year. With an outstanding defensive front seven in front of them and an experienced secondary, the Tide rose to #20 in my pass D rankings allowing 49.5% with an 11-18 ratio. This year they lose 2.5 starters in SS Waine Bacon (12 sts, 72 tkls, 4 int, 10 pbu, #6DC of ATL), CB Gerald Dixon (13 sts, 52 tkls, 2 int, 12 pbu, 2nd Tm SEC) and CB Hirchel Bolden (7 sts, 29 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu). Five players do return with starting experience. This group is less experienced than last season and surprisingly has just two VHT's in the group, so I look for a drop in the pass D rankings this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Tide finished #28 in my special teams rankings in 2000 and had practically everyone back in 2001 but surprisingly finished just #61. Last year the unit struggled even more finishing #94. Punter Lane Bearden suffered a torn ACL in the fifth game on a fake punt. He played with the injury hobbling on and off the field but surprisingly the team's net punting only went down from 36.8 to 34.8. Shaud Williams was the top PR (8.6) and Ray Hudson the top KR (20.5) and both return. Bearden must be replaced and Michael Ziifle (PS#78) who had 8 punts last year (38.2) could win the job. Three different players handled the placement duties. Ziifle began the season hitting 6 of 10 FG's but after missing 3 FG's in three games, Brian Bostick replaced him. Bostick hit 6 of 8 FG's but was replaced by Kyle Robinson. Robinson would hit 5 of his first 6 FG's but just 1 of 4 down the stretch as the three kickers combined to hit 18 of 28 FG's with a long of 47. All three return this year and should improve and surprisingly Mike McLaughlin (6-2 195 So, PS#1) did not enter into the mix. I look for improvement in the rankings this season.

COACHES- What a tumultuous offseason as Mike Price & Co installed a new offense in the spring only to be replaced by Mike Shula who is the youngest HC in the SEC at 37 years old. Shula has been the QB coach of the Miami Dolphins for the last 2 years and is a former Tide QB who led the team to a 32-15-1 record. As of this writing, Shula will tweak the wide-open offense that Price installed in the spring, and hopes to retain DC Joe Kines.

PHIL'S FORECAST

After a stunning 3-8 record in 2000 the Tide rebounded to get to a bowl game in 2001 in Dennis Franchione's first year. Last season they had 15 returning starters and despite being on probation and ineligible for a bowl, the Tide basically won the SEC West (best record at 6-2) and had the most impressive statistics of any SEC team in league play as they outgained conf foes by an average of 152.1 ypg (79 ypg more than the #2 team) and outscored them by an average of 16 ppg. They tried to appeal the two year bowl ban but were denied so their "bowl", just like last year, will be a trip to Hawaii on Nov 29th. This year they must replace 28 lettermen which is the most in the league and have just 12 starters returning. They are also switching schemes on the offensive side of the ball (twice since last Dec) and that figures to have the offense less potent than last year's 28.2 ppg. I ranked the Tides' D 5th best in the country last year but they do suffer some key losses on that side of the ball. The defense will still will be one of the tops in the league, even with just 6 starters back. They have a couple of things working against them. One is that they benefitted from +15 in turnovers last season (see page 310) and the second is they might start feeling the effects of the scholarship limits as well as the lack of a true postseason bid at the end of the year. Plus, they are going through two coaching changes and scheme changes on both sides of the ball. This is still a top-notch team but I don't see the Tide rolling out to match last year's 10 win total.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Brodie Croyle So. 6-2 198 **PS#2**. 2 sts as rFr, 1046 yds (48.8%) 5-5 ratio, 92 yds rush, 327 snaps. Spencer Pennington PS#72, 6 games LY. Brandon Avalos (6-0 185 rFr) PS#86.

RB Shaud Williams Sr. 5-8 189 **PS#30**. 11 sts, 899 rush (5.3) 346 rec (5.9) 2Y @ TT. **#1 w/921 yds**, super 7.1 ypc, 21 rec (10.9) LY, 3 sts. Ray Hudson (5-11 194 Jr) 512 yds (5.9) 2Y.

WR DRE FULGHAM SR. 6-1 217 PS#47. 3 rec in '00-'01. 455 bench. 4 sts, 30 rec (16.8) LY. Brandon Greer (6-1 192 Sr) PS#78, 13 gms. 1 rec, 180 snaps LY. William Roach is PS#50.

WR TRIANDOS LUKE SR. 6-0 188 PS#55. 15 rec in '01 (10.1). 13 sts LY, 41 rec (11.8), 39.5" VL, 10 KR (19.6). Matt Caddell PS#27. Tarry Givens (6-4 223 Jr) PS#79, 40" VL.

WR Zach Fletcher Sr. 6-3 186 PS#141JC. 7 rec LY & super 27.6 ypc. Antonio Carter **PS#7**. 45 rec (13.0) in '00. 32 rec (13.4) in '01. Inj LY. Brandon Brooks (5-4 162 So) PS#122.

TE CLINT JOHNSTON SO. 6-4 248 PS#49. 10 rec (9.9), 478 snaps rFr. Greg McLain (6-2 246 So) PS#88LB. 6 sts, 91 yds at FB as true. Donald Clarke (6-6 256 Sr). 6 sts, 7 rec (21.9) LY.

C J.B. Closner So. 6-4 295 PS#368. 6 gms as rFr, 48 snaps, DNL, 2nd string C LY. Montre Walker (6-2 265 So). Justin Gibson (6-3 260 rFr). Nick Ridings (6-0 246 Sr) LS.

RG Dennis Alexander Sr. 6-6 352 PS#106. 7 sts as rFr, SEC Fr Tm. 12 gms in '01. 13 gms, 115 snaps LY. Mark Sanders (6-6 314 So) **PS#77**. Grant Dickey (6-5 295 rFr) **PS#61**.

LG JUSTIN SMILEY JR. 6-4 301 **PS#48**. 12 sts as true, 701 snaps, 133 KD's. 13 sts LY, **2nd Tm SEC**, 895 snaps, 177 KD's. Matt Lomax (6-3 293 Sr) PS#19. Danny Martz (6-4 290 Jr).

RT EVAN MATHIS JR. 6-5 294 PS#216. 9 sts as rFr, 462 snaps, 76 KD's. 13 sts, 178 KD's, 500 lb bench '02. Off season surgery. Von Ewing (6-5 300 So) PS#24, 4 gms as rFr.

LT WESLEY BRITT JR. 6-8 312 **PS#28**. 12 sts as rFr, 107 KD's. 13 sts at LT LY, 967 snaps, 195 KD's, **1st Tm SEC**. Atlas Herrion (6-4 300 Sr) PS#55JC. 9 gms, 150 snaps in '01. RS LY.

K KYLE ROBINSON SR. 5-10 175 5-5 FG's L/45 at JC in '01. 6 of 10 FG's L/46 here LY. Brian Bostick (5-11 207 Jr) 6 of 8 FG's, L/39. Mike McLaughlin (6-2 195 So) PS#1 in '01.

DE Nautyn McKay-Loescher Sr. 6-4 255 **PS#43**. 3 sts, 32 tkls, 3 sks in '01. 7 sts LY, 25 tkls, 4.5 sks, 21 QBH. Chris Harris (6-5 230 rFr) **PS#39**. Adam Campbell (6-0 250 So) +30 lbs LY.

DT Ahmad Childress Jr. 6-7 345 PS#117. 7 sks at JC in '01, 65 tkls. 2 sts here LY, 24 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 int, 234 snaps. Jeremy Clark (6-3 280 rFr) PS#127. JoLee Taylor (6-3 277 Jr).

DT Anthony Bryant Sr. 6-3 345 **PS#6**. 20 tkls in '01, 1 st in '02, 32 tkls, 2 tfl, 4 QBH, 500 bench, 333 snaps. Dominic Lee **PS#22**. Taylor Britt (6-3 279 So) PS#429. UAB trans.

DE ANTWAN ODOM JR. 6-5 273 **PS#5**. 2 sts, 13 tkls as true. 5 sts LY, 42 tkls, **10 sks**, 11 QBH, 433 snaps. Kyle Tatum (6-6 274 rFr) **PS#17**. Mark Anderson (6-6 230 So) 13 tkls, 2 sks.

WLB BROOKS DANIELS SR. 6-2 205 **PS#19**. 110 tkl, 2 tfl in '01. #1 w/110 tkl, 3 sk, 6 tfl, **2nd Tm SEC LY**. 1st at UA w/B2B 100 tkl yrs. Juwan Garth (6-2 193 rFr) PS#102. Earnest Nance PS#98.

MLB FREDDIE ROACH SO. 6-2 238 **PS#33**. 11 sts as rFr, 63 tkls, 7 tfl, 580 snaps, SEC Fr Tm. Derrick Pope (6-0 223 Sr) **PS#1JC**. 2 sts here LY, 65 tkls, 6 tfl, 1 int, 3 QBH.

SLB CORNELIUS WORTHAM SR. 6-1 233 PS#51RB. 9 sts in '01, 60 tkls, 5 tfl. 12 sts LY, 95 tkls, 4 tfl, 5 QBH, 489 plays, 480 bench. DeMeco Ryans (6-1 213 So) PS#143LB. 27 tkls as true.

CB Anthony Madison Jr. 5-9 171 PS#56WR. 1 st at NB LY, 11 tkls, 6 pbu, 1 tfl, 279 snaps. David Scott (6-0 177 Sr) PS#31JC. 7 int @ JC. 8 tkls LY. Ramzee Robinson (5-10 175 rFr) PS#118.

CB CHARLIE PEPRAH SO. 5-11 195 PS#108. 8 sts as rFr, 47 tkls, 1.5 tfl, 4 int, 616 snaps. Roberto McBride (5-9 167 Sr) PS#111. 1 st in '01, 26 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. 3 tkls, 1 pbu LY.

SS Carlos Andrews Jr. 6-0 208 **PS#23**. 1 st, 13 tkls, 1 pbu, 228 snaps, 3Y. Thurman Ward (6-1 177 Jr) PS#63, 11 tkls, 1 int in '01. WR LY. Chris James (6-0 189 Jr) PS#245, 17 tkls LY.

FS CHARLES JONES SR. 6-0 183 PS#76. 5 sts in '01, 32 tkls, 3 pbu, 310 snaps. 13 sts LY, 85 tkls, 3 int, 4 pbu, 805 snaps LY. Roman Harper (6-1 182 So) PS#233, 42 tkls, 2 sks, 2 pbu LY.

P Michael Ziifle Jr. 6-0 236 PS#58K. 9 gms LY, 8 punts, 38.2 avg. 6 of 10 FG's, L/47, 12-12 on xp's, KO's in 4 gms. Bo Freeland (6-4 205) #1 punter in spg. Josh Woodard (6-1 170 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

RB	Tim Castille 5-11 220 PS#10
DL	Dominic Lee 6-4 295 PS#22
WR	Matt Caddell 5-11 170 PS#27
RB	Le'Ron McClain 6-1 240 PS#27
WR	William Roach 6-1 195 PS#50
OL	Justin Moon 6-6 300 PS#83
QB	Cliff Davis 6-5 210 PS#67
WR	Eric Packer 5-9 184 PS#86
LB	Terrence Jones 6-1 205 PS#78
DB	Chris Felder 5-11 170 PS#81
DB	DJ Chambers 6-0 180 PS#84
LB	DeMarcus Waldrop 6-0 200 PS#109
DB	Eric Gray 5-11 190 PS#109
DB	Tyrone Prothro 5-10 176 PS#140

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#4

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	S Florida *(Birmingham)*	G					
Sep. 6	Oklahoma	G					
Sep. 13	Kentucky	G					
Sep. 20	N Illinois	G					
Sep. 27	Arkansas	G					
Oct. 4	at Georgia	G					
Oct. 11	S Mississippi (HC)	G					
Oct. 18	at Mississippi	A					
Oct. 25	Tennessee	G					
Nov. 1							
Nov. 8	at Mississippi St	G					
Nov. 15	LSU	G					
Nov. 22	at Auburn	G					
Nov. 29	at Hawaii	A					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Crimson Tide is 6-2 ATS as an away dog in November since 1995.
Alabama is 1-4 ATS the last 5 non-conference games in November.
Bama is just 2-7 SU & 3-6 ATS as a home dog since 1995.

Alabama is 0-4 ATS the last 4 season openers (2-8 ATS the last 10).
Crimson Tide is 8-1 SU & 7-2 ATS vs CUSA foes since 1997.

This will be Alabama's 3rd all-time meeting vs Oklahoma.
Including bowls, the Tide is 4-1 SU & ATS vs Big 12 teams since 1985.

The Tide is 3-0 SU & ATS their last 3 games when hosting Kentucky.
However, Alabama is just 3-10 ATS in their SEC season opener.

Only 3rd current MAC team Bama has played in 20+ yrs (1-1 SU but 0-2 ATS).
Bama is 9-3 SU, but 4-8 ATS as a DD home fav.

Bama is 7-4 ATS vs Arkansas since 1992.
The home team is 4-1 ATS the last 5.

Tide blanked the Bulldogs 31-0 their last visit to Athens in 1995.
Alabama is 1-4 ATS the last 5 in their away opener.

The Crimson Tide is 5-1 SU & ATS their last 6 vs the Golden Eagles.
Crimson Tide is 2-4 ATS the last 6 Homecoming games.

Alabama is 7-1 SU & 6-2 ATS playing at Mississippi since 1980.
The Tide is 14-4 ATS the last 18 & 40-8-2 SU all-time vs Ole Miss.

Tide is 11-6 ATS the last 17 vs Tennessee but 2-4 ATS the last 6 years.
Alabama is 8-4 ATS prior to a bye week the last 9 years.

Bama is 2-10 ATS the last 12 vs Mississippi St.
The Crimson Tide is 14-5 ATS after a bye since 1990.

The Tide is 6-3 SU & ATS their last 9 vs LSU.
The home team is only 3-14 ATS the last 17.

The Crimson Tide is 8-5 SU & 9-4 ATS their last 13 vs rival Auburn.
Alabama has won 4 straight ATS playing at Auburn.

Alabama is 4-2 ATS in season finales, but lost ATS here same time LY.
The Tide is 1-4 ATS their last 5 regular season games on artificial turf.

MIKE SHULA (Career 0-0)
1st Year at Alabama

Shula's record AT ALABAMA

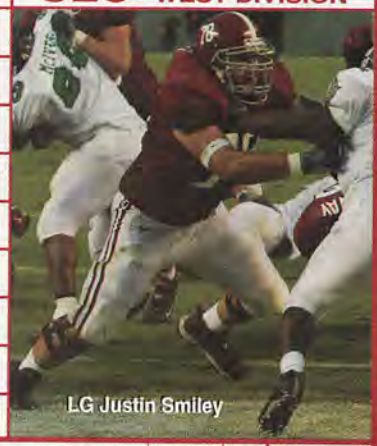
0-0 Straight Up	0-0 Home Favorite
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0 Home Dog
0-0 Off A SU Loss	0-0 Away Favorite
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0 Away Dog
0-0 Vs Non-Conf	

2002 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 6
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (19,20,4)
Lost: 28 (11,16,1)

2002 AVG ATTENDANCE IN TUSCALOOSA: 83,318
2002 AVG ATTENDANCE AT LEGION FIELD: 80,091

SEC - WEST DIVISION


LG Justin Smiley

STADIUM: LEGION FIELD (83,091) BRYANT-DENNY (83,818)
PLAYING SURFACE: LEGION-GRASS BRYANT-GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	4-7	7-4	10-2	3-8	6-5	10-3	49-32
ATS	5-6-1	5-6	7-4	8-4	3-8	5-6	7-5-1	40-39-2
Home Fav	2-4	2-3	3-2	3-2	2-3	3-3	3-4	18-21
Home Dog	0-0	0-2	2-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	3-5
Away Fav	1-2	2-1	0-1	2-1	0-2	0-2	1-1-1	6-10-1
Away Dog	2-0-1	1-0	2-1	2-0	1-2	2-0	3-0	13-3-1
Favorite	3-6	4-4	3-3	5-3	2-5	3-5	4-5-1	24-31-1
Dog	2-0-1	1-2	4-1	3-1	1-3	2-1	3-0	16-8-1
Grass	5-6	4-6	7-4	7-4	3-8	5-6	7-4-1	38-38-1
Artificial	0-0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-1-1
vs Conf	5-3-1	3-5	5-3	6-3	3-5	3-5	4-3-1	29-27-2
vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-1	2-1	2-1	0-3	2-1	3-2	11-12
Off SU Win	4-4-1	1-3	3-3	6-3	1-2	4-1	5-3-1	24-19-2
Off SU Loss	1-1	3-3	3-1	2-0	2-5	1-4	2-1	14-15

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Shaud Williams	130	952	31	921	5	7.1
Santonio Beard	165	858	47	811	12	4.9
Tyler Watts	130	487	131	356	3	2.7
Ray Hudson	49	315	9	306	1	6.2
Ahmaad Galloway	58	281	24	257	4	4.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Tyler Watts	181	112	61.9	1414	7	4
Brodie Croyle	123	60	48.8	1046	5	5
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Sam Collins	35	553	15.8	3	64	
Dre Fulgham	30	505	16.8	3	51	
Triandos Luke	41	482	11.8	2	36	
Shaud Williams	21	228	10.9	0	75	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Lane Bearden	50	2074	41.5	55	–	0	12
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Michael Ziifle	12-12	3-5	0-1	3-3	0-1	6-10	47
Kyle Robinson	23-24	3-3	1-3	2-3	0-1	6-10	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Brooks Daniels	110	3	6	1	0
Cornelius Wortham	95	1	3	2	0
Charles Jones	85	0	1	4	2
Waine Bacon	72	1	0	10	4
Derrick Pope	65	1	5	0	1
Freddie Roach	63	1	6	1	1
Jarret Johnson	54	5	4	1	0
Kindal Moorehead	54	9	5	3	0
Gerald Dixon	52	0	3	12	2
Kenny King	51	3	7	1	0
Charlie Peprah	47	.5	1	0	4
Roman Harper	42	2	1	2	0
Antwan Odom	42	10	4	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Shaud Williams	40	346	8.6	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Ray Hudson	13	267	20.5	0	
Triandos Luke	10	196	19.6	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Citrus	-3'	Ohio St	24-17	W
96	Outback	E	Michigan	17-14	W
98	Music City	+5	Virginia Tech	7-38	L
99	Orange	-1	Michigan (OT)	34-35	L
01	Independence	-6	Iowa St	14-13	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

ALABAMA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	28.2	20	213	4.5	190	56.1	14.3	+15	2002	8	15.4	15	80	2.7	177	49.5	16.7
7*	26.5	19	220	5.2	178	55.2	15.0	+3	2001	7	19.3	19	114	3.3	255	58.5	19.1
9*	20.7	16	138	3.9	172	49.2	14.9	-8	2000	8	22.4	19	125	3.3	212	55.5	15.1
8*	29.2	19	179	4.3	192	56.6	12.7	+5	1999	7	20.4	16	72	2.6	233	54.9	14.9
3	20.9	18	110	3.1	222	55.6	15.9	0	1998	4	23.9	21	153	3.8	209	54.3	15.1
6*	22.4	17	151	3.9	174	50.8	14.5	+6	1997	3	22.6	19	137	3.9	227	53.7	16.2

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Mid Tennessee	22	43-194	4.5	16-22	236	0	22	38-183	4.8	17-25	202	0	+1
at Oklahoma	14	45-96	2.1	17-35	192	3	12	23-(-23)	-1.0	21-38	306	6	-2
N Texas	25	58-336	5.8	14-19	198	1	11	37-50	1.4	10-19	91	5	-1
S Mississippi	20	64-351	5.5	5-17	21	2	8	26-35	1.3	8-27	110	4	+2
at Arkansas	18	48-267	5.6	12-24	285	1	13	32-172	5.4	8-29	127	2	+1
Georgia	16	37-109	2.9	16-29	197	3	22	42-161	3.8	15-27	224	3	+1
Mississippi	18	43-234	5.4	10-17	222	4	15	28-4	0.1	18-32	219	3	0
at Tennessee	14	46-172	3.7	7-12	128	2	17	26-59	2.3	15-27	163	4	+4
at Vanderbilt	24	45-157	3.5	21-31	271	1	9	29-46	1.6	7-18	116	3	+2
Mississippi St	21	40-165	4.1	18-25	244	2	17	32-107	3.3	21-38	139	3	+2
at LSU	27	54-300	5.6	11-25	177	2	14	31-131	4.2	9-23	65	2	+1
Auburn	17	34-111	3.3	18-37	209	4	14	38-129	3.4	10-18	169	5	0
at Hawaii	18	62-280	4.5	9-17	93	6	21	8-(-12)	-1.5	26-53	372	4	+4
TOTALS	254	619-2772	4.5	174-310	2473	31	195	390-1042	2.7	185-374	2303	44	+15
AVERAGES	19.5	48-213	4.5	13-24	190	2.4	15.0	30-80	2.7	14-29	177	3.4	1.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
BYU	-4'	38-31	W
Vanderbilt	-19'	32-7	W
at Arkansas	-3	6-42	L
Florida	+17	10-16	W
Mississippi	-5'	20-17 OT	L
E Carolina	-9	23-22	L
at Tennessee	+17'	18-35	W
S Mississippi	+3	30-20	W
at LSU	+8	22-16	W
at Mississippi St	+3	14-26	L
Auburn	-4	31-17	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Vanderbilt	-14	28-17	L
Houston	-13'	37-10	W
LA Tech	-13'	28-29	L
Arkansas	+2	35-28	W
at Florida	+16	40-39 OT	W
at Mississippi	-3	30-24	W
Tennessee	+3	7-21	L
S Mississippi	-1'	35-14	W
LSU	-20	23-17	L
Mississippi St	-6	19-7	W
at Auburn	-3'	28-17	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UCLA	-7	24-35	L
Vanderbilt	-21'	28-10	L
S Mississippi	-6'	0-21	L
at Arkansas	-2'	21-28	L
S Carolina	-9'	27-17	W
Mississippi	-4'	45-7	W
at Tennessee	+3	10-20	L
UCF	-18'	38-40	L
at LSU	+3	28-30	W
at Mississippi St	+7	7-29	L
Auburn	+1	0-9	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCLA	-2'	17-20	L
at Vanderbilt	-11	12-9	L
Arkansas	-10	31-10	W
at S Carolina	+6	36-37	W
UTEP	-21	56-7	W
at Mississippi	-8	24-27	L
Tennessee	+2	24-35	L
LSU	-5	21-35	L
Mississippi St	-11	24-17	L
at Auburn	+3	31-7	W
S Mississippi	-7	28-15	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mid Tenn	-17	39-34	L
at Oklahoma	+12	27-37	W
N Texas	-21	33-7	W
S Mississippi	-7	20-7	W
at Arkansas	+6'	30-12	W
Georgia	-4'	25-27	L
Mississippi	-11	42-7	W
at Tennessee	+2	34-14	W
at Vanderbilt	-22	30-8	T
Miss St	-21'	28-14	L
at LSU	-1'	31-0	W
Auburn	-10'	7-17	L
at Hawaii	-11'	21-16	L

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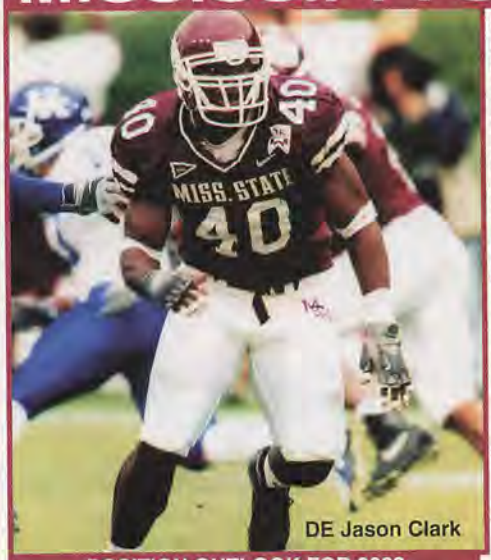

DE Jason Clark

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Much was expected of fourth year starter Wayne Madkin in 2001 as he came into that season as MSU's record holder in career completions and in passing yards with a nifty 23-10 SU record. MSU was just 2-6 in 2001 in Madkin's starts before he was lost for the season with a broken toe and Kevin Fant (PS#23) led the team with 1,352 yards (55.3%) and an 8-9 ratio. Fant had an 0-5 ratio in his first four games and an 8-4 ratio after that. Fant is an Elite Iron Dawg with a 365 bench, 4.54 speed and a 32" VL. Fant did not even play QB until he was a sophomore in HS so he continues to improve. The team was able to redshirt Kyle York (PS#103) that year even though he was 2nd string in the final three games. In 2001 in the eight games prior to Fant starting the team averaged 12.6 ppg but in his three starts they averaged 31.7 ppg. Fant and York were both back last year. Shockingly Fant's 1 game NCAA suspension was announced the night before the season opener and York got the start. In the very tough environment of Autzen Stadium York struggled but still hit 18 of 37 for 192 yards. Fant returned the next week and threw an 89 yard TD pass, the longest in school history. He suffered a high ankle sprain with 1:00 left vs Troy St a few weeks later and York got a second start against Memphis (19 of 29, 149 yds). True frosh Justin Tyler (PS#49) took a lot of snaps in practice as the 2nd stringer when Fant was hobbled but still managed to redshirt. Fant was only 80-85% healthy the rest of the year and was re-injured vs Tennessee. York played the entire 2H vs Arkansas. Aries Nelson (6-2 210 rFr, PS#81) is also in the mix as is VHT True frosh Omarr Conner. Fant missed the last two weeks of spring due to personal problems but will return in August to compete for the starting job with York.

RUNNING BACKS - Miss St has always been known for its powerful rush attacks under Jackie Sherrill but in 2001 they lost starting FB Justin Griffith to injury and leading rusher Dicenzo Miller suffered an ankle sprain early and was not 100% the rest of the year. He still led the team with 676 yards (5.1). Much was expected when Dontae Walker (PS#2) enrolled and he did lead the team in rushing with 938 yards (5.7) in 2000. Walker, however, only had 548 yards (4.0) in 2001 and then reported to camp last year 32 lbs over his normal playing weight. Last year Walker missed three games early due to injuries and then sat out the final few games due to academics and finished with just 148 yards (2.6). Sherrill signed two VHT true frosh last year, Jerious Norwood (PS#6) and Nick Turner (PS#12). Norwood led the RB's with 394 yards (6.0) including 138 that he had vs Kentucky. Fred Reid got in five starts (338 yds, 3.5). FB Griffith had 11 starts and led the team with 471 yards rushing (5.2) and also had 19 rec's. This year the only losses are Walker and Griffith (#4DC of ATL). Nick Turner cleared up some legal troubles in the spring and will team with Norwood to revitalize MSU's dormant rushing game. I list the FB's below. It is unusual for a Jackie Sherrill team to have their top rusher only have 471 yards, and I look for significant improvement this season.

RECEIVERS - Last year everyone returned to the Bulldogs receiving corps with the WR's having a lot of speed and the TE being the very talented Donald Lee. Lee (#5DC of MIA) had 22 rec's (7.3) and is a big loss. Also gone this year is WR Terrell Grindle (11 sts, 34, team high 17.9) as well as Darius Tubbs who had 18 rec's. WR Justin Jenkins missed two games with a knee injury but still hauled in 28 rec's (9.8). Ray Ray Bivines (PS#27) led the team with 40 (12.8). I list the 2 deep below and there are three VHT's in the group. Not listed below at WR are Milas Randle (6-2 205 Sr) who had one start and 15 tackles at L-DOG in 2002 and moves to WR, Brandon Wright (5-9 149 So, PS#39), Will Prosser (6-3 205 rFr) and Ken Topps (5-11 163 rFr, PS#42). I think this has the makings of a solid receiving corps, but with the loss of the top yardage man as well as their outstanding TE, I'll call them down a few notches in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Jackie Sherrill does a good job recruiting linemen and they usually end up well over 300 pounds. The group paved the way for a solid 4.7 ypc rushing in 2000 but even with four starters back in 2001, they only averaged 3.6. Last year they returned just one starter and slipped even further down to 3.4 ypc while allowing 32 sacks. At the start of the year it appeared that two of the best OL's were freshmen in Chris McNeil (PS#49) and Richard Burch (PS#38). Both had won starting spots, but both suffered season ending injuries. This year they must replace Donald Tucker (10 sts) as well as RG Michael Allen (4 sts) and LT Carl Hutchins (6 sts). This year's group has six players with starting experience. Not only do they have last year's super frosh but this year they signed two more top-notch frosh in David Price (PS#55) and Donovan Davis (PS#9). Davis will probably start as a true frosh. I look for significant improvement in the Bulldogs' offensive front in 2003.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Under Joe Lee Dunn the Bulldogs played in a 5 man defensive front, but this year they change to the more traditional 4 man. Last year the team had 3 of 5 starters returning and allowed 3.89 ypc rushing while the team recorded a paltry 10 sacks. This year they must replace DT Kahlil Nash (6 sts, 34 tkls, 3.5 tfl), DT Michael Oyefesobi (10 tkls, 1 tfl) and DE Nathan Jackson (11 tkls). A big addition this year could be Deljuan Robinson (PS#9) who missed last year due to heart surgery and resigned this season. He may be forced to redshirt. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and even though they are learning new schemes, this group is actually a little more experienced and I'll call the front line stronger.

LINEBACKERS - In the new terminology of the defense, the team uses 2 LB's and 2 SS's. One of the projected starting SS's is Jason Clark, who is 240 pounds so I will list him under the LB position as he actually played DE last season. The only loss from this unit is a big one in Mario Haggan (#7DC of BUF) who was the #1 tackler with 119 and was 2nd Team SEC. Everyone else is back and I list a talented 3 deep below with 2 of the projected starters VHT's in Marvin Byrdsong (PS#11) and Jason Clark (PS#22). I think the Bulldog defense as a whole underperformed last year, and I'm impressed with the talent of this year's LB corps which could actually be one of the best in the SEC.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bulldogs always fared well in my pass efficiency defense rankings under Joe Lee Dunn including four consecutive Top 25 finishes from '97-2000 but finished a surprising #49 in 2001. They returned three starters last year but one of them, CB Demetric Wright, was injured in the opener and missed the season. Overall they finished #66 allowing 49.6% with a 22-14 ratio. This year they must replace CB Korey Banks (12 sts, 45 tkls, 3 int, 12 pbu), S Michael Gholar (8 sts, 66 tkls, 8 tfl), FS Josh Morgan (12 sts, 60 tkls, 2 int), S Richard Ball (5 sts, 14 tkls, 3 pbu) and S Walter Burdett (2 tkls). Wright is back from injury so he is like a third starter returning to the group. They actually have two PS#2 DB's in the mix provided Quinton Culberson, this year's signee, can overcome legal problems. As expected, FS Darren Williams made quite an impact as a true frosh (8 sts). There are five VHT's in the group with three who signed this year, and I look for improvement in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Jackie Sherrill has always put an emphasis on special teams and has had three Top 10 finishes since 1996. In 2001 they finished a surprising #55 in my rankings. Last year they dropped even further to #95 despite having the majority of the key players return. K John Michael Marlin hit 8 of 16 FG's in 2001 with a long of 43. Brent Smith took over and hit a super 16 of 20 FG's with a long of 53. Both K's return along with Keith Andrews (6-0 193 rFr) who was PS#17 and hit a 59 yard FG setting the Louisiana state HS record. Punter Jared Cook returns for his third year. Last year he averaged a super 42.2 per boot while sharing time with Robert Wallis (43.9). Surprisingly the team's net dropped from 34.6 to 31.4, but not much went right for the Bulldogs. They do lose their top PR in Korey Banks (10.0) but Sherrill usually finds somebody solid. The top KR's, Fred Reid (24.5) and Jerious Norwood (20.9) as well as Nick Turner (26.8), are all back. This could be the most improved special teams in the country.

COACHES- Jackie Sherrill enters his 13th year as head man and shook up the offense as well as defense, by letting go of longtime OC Sparky Woods and DC Joe Lee Dunn. The new OC is Morris Watts who was the OC at Mich St and the interim head coach there over the last three games. The new DC is Ron Cooper who was the head coach at Louisville from 1995 to 1997, at Alabama A&M from 1998 to 2001 and was the Wisconsin DB coach last season. They also have a solid DL coach in John Blake who used to be the top guy at Oklahoma and was an assistant with the Dallas Cowboys.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

Prior to the 2001 season the Bulldogs had the best record of all of the SEC West schools over the previous four years. The 2000 Bulldogs benefitted from +10 turnovers (see page 310) and finished 8-4 overall. In 2001 MSU had its first losing record since 1996 dropping to 3-8 and they were outscored in SEC play by an average of 12.1 ppg. Last year the Bulldogs fell even further as they were 0-8 in SEC play. Interestingly, turnovers were a major part in the Bulldogs losing season as they finished -15 in that category. In fact in SEC play they were outscored by an average of 17.8 ppg but only outgained by a minuscule 16 ypg. On the season, **MSU went 3-9 but outgained their opponents by a 337-324 yard margin!!** This could be the surprise team in the SEC this year despite the fact they must replace 27 lettermen, which is the second highest in the conference. Also, they only have 13 returning starters with QB Fant still a slight question mark as he did not participate in the second half of the spring drills. The Bulldogs draw Vandy and Kentucky from the SEC East and have a manageable non-conf slate, so they should have no problem topping last year's 3 win total despite breaking in new coordinators on both sides of the ball. I give the Bulldogs a decent shot at avoiding a losing season and at being one of the surprise teams in the SEC.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB KEVIN FANT SR. 6-2 207 **PS#23**. L/3 sts in '01, 1352 yds (55%) 8-9 ratio. 10 sts LY, 1918 yds (52%) 10-12 ratio. Kyle York (6-0 205 So) PS#103. 2 sts, 693 yds (49%) 4-10 ratio.

TB JERIOUS NORWOOD SO. 6-0 185 **PS#6**. 394 yds (6.0) as **true**, 292 ret yds. Fred Reid (5-9 180 Jr) PS#202. 5 sts, 446 yds (3.7) 27 rec (7.4) 2Y. Nick Turner (5-10 177 So) **PS#12**.

FB Darrell Jones Jr. 5-11 231 PS#135LB. 7 sts in '01, 57 ttl yds. 1 st LY, 65 ttl yds. Jeff Billings (6-0 254 So) PS#131LB. Nick Signaigo (6-3 241 Jr). Bryson Davis (6-1 263 rFr) PS#381.

WR Justin Jenkins Sr. 6-1 210 PS#101. 9 sts, 42 rec (15.7) in '01. 10 sts LY, 28 rec (9.8). Antonio Hargro (6-3 180 Jr) **PS#20**. 2 sts, 7 rec 2Y. Track. McKinley Scott (6-0 196 Jr) PS#153.

WR RAY RAY BIVINES JR. 5-11 176 **PS#27**. 14 rec (12.1) as rFr. 4 sts LY, #1 w/40 rec (12.8) 181 rush & ret yds. Tee Milons (5-9 165 So) PS#103. 15 rec as true. Brandon Wright **PS#39** LY.

TE Aaron Lumpkin Sr. 6-4 257 PS#25. 11 gms, 3 rec in '01. 12 gms, 1 rec LY. Blake Pettit (6-4 238 rFr) PS#117. Tommy Ferrill (6-4 238 Sr). Kyle Wiley (6-2 254 Sr) PS#377OL.

C BLAKE JONES SR. 6-2 284 PS#379. 4 gms as rFr. Last 6 sts at C in 2001. 12 sts in 2002. Avery House (6-4 294 So) **PS#60**. Manuel Dickson (6-4 286 Jr) PS#154JC.

RG Chris McNeil So. 6-3 289 **PS#49**. 3 sts at G as rFr until foot inj. Will Rogers (6-5 326 Jr) PS#270. 8 games in 2 years. Johnny Wadley (6-2 353 So) 4 sts last year.

LG BRAD WEATHERS JR. 6-5 313 PS#455 in 1998. Mission. 2 games as "true". 7 sts at LG in '02. David Price (6-4 315 Fr) **PS#55**. Rusty Holloway (6-5 399 Jr) Alcorn St trans.

RT DAVID STEWART JR. 6-6 304 PS#109. 3 sts as rFr, 12 sts in 2002. +10 lbs. **Donovan Davis** (6-7 330 Fr) is **PS#9**. 82" wingspan. James Cochran (6-5 288 rFr) PS#344.

LT Richard Burch So. 6-5 302 **PS#38**. 7 gms, 2 sts as **true**, then broke his tibia. James Redmond (6-7 319 rFr) PS#115 Orig signed w/UGA. Monte Collins (6-6 379 rFr) PS#131.

K BRENT SMITH SR. 5-10 203 JUCO. 16 of 20 FG's here LY. Long of 53, 2 of 3 from 50+, **2nd Tm SEC**. John Michael Marlin (5-8 155 Sr) PS#25. 8 of 16 FG's L/43 in '01.

DE TOMMY KELLY SR. 6-6 296 PS#162 in '99. JC. 7 sts here in '01, 50 tkls, 8 tfl. 9 sts at DT LY, 32 tkls, 7 tfl. **Deljuan Robinson** (6-5 290 Fr) **PS#9** in 2002, re-signed TY.

DT RONALD FIELDS JR. 6-2 303 PS#253. 3 sts, 22 tkls, 3 tfl as true. 9 sts LY, 41 tkls, 1 tfl. Jadice Moore (6-3 296 Jr) PS#63. 1 tkl LY. Markell McKinley (6-2 294 rFr) PS#71.

DT Lennie Day Sr. 6-3 261 PS#27TE. 12 tkl, 14 gms in '00 & '01. 23 tkl, 3 tfl LY. Kamau Jackson (6-1 284 Sr) PS#92JC. 6 sts LY, 47 tkl, 4 tfl. Otis Riddley (6-1 350 rFr) PS#133.

DE WILLIE EVANS SO. 6-2 257 PS#257. 5 starts as true, 38 tkls, 1 sk, 4 tfl. Robert Spivey (6-1 239 Jr) PS#96. 19 tkls, 2 tfl in '01. 1 st LY, 11 tkls. Corey Clark is PS#87.

LB Marvin Byrdsong So. 6-2 240 **PS#11LB**. 2 sts as true, 17 tkls, 1 tfl. 100m relays & 225 bench 16x's. Tarus Morgan (6-0 249 Jr) PS#380. 5 tkls LY. Brandon Downing (6-0 241 So) PS#234.

LB TJ MAWHINNEY SR. 6-1 235 IAA school trans. 8 sts in 2001, 93 tkls, 4 tfl. 12 sts LY, #2 w/88 tkls, 4.5 tfl, 2 int, 5 pbu. Kenny Kern (5-11 230 So) PS#91. Carlton Rice is PS#116.

SS JASON CLARK SR. 6-1 240 **PS#22LB**. 24 tkls, 1 int as true. 4 sts in '01, 32 tkls, 1.5 tfl. 12 sts LY, **2nd Tm SEC**, 66 tkls, 6 tfl. Rico Bennett (6-0 202 So) PS#101. 3 sts, 8 tkls LY.

CB KEVIN DOCKERY SO. 5-10 181 PS#399. 7 starts as true, 29 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu. 37.5" VL. Odell Bradley (5-10 180 Sr) PS#92JC. 12 int at JC in '01. Adrian Griffin is **PS#40**.

CB Demetric Wright Sr. 5-10 168 PS#69JC. 10 sts in 2001, 46 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu here. 1 st last year, inj'd, RS. Quinton Culberson (6-0 210 Fr) **PS#2!** Has legal problems.

SS Chris Swain Jr. 5-11 190 PS#151JC. 4.44 spd. In for spg. Clarence McDougal (6-1 215 So) **PS#29** in 2001. 3 knee surgeries. Eric Fuller (6-2 195 Jr) PS#148JUCO.

FS DARREN WILLIAMS SO. 6-2 194 **PS#2DB**. 8 sts as **true**. 62 tkls, 3 int, 4 pbu, SEC Frosh Tm. Slovakia Griffith (5-11 190 Jr) PS#380. 3 sts, 30 tkls LY. Brett Morgan (6-0 188 So) PS#97QB.

P JARED COOK JR. 5-10 191 45.6 avg in high school. 60 punts (40.7) net 34.6 in 2001. 48 punts in 2002, 42.2 avg. Robert Wallis (5-10 180 Sr) 18 punts in 2002, 43.9 average.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

DB	Quinton Culberson 6-2 210 PS#2	
OL	Donovan Davis 6-7 330 PS#9	
QB	Omarr Conner 6-0 205 PS#20	
OL	David Price 6-4 315 PS#55	
DB	Adrian Griffin 5-11 170 PS#40	
DL	Corey Clark 6-3 295 PS#87	
DB	Jeramie Johnson 6-0 185 PS#59	
WR	Jason Husband 6-3 205 PS#95	
DL	Devrick Hampton 6-3 290 PS#127	
LB	Carlton Rice 6-1 210 PS#116	
RB	Jason Jude 6-0 235 PS#110	
LB	Michael Heard 6-3 225 PS#133	
DB	Rickey Wright 6-0 185 PS#136	
QB	Tyler Threadgill 5-11 175 PS#112	

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Aug. 30	Oregon	G						
Sep. 6								
Sep. 13	at Tulane	A						
Sep. 20	at Houston	G						
Sep. 27	LSU	G						
Oct. 4	Vanderbilt	G						
Oct. 11	Memphis (HC)	G						
Oct. 18	at Auburn	G						
Oct. 25	at Kentucky	G						
Nov. 1								
Nov. 8	Alabama	G						
Nov. 15	at Tennessee	G						
Nov. 22	at Arkansas	G						
Nov. 27	Mississippi (Thur)	G						

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Miss St is 4-13 ATS as a double digit favorite since 1995.
Bulldogs are 0-6 ATS vs SEC East teams the last 2 years.
MSU is just 2-7-1 SU vs Arkansas, but 7-3 ATS.

Mississippi St is 3-13-2 ATS at home before a bye.
Miss St is 5-2 ATS as a double digit home dog the last 7.

Bonus: Mississippi St is 1-5 ATS after a bye.

Mississippi St is 5-0 SU & ATS vs Tulane since 1989.
Bulldogs are 8-4 ATS in road openers under Sherrill, 2-4 the last 6.

They haven't met since 1972 & Miss St is 1-4 SU L/5 (6-6 SU all-time).
The Bulldogs are 7-3 ATS the last 10 in their 2nd straight away game.

Miss St is 3-12 ATS the last 15 & 1-10 ATS the last 11 vs the Tigers.
Bulldogs are 1-4 SU & 0-5 ATS their last 5 home games vs LSU.

MSU is 5-1 SU & 4-2 ATS S/80 vs Vandy, including 4-0 ATS the last 4.
The Bulldogs are 2-6 ATS the last 8 as SEC home favorites.

Mississippi St is 17-5 SU but 7-12-1 ATS since 1981 vs Memphis.
The visitor is 10-3 ATS in this series.

The SU winner is 10-2 ATS the last 12.
The dog is 5-2 in Auburn, but 0-6 ATS in Starkville.

The road team has covered the last 5 meetings in this series.
Bulldogs are 6-3 ATS on the road before a bye since 1995.

MSU is only 5-18 SU, but 16-6-1 ATS in this series.
The visitor is 12-5 ATS in this series going back to 1986.

The visitor is 5-2 ATS in this series.
Bulldogs are 10-4 ATS their last 14 November road games.

Miss St is 7-3 ATS in their last road game of the year the last 10.
The underdog is 10-1 ATS the last 11 in this series.

MSU is 2-7 SU & 3-6 ATS in their home finale since 1994.
The SU winner has covered 18 of the last 19 Egg Bowls.

JACKIE SHERRILL (Career 178-110-4)
13th Year at Mississippi State
Sherrill's records AT MISSISSIPPI ST

73-65-2 Straight Up	22-27 Home Favorite
70-62 Vs The Spread	12-9 Home Dog
30-24 Off A SU Loss	12-12 Away Favorite
51-45 Vs Conference	24-14 Away Dog
19-17 Vs Non-Conf	

2002 RECORD: **(3-9)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (22,21,4)
Lost: 27 (11,13,3)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 48,291

SEC - WEST DIVISION

WR Ray Ray Bivines

STADIUM: DAVIS WADE STADIUM (55,082)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	7-4	8-4	9-2	7-4	3-8	3-9	42-37
ATS	6-5	5-6	8-3	4-7	6-5	6-5	3-8	38-39
Home Fav	1-2	2-3	3-0	2-5	2-2	1-3	0-1	11-16
Home Dog	1-2	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	2-1	1-3	7-7
Away Fav	2-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	3-3	0-0	0-0	7-7
Away Dog	2-0	2-1	3-2	1-1	0-0	3-1	2-4	13-9
Favorite	3-3	2-4	4-1	3-6	5-5	1-3	0-1	18-23
Dog	3-2	3-2	4-2	1-1	1-0	5-2	3-7	20-16
Grass	6-5	5-6	7-2	4-7	6-5	6-5	3-7	37-37
Artificial	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-2
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	8-1	3-5	4-4	4-4	2-6	29-28
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	0-2	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	9-11
Off SU Win	0-4	4-3	4-3	3-5	4-3	2-1	1-2	18-21
Off SU Loss	5-1	1-2	3-0	1-1	1-2	3-4	2-5	16-15

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Justin Griffith	91	483	12	471	2	5.2
Jerious Norwood	**66**	**418**	**24**	**394**	**0**	**6.0**
Fred Reid	**97**	**363**	**25**	**338**	**3**	**3.5**
Dontae Walker	57	157	9	148	5	2.6
Kevin Fant	**61**	**129**	**198**	**-69**	**0**	**-1.1**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kevin Fant	**311**	**163**	**52.4**	**1918**	**10**	**12**
Kyle York	**129**	**63**	**48.8**	**693**	**3**	**10**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Terrell Grindle	34	608	17.9	3	91
Ray Ray Bivines	**40**	**511**	**12.8**	**4**	**89**
Justin Jenkins	**28**	**273**	**9.8**	**0**	**20**
Tee Milons	**15**	**231**	**15.4**	**0**	**54**
Darius Tubbs	18	214	11.9	0	37

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Jared Cook	**48**	**2024**	**42.2**	**63**	**–**	**0**	**7**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brent Smith	**16-16**	**6-6**	**6-6**	**2-5**	**2-3**	**16-20**	**53**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Mario Haggan	119	0	7	1	0
T.J. Mawhinney	**88**	**0.5**	**4**	**5**	**2**
Michael Gholar	66	3	5	3	1
Jason Clark	**66**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**1**
Darren Williams	**62**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**3**
Josh Morgan	60	0	2	4	2
Kamau Jackson	**47**	**1**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Korey Banks	45	0	1	12	3
Ronald Fields	**41**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Willie Evans	**38**	**1**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Kahlil Nash	34	1.5	2	1	0
Tommy Kelly	**32**	**1**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Slovakia Griffith	**30**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Korey Banks	20	200	10.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Fred Reid	**18**	**441**	**24.5**	**0**
Jerious Norwood	**14**	**292**	**20.9**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	Peach	-1'	N Carolina	17-21	L
94	Peach	-6	NC State	24-28	L
98	Cotton	+6'	Texas	11-38	L
99	Peach	+3	Clemson	17-7	W
00	Independence	+1'	Texas A&M (OT)	43-41	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MISSISSIPPI ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	18.9	18	119	3.4	218	51.1	17.8	-15	2002	7	28.3	18	170	3.9	154	49.6	11.5
7*	17.8	17	129	3.6	215	52.7	19.3	-4	2001	5	26.2	20	157	3.9	215	54.7	14.2
6*	32.5	18	198	4.7	182	54.8	11.7	+10	2000	3	25.5	19	107	3.1	233	49.2	13.3
2*	21.3	17	102	3.0	217	51.7	15.0	+4	1999	7	13.0	15	68	1.9	168	50.9	18.2
8*	26.9	16	165	4.2	155	46.0	11.9	+3	1998	4	19.7	19	154	3.5	170	51.3	16.5
6	20.6	16	159	4.0	156	48.0	15.3	-2	1997	6	19.6	19	111	3.3	227	57.4	17.3

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Oregon	12	24-31	1.3	18-37	192	2	23	53-205	3.9	14-28	166	0	-3
Jacksonville St	25	45-175	3.9	17-29	372	1	15	35-120	3.4	12-24	128	1	+1
Auburn	18	31-91	2.9	20-34	232	5	19	48-207	4.3	10-21	183	1	-6
at LSU	13	30-88	2.9	16-43	161	1	19	53-256	4.8	4-12	52	1	0
at S Carolina	12	25-69	2.8	21-40	205	2	20	59-230	3.9	11-21	178	1	-3
Troy St	21	46-118	2.6	22-32	210	5	12	33-136	4.1	7-26	61	0	+2
at Memphis	19	49-197	4.0	19-29	149	1	17	19-58	3.1	25-48	288	0	+4
Kentucky	17	43-230	5.3	9-34	162	3	14	41-105	2.6	12-26	161	1	-5
at Alabama	17	32-107	3.3	21-38	139	3	21	40-165	4.1	18-25	244	2	-2
Tennessee	12	30-121	4.0	15-35	160	3	18	64-232	3.6	3-8	90	3	0
Arkansas	27	31-125	4.0	25-49	289	2	19	53-237	4.5	8-14	89	0	-2
at Mississippi	23	35-79	2.3	23-42	340	4	16	27-90	3.3	16-29	207	0	-1
TOTALS	216	421-1431	3.4	226-442	2611	32	213	525-2041	3.9	140-282	1847	10	-15
AVERAGES	18.0	35-119	3.4	19-37	218	2.7	17.8	44-170	3.9	12-24	154	0.8	-1.3

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Vanderbilt	-12'	42-0	W
at Memphis	-10'	14-6	L
at Oklahoma St	+1	23-42	L
at S Carolina	+2'	38-0	W
Auburn	-1	38-21	W
E Tenn St	NL	53-6	–
at LSU	+8	6-41	L
at Kentucky	+7'	35-37	W
Alabama	-3	26-14	W
Arkansas	+3	22-21	W
at Mississippi	-6	28-6	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mid Tenn St	-33'	40-7	L
Memphis	-13'	13-10	L
Oklahoma St	-3	29-11	W
S Carolina	-13'	17-0	W
at Vanderbilt	-5'	42-14	W
at Auburn	-3	18-16	L
LSU	-15'	17-16	L
Kentucky	-6'	23-22	L
at Alabama	+6	7-19	L
at Arkansas	+7'	9-14	W
Mississippi	-3'	23-20	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Memphis	-5	17-3	W
at BYU	-2	44-28	W
at S Carolina	-1	19-23	L
Florida	+7	47-35	W
Auburn	-1	17-10	W
at LSU	-6	38-45 OT	L
Mid Tenn St	-27'	61-35	L
at Kentucky	-6'	35-17	W
Alabama	-7	29-7	W
Arkansas	-17	10-17 OT	L
at Mississippi	-5'	30-45	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Memphis	-18'	30-10	W
S Carolina	-3	14-16	L
at Florida	+18	0-52	L
at Auburn	+2'	14-16	W
Troy St	-24	9-21	L
LSU	+3	0-42	L
Kentucky	-7'	17-14	L
at Alabama	+11	17-24	W
at Arkansas	+7'	21-24	W
Mississippi	+3	36-28	W
BYU	+4	38-41	W

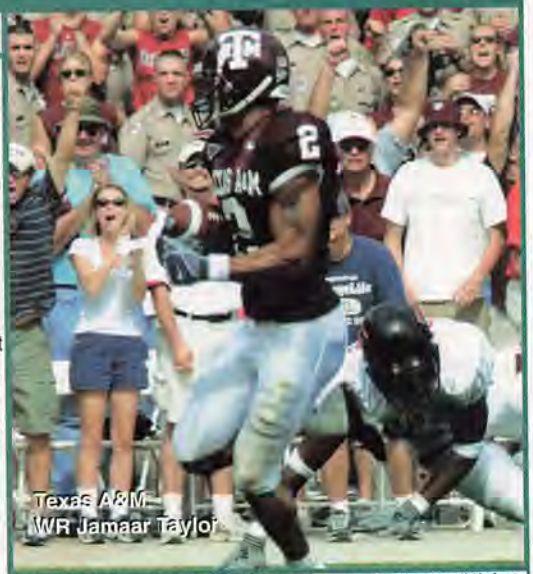
2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oregon	+13	13-36	L
Jax St	NL	51-13	–
Auburn	+3	14-42	L
at LSU	+13'	13-31	L
at S Carolina	+4'	10-34	L
Troy St	-11	11-8	L
at Memphis	+2'	29-17	W
Kentucky	+5	24-45	L
at Alabama	+21'	14-28	W
Tennessee	+7	17-35	L
Arkansas	+11'	19-26	W
at Mississippi	+8	12-24	L

BIG 12 CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 BIG 12 TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Brad Smith, Missouri	Ell Roberson, Kansas St	Jammal Lord, Nebraska	Josh Fields, Oklahoma St
RB	Cedric Benson, Texas	David Horne, Nebraska	Brian Calhoun, Colorado	Derek Farmer, Tex A&M
RB	Darren Sproles, Kansas St	Tatum Bell, Oklahoma St	Kejuan Jones, Oklahoma	Zack Abron, Missouri
WR	Roy Williams, Texas	Lane Danielsen, Iowa St	Will Peoples, Oklahoma	Carlos Francis, Texas Tech
WR	Rashaun Woods, Okla St	Jamaar Taylor, Texas A&M	Wes Welker, Texas Tech	James Terry, Kansas St
WR	B.J. Johnson, Texas	Robert Quiroga, Baylor	Sloan Thomas, Texas	Darius Outlaw, Missouri
TE	Bo Scaife, Texas	Brock Edwards, Texas	Thomas Hill, Kansas St	Billy Bajema, Okla St
C	Nick Leckey, Kansas St	A.J. Ricker, Missouri	Vince Carter, Oklahoma	Cedric Fields, Baylor
G	Bob Montgomery, Iowa St	Mike Erickson, Nebraska	Marwan Hage, Colorado	Davin Joseph, Oklahoma
G	E.J. Whitley, Texas Tech	Justin Blalock, Texas	Aldo De La Garza, Texas A&M	Sam Mayes, Oklahoma St
T	Jammal Brown, Oklahoma	Casey Shelton, Iowa St	Quintin Outland, Baylor	Richie Incognito, Nebraska
T	Rob Droege, Missouri	Wes Sims, Oklahoma	Jonathan Scott, Texas	Jami Hightower, Tex A&M
DL	Tyson Smith, Iowa St	Kalen Thornton, Texas	Trevor Johnson, Nebraska	Linnis Smith, Texas A&M
DL	Tommie Harris, Oklahoma	Marcus Tubbs, Texas	Jordan Carstens, Iowa St	Kory Klein, Oklahoma
DL	Rodrique Wright, Texas	Marcus Jasmin, Texas A&M	Patrick Kabongo, Nebraska	Nick Leaders, Iowa St
DL	Andrew Shull, Kansas St	Jonathan Jackson, Oklahoma	Bryan Pickryl, Texas	Adell Duckett, Tex Tech
LB	Teddy Lehman, Oklahoma	Barrett Ruud, Nebraska	Josh Buhl, Kansas St	John Garrett, Baylor
LB	Lance Mitchell, Oklahoma	James Kinney, Missouri	Pasha Jackson, Oklahoma	Brandon Brown, Iowa St
LB	Derrick Johnson, Texas	Sean Tufts, Colorado	Marvin Simmons, Kansas St	Demorrio Williams, Nebraska
CB	Derrick Strait, Oklahoma	Cedric Griffin, Texas	Randy Jordan, Kansas St	Byron Jones, Texas A&M
CB	Nathan Vasher, Texas	Fabian Washington, Nebraska	Antonio Perkins, Oklahoma	Michael Harden, Missouri
SS	Rashad Washington, Kan St	JaMaine Billups, Iowa St	Ryan Aycock, Texas Tech	Philip Bland, Nebraska
FS	Brandon Everage, Oklahoma	Medford Moorer, Colorado	Dakarai Pearson, Texas	Jaxson Appel, Texas A&M
K	Luke Phillips, Oklahoma St	Trey DiCarlo, Oklahoma	Dusty Mangum, Texas	Adam Benike, Iowa St
P	Kyle Larson, Nebraska	Cody Scates, Texas A&M	Brock Harvey, Missouri	Cole Farden, Oklahoma St
KR	Selvin Young, Texas	Josh Davis, Nebraska	Shirdonya Mitchell, Missouri	Darren Sproles, Kansas St
PR	Antonio Perkins, Oklahoma	Nathan Vasher, Texas	Jeremy Bloom, Colorado	Marcus James, Missouri


Texas A&M WR Jamaar Taylor

Big 12 Notes: Interestingly last year each Big 12 division sent four teams to a bowl with the Big 12 North teams going 1-3 SU and 0-4 ATS and the Big 12 South going 4-0 SU and ATS. While the league was 5-3 in bowls last year and favored in 7, it is now 8-8 in bowls the last two years. In the first 5 years of the league, the North schools were 12-4 in bowls but they are just 1-7 since. The South was 2-12 in bowls but is now 7-1 the last 2 years. Two of the past 5 Heisman Trophy winners have come from this league. The Big 12 title game has cost the league a spot in the BCS title game 3 times since it was started. Last year the Big 12 was 36-15 in non-conf play and 9-8 vs other BCS conference schools. The Big 12 South has 18 players on my preseason 1st Team All Big 12 team while the Big 12 North has just 9.

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 BIG 12 FORECAST

BIG 12 NORTH 1. NEBRASKA - Last year several Cornhusker records came to an abrupt end. Nebraska had a streak of 348 straight weeks in the AP poll and they were outside of the poll for the first time since 1981. Another streak that was broken was 33 consecutive years with at least nine wins, the NCAA's next longest streak was 14 by Florida St from '87-2000. Their 26 home game winning streak was snapped, and a stretch of 40 straight years of winning seasons is also gone. The team also had its first losing conference record since 1968 (3-5). They have lost seven straight games to ranked teams. This year they have 12 starters back and now have an experienced QB and they should be much more potent. I look for the Huskers to be a vastly improved team with much more confidence once league play rolls around. I look for them to win the Big 12 North.

2. KANSAS ST - Last year was actually the first time the team used the full allotment of scholarships as when Snyder took over, the team had just 47 scholarship players. They were edged by Colorado and had a 36 yard FG vs Texas blocked which would have taken the game to OT. The Wildcats did win their final 5 Big 12 games by a combined 253-30 including a 49-13 plastering of Nebraska. This year the Cats have 7 offensive starters back including QB Roberson, however it will be tough to match last year's 44.8 ppg on offense. I still rate them #2 in the Big 12 on that side of the ball. Defensively, they have 5 starters back and plenty of top-notch JUCO's coming in so they will be one of the top D's in the league. Despite having to face both Texas and Nebraska on the road, the Cats have an outstanding shot at yet another double digit win season and rate as not only a Big 12 contender but a National Title contender.

3. COLORADO - The Buffs became only the second team in Big 12 history to win two straight division titles and have compiled an outstanding 14-2 record in Big 12 play the last two seasons. Unfortunately this looks like a rebuilding year for the Buffs with just 3 starters back on offense and major question marks at both QB and the O-Line. Defensively, they have 6 starters returning and will be stronger on that side of the ball. They did outgain league foes by an average of 76.9 ypg last season but it does not look like they will make it a threepeat in the Big 12 North.

4. MISSOURI - Missouri actually dropped from 3-5 in the Big 12 to 2-6 last season and were outgained by an average of 127 ypg which was the second worst mark in the league. They also surprisingly benefitted from +12 in turnovers which is usually not a good sign for the following year. They do have 15 starters back including one of the most exciting offensive players in the league in QB Brad Smith and this is now the third year of Pinkel's schemes. The overall talent level continues to rise here at Missouri and I look for them to move up in the Big 12 North standings as well.

5. IOWA ST - The Cyclones have now been to three consecutive bowls and at one point last year stood 6-1 and ranked #9 in the polls. Unfortunately a killer schedule down the stretch, which had them face the top four teams in the Big 12 on the road in a five week span, saw them finish just 1-6 in their last 7. They must replace QB Seneca Wallace so the offense will be weaker but the defense continues to make strides and has been in the Top 50 in each of the last two years. Unfortunately ISU draws Oklahoma, Texas and Texas Tech from the South which is the toughest slate anyone from the Big 12 North must face. Also the team has few winnable home games as they host Okla St, Texas, KSU and Colorado. They are 13-11 in Big 12 play the last three years but I will call for them to have a losing conference record, although they still could get to their third straight bowl game due to a soft non-conf schedule.

6. KANSAS - The Jayhawks have won one league game the last two years, been outgained by an average of 209.2 ypg in those contests and outscored by an average of 29.5 ppg. They only have 11 starters back, which is the lowest in the league, but should be much improved over last year's contingent. Regardless, they do have a lot of ground to make up to get on par with the rest of the league. Last year Mangino weeded out a lot of the bad apples so the team was very shy depth-wise and they had their first winless conference record since 1987. They host Baylor and should get a victory there and also host Missouri and Iowa St. They have a shot at getting out of the basement, but I think the gap is still too wide for them to overcome in one year.

BIG 12 SOUTH 1. OKLAHOMA - The Sooners' offense has just four starters back and the team benefitted from +19 in turnovers last year which generally means the team won't be as fortunate this season. The Sooners do lose just 14 lettermen from last year's squad which is the fewest in the league and while the offense figures to be less potent, the defense is the best in the country. They have an amazing nine starters back from last year's top notch stop unit. Surprisingly, the Sooners have lost four Big 12 games the last two years but this year they have a great shot at going undefeated in Big 12 play and will, of course, be a National Title contender.

2. TEXAS - In 2001, Texas outgained league foes by an average of 200.7 ypg but were not as dominant last year only outgaining Big 12 foes by an average of 37.3 ypg. This year they must replace QB Simms but have 16 starters back (most in the league). They do draw both Nebraska and Kansas St from the North while Oklahoma faces neither. Texas still must figure out a way to beat the Sooners who have upset them three straight years by 23.6 ppg. This could be Mack Brown's breakthrough year, as it's been said he can't win the big one much like Bobby Bowden and Tom Osborne heard for years. If the Longhorns breakthrough against Oklahoma, they will not only win the Big 12 South, they will likely win the National Title as they will be favored in all their other games.

3. OKLAHOMA ST - OSU recorded their first winning season in Big 12 play since 1997 but they were actually outgained by an average of 30.1 ypg. They return 8 starters on offense and figure to have one of the top attacks in the Big 12. The defense should also be improved with six starters back. They pull both Nebraska and Kansas St from the Big 12 North but this team is capable of upsetting ranked teams. OSU also gains confidence every year and have beaten Oklahoma the last two years and outgained them by a combined 840-553. Their upset of Oklahoma two years ago gave them the poise for their 5-3 Big 12 record in 2002 and this year's team is even more confident.

4. TEXAS TECH - Tech has finished three games above .500 over the last five years in Big 12 play including last year's 5-3 mark. Even more impressive is that record was achieved despite the fact the team was -10 in turnovers. The team did outgain league foes by an average of 88.8 ypg which was the second best mark in the conference. They get to avoid both Nebraska and Kansas St from the Big 12 North this year. The big question for the Red Raiders is replacing QB Kliff Kingsbury who guided them to 38.4 ppg last year. In Kingsbury's first year as a starter, the team averaged just 25.4 ppg. Mike Leach has achieved a stronger record in each of his three years and Tech has a good shot at its 11th straight winning season.

5. TEXAS A&M - The Aggies bring in a new head coach and he inherits 11 returning starters. That is the second lowest in the league but they have a lot of experience on the offensive side of the ball and could surprise. Defensively just five starters are back but they still should rank in the upper half of the league. Despite their 3-5 record last season, the team outgained Big 12 foes by an average of 25.7 ypg and upset then #1 ranked Oklahoma at home. This is a talented group but it is learning new schemes and it may be tough to top last year's six win total.

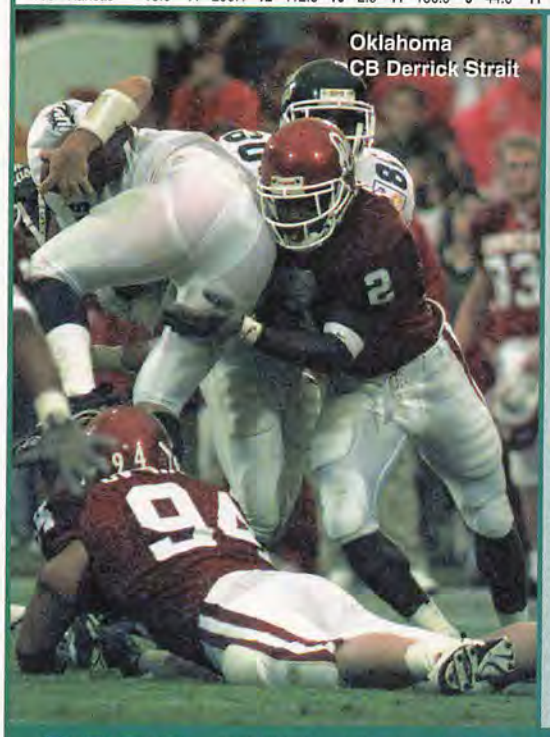
6. BAYLOR - Baylor has won just one Big 12 game in the last four years and I called for it in last year's magazine when they hosted Kansas. Unfortunately, beside that game they have not been competitive in league play, being outscored by amazing totals like 35.8 ppg in 1999, 32.5 in 2000, 27.5 in 2001 and last year's 34.2 ppg. They were -17 in turnovers last year and were "only" outgained by 123.2 ypg in league play which actually was only the third weakest figure in the conference. This figures to be yet another rebuilding year for Baylor as they go through their fourth head coach in eight years of Big 12 play.

2002 BIG 12 vs BIG 12 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
3	Texas Tech	37.3	3	502.8	1	98.5	11	3.7	8	404.3	1	68.3	1	13.5	8	20.0	9	24.0	10
4	Kansas St	42.8	1	433.6	3	286.6	1	5.4	2	147.0	11	51.9	10	10.1	1	14.0	5	15.0	4
9	Oklahoma	38.1	2	391.1	6	202.5	4	4.6	4	188.6	8	56.2	4	10.3	2	11.0	2	16.0	5
10	Texas	29.4	7	375.3	7	117.8	8	3.0	10	257.5	3	61.1	2	12.8	6	12.0	3	24.0	10
17	Oklahoma St	32.0	6	394.8	5	146.4	7	4.4	5	248.4	4	52.4	9	12.3	3	13.0	4	13.0	3
29	Missouri	26.8	8	360.5	10	170.8	5	4.3	6	189.8	7	53.4	8	13.5	7	8.0	1	18.0	6
32	Colorado	35.1	4	443.5	2	276.6	2	5.6	1	166.9	10	56.1	5	12.6	5	14.0	5	8.0	1
38	Iowa St	25.1	9	370.9	8	153.4	6	3.8	7	217.5	6	55.8	7	14.8	9	19.0	8	10.0	2
45	Nebraska	24.0	10	361.9	9	253.8	3	5.0	3	108.1	12	40.7	12	15.1	10	14.0	5	20.0	8
51	Texas A&M	33.3	5	416.3	4	114.1	9	3.4	9	302.1	2	56.0	6	12.5	4	20.0	9	19.0	7
96	Baylor	11.6	12	314.3	11	77.8	12	2.2	12	236.5	5	56.5	3	27.0	12	21.0	12	42.0	12
105	Kansas	15.6	11	299.1	12	112.3	10	2.9	11	186.9	9	44.0	11	19.1	11	20.0	9	20.0	8

2002 BIG 12 vs BIG 12 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
2	Kansas St	11.4	1	248.0	1	64.6	1	1.8	1	183.4	2	44.8	1	21.8	1	24.0	1	25.0	2
4	Oklahoma	19.3	2	327.5	2	128.5	2	3.6	2	199.0	6	48.0	2	17.0	2	20.0	4	23.0	3
7	Texas	20.0	3	338.0	3	152.9	3	4.2	6	185.1	4	51.9	3	16.9	3	21.0	2	27.0	1
19	Texas A&M	30.6	8	390.6	7	162.0	5	3.8	4	228.6	7	58.5	7	12.8	8	16.0	6	23.0	3
33	Colorado	21.9	4	366.6	5	183.0	9	4.6	10	183.6	3	52.8	4	16.8	4	21.0	2	20.0	5
36	Nebraska	26.9	5	368.1	6	169.4	6	4.1	5	198.8	5	53.4	5	13.7	7	14.0	7	15.0	10
48	Iowa St	29.8	7	363.1	4	181.9	8	4.2	7	181.3	1	59.2	10	12.2	9	19.0	5	17.0	7
60	Oklahoma St	28.8	6	424.9	9	160.1	4	3.7	3	264.8	11	58.1	6	14.8	5	10.0	10	19.0	6
70	Texas Tech	35.8	10	414.0	8	171.3	7	4.4	9	242.8	9	58.7	9	11.6	10	8.0	12	17.0	7
79	Missouri	33.5	9	487.5	11	188.9	10	4.3	8	298.6	12	61.4	11	14.6	6	10.0	10	12.0	12
96	Baylor	45.8	11	437.5	10	191.6	11	5.0	11	245.9	10	62.5	12	9.6	12	12.0	8	14.0	11
111	Kansas	47.5	12	498.0	12	256.3	12	5.6	12	241.8	8	58.6	8	10.5	11	11.0	9	17.0	7



2002 BIG 12 STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Colorado	7	1	281	175	9	5	398	325
Kansas St	6	2	342	91	11	2	582	154
Iowa St	4	4	201	238	7	7	404	396
Nebraska	3	5	192	215	7	7	383	335
Missouri	2	6	214	268	5	7	360	352
Kansas	0	8	125	380	2	10	248	507
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Oklahoma	6	2	305	154	12	2	541	216
Texas	6	2	235	160	11	2	439	212
Texas Tech	5	3	298	286	9	5	537	439
Oklahoma St	5	3	256	230	8	5	446	356
Texas A&M	3	5	266	245	6	6	345	280
Baylor	1	7	93	366	3	9	202	496

Coach of the Year: Les Miles, Oklahoma St

2001 BIG 12 STANDINGS

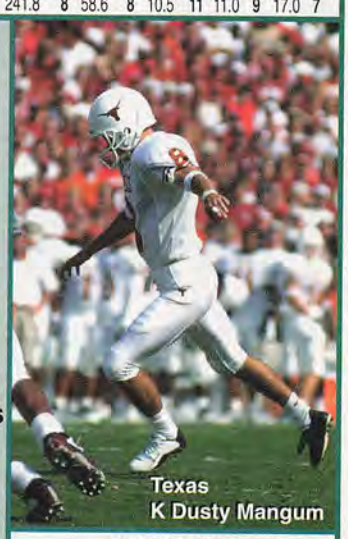
	Conf				All Games			
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Colorado	7	1	243	190	10	2	396	280
Nebraska	7	1	311	155	11	1	449	189
Iowa St	4	4	203	189	7	4	296	231
Kansas St	3	5	213	166	6	5	327	179
Missouri	3	5	180	249	4	7	240	330
Kansas	1	7	114	333	3	8	182	398
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Texas	7	1	295	78	10	2	470	164
Oklahoma	6	2	207	126	10	2	387	166
Texas A&M	4	4	130	157	7	4	220	204
Texas Tech	4	4	244	215	7	4	386	262
Oklahoma St	2	6	179	241	4	7	242	281
Baylor	0	8	109	329	3	8	205	357

Coach of the Year: Gary Barnett, Colorado

2000 BIG 12 STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Kansas St	6	2	278	186	10	3	490	213
Nebraska	6	2	338	163	9	2	456	213
Iowa St	5	3	220	242	8	3	306	293
Colorado	3	5	200	222	8	3	252	284
Kansas	2	6	179	308	4	7	261	359
Missouri	2	6	186	253	3	8	255	348
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Oklahoma	8	0	299	133	12	0	441	168
Texas	7	1	301	160	9	2	425	197
Texas A&M	5	3	201	152	7	4	307	196
Texas Tech	3	5	202	212	7	5	303	238
Oklahoma St	1	7	137	249	3	8	202	303
Baylor	0	8	82	343	2	9	139	397

Coach of the Year: Bob Stoops, Oklahoma



2002 BIG 12 CONFERENCE LEADERS

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Rashaun Woods, Okla St	**13**	**107**	**1695**	**17**	**130.4**	**8.2**	**15.8**
Roy Williams, Texas	**12**	**64**	**1142**	**12**	**95.2**	**5.3**	**17.8**
Reggie Newhouse, Baylor	12	75	1140	3	95.0	6.3	15.2
Justin Gage, Missouri	12	82	1075	9	89.6	6.8	13.1
Lane Danielsen, Iowa St	**13**	**63**	**1073**	**3**	**82.5**	**4.8**	**17.0**
Jamaar Taylor, Texas A&M	**10**	**44**	**760**	**3**	**76.0**	**4.4**	**17.3**
Wes Welker, Texas Tech	**14**	**86**	**1054**	**7**	**75.3**	**6.1**	**12.3**
Bethel Johnson, Texas A&M	12	40	718	8	59.8	3.3	18.0
Mickey Peters, Texas Tech	**13**	**64**	**749**	**8**	**57.6**	**4.9**	**11.7**
Greg Porter, Texas A&M	12	48	669	4	55.8	4.0	13.9

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Kliff Kingsbury, Texas Tech	712	479	67.3	13	5017	7.0	45	143.7
Chris Simms, Texas	396	235	59.3	12	3207	8.1	26	143.0
Josh Fields, Oklahoma St	**408**	**226**	**55.4**	**10**	**3145**	**7.7**	**31**	**140.3**
Ell Roberson, Kansas St	**175**	**91**	**52.0**	**4**	**1580**	**9.0**	**7**	**136.5**
Nate Hybl, Oklahoma	363	209	57.6	8	2538	7.0	24	133.7
Dustin Long, Texas A&M	**333**	**177**	**53.2**	**16**	**2509**	**7.5**	**19**	**125.7**
Seneca Wallace, Iowa St	443	244	55.1	18	3245	7.3	15	119.7
Brad Smith, Missouri	**366**	**196**	**53.6**	**6**	**2333**	**6.4**	**15**	**117.3**
Aaron Karas, Baylor	**251**	**150**	**59.8**	**13**	**1792**	**7.1**	**6**	**117.3**
Robert Hodge, Colorado	258	137	53.1	9	1609	6.2	13	115.1
Bill Whittemore, Kansas	**305**	**151**	**49.5**	**6**	**1666**	**5.5**	**11**	**103.4**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Chris Brown, Colorado	12	303	1841	6.1	18	153.4
Quentin Griffin, Oklahoma	14	287	1884	6.6	15	134.6
Darren Sproles, Kansas St	**13**	**237**	**1465**	**6.2**	**17**	**112.7**
Jammal Lord, Nebraska	**14**	**251**	**1412**	**5.6**	**8**	**100.9**
Tatum Bell, Oklahoma St	**11**	**175**	**1096**	**6.3**	**11**	**99.6**
Cedric Benson, Texas	**13**	**305**	**1293**	**4.2**	**12**	**99.5**
Ell Roberson, Kansas St	**12**	**202**	**1032**	**5.1**	**16**	**86.0**
Brad Smith, Missouri	**12**	**193**	**1029**	**5.3**	**7**	**85.8**
Derek Farmer, Texas A&M	**10**	**172**	**739**	**4.3**	**7**	**73.9**
Zack Abron, Missouri	**11**	**176**	**758**	**4.3**	**15**	**68.9**

TFL

	NO	YDS		NO	YDS
Cory Redding, Texas	23.5	105	**Lance Mitchell, Okla**	**19.0**	**46**
Keith Wright, Missouri	23.0	80	**Andrew Shull, Kan St**	**17.0**	**102**
Greg Cole, Kansas	21.0	74	**Teddy Lehman, Okla**	**17.0**	**47**
Antwaun Bynum, MO	20.0	86	Terry Pierce, Kansas St	16.0	63
Aaron Hunt, Texas Tech	19.5	77	Jarrod Penright, TX A&M	15.0	77

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL YDS	OFFENSE YDSPG
Kliff Kingsbury, Texas Tech	14	102	(-114)	712	5017	4903	350.2
Brad Smith, Missouri	**12**	**193**	**1029**	**366**	**2333**	**3362**	**280.2**
Seneca Wallace, Iowa St	14	123	437	443	3245	3682	263.0
Bill Whittemore, Kansas	**9**	**137**	**549**	**305**	**1666**	**2215**	**246.1**
Chris Simms, Texas	13	70	(-124)	396	3207	3083	237.2
Josh Fields, Okla St	**13**	**50**	**(-72)**	**408**	**3145**	**3073**	**236.4**
Ell Roberson, Kansas St	**12**	**202**	**1032**	**175**	**1580**	**2612**	**217.7**
Dustin Long, Texas A&M	**12**	**49**	**13**	**333**	**2509**	**2522**	**210.2**
Jammal Lord, Nebraska	**14**	**251**	**1412**	**204**	**1362**	**2774**	**198.1**
Nate Hybl, Oklahoma	14	6	(-54)	363	2538	2484	177.4

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Andrew Shull, Kansas St	**10.0**	**82**
Antwaun Bynum, Missouri	10.0	63
Jarrod Penright, Texas A&M	9.5	54
Aaron Hunt, Texas Tech	9.0	57
Cory Redding, Texas	8.5	74
Greg Richmond, Okla St	**7.0**	**57**
Tyler Brayton, Colorado	7.0	51
Kevin Williams, Oklahoma St	7.0	49
Randall Webb, Texas A&M	**7.0**	**37**
Tyson Smith, Iowa St	**6.0**	**24**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Mark Mariscal, Colorado	14	67	3186	47.6
Cody Scates, Texas A&M	**12**	**67**	**2931**	**43.7**
Kyle Larson, Nebraska	**14**	**73**	**3156**	**43.2**
Brock Harvey, Missouri	**10**	**54**	**2295**	**42.5**
Curtis Ansel, Kansas	**12**	**82**	**3459**	**42.2**
Tony Yelk, Iowa St	**14**	**46**	**1907**	**41.5**
Cole Farden, Oklahoma St	**13**	**57**	**2358**	**41.4**
Travis Brown, Kansas St	13	49	2015	41.1
Brian Bradford, Texas	13	67	2685	40.1
Clinton Greathouse, Tex Tech	14	47	1867	39.7

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
DeJuan Groce, Nebraska	43	732	4	17.0
Jeremy Bloom, Colorado	**23**	**344**	**2**	**15.0**
Antonio Perkins, Oklahoma	**43**	**643**	**3**	**14.9**
Terence Newman, Kansas St	26	388	2	14.9
Nathan Vasher, Texas	**26**	**370**	**1**	**14.2**
Marcus James, Missouri	**24**	**327**	**1**	**13.6**
Wes Welker, Texas Tech	**57**	**752**	**3**	**13.2**
Bethel Johnson, Texas A&M	12	139	0	11.6
Terrance Davis-Bryant, Okla St	31	329	0	10.6
Darren Sproles, Kansas St	**15**	**154**	**0**	**10.3**

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Josh Brown, Nebraska	13	14	18	77.8	48
Joe Rheem, Kansas St	**11**	**9**	**12**	**75.0**	**39**
Adam Benike, Iowa St	**14**	**17**	**23**	**73.9**	**48**
Trey DiCarlo, Oklahoma	**14**	**16**	**22**	**72.7**	**46**
Luke Phillips, Okla St	**13**	**11**	**16**	**68.8**	**52**
Robert Treece, Texas Tech	14	13	19	68.4	45
Dusty Mangum, Texas	**13**	**16**	**26**	**61.5**	**44**
Todd Pegram, Texas A&M	**11**	**12**	**21**	**57.1**	**43**
Pat Brougham, Colorado	14	11	26	42.3	48

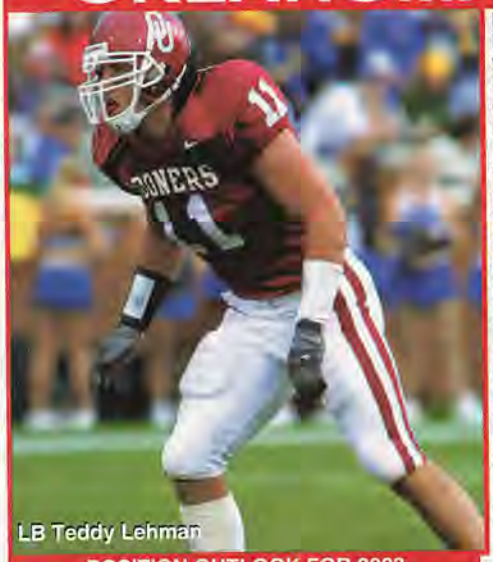
KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Terence Newman, Kansas St	13	370	1	28.5
Roderick Sneed, Colorado	20	517	0	25.9
Greg Heaggans, Kansas	**28**	**691**	**1**	**24.7**
Chris Massey, Oklahoma St	22	534	0	24.3
Shirdonya Mitchell, Missouri	**16**	**385**	**0**	**24.1**
Josh Davis, Nebraska	**42**	**994**	**0**	**23.7**
Vincent Meeks, Texas Tech	**14**	**321**	**1**	**22.9**
Lance Young, Iowa St	**28**	**590**	**0**	**21.1**
Terrence Thomas, Texas A&M	**12**	**252**	**0**	**21.0**
Bethel Johnson, Texas A&M	12	252	0	21.0

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Lawrence Flugence, TT	14	124	69	193	13.8
James Kinney, Missouri	**12**	**88**	**60**	**148**	**12.3**
Ryan Aycock, Texas Tech	**14**	**87**	**64**	**151**	**10.8**
Josh Buhl, Kansas St	**13**	**77**	**58**	**135**	**10.4**
Matt Word, Iowa St	14	90	49	139	9.9
Brandon Brown, Iowa St	**14**	**96**	**41**	**137**	**9.8**
Reed Boyd, Texas	**13**	**58**	**65**	**123**	**9.5**
Sean Doyle, Missouri	12	68	45	113	9.4
Derrick Johnson, Texas	**13**	**73**	**47**	**120**	**9.2**
Lance Mitchell, Oklahoma	**14**	**87**	**37**	**124**	**8.9**

OKLAHOMA SOONERS


LB Teddy Lehman

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Josh Heupel finished as a Heisman Trophy runner-up here in 2000 while leading OU to the National Title. Nate Hybl (PS#27), a transfer from Georgia, and Jason White (PS#40) battled for the starting QB job in 2001. Hybl started the first six games but White, who added mobility to the offense, took over the starting job and threw for 681 yards (64.6%) with a 5-2 ratio while rushing for 258. White unfortunately went down to a season ending knee injury against Nebraska and Hybl took over. Last season White began the year as starter despite playing with a brace on his knee. In the second game he again went down to an ACL injury. Hybl struggled against Texas with 4 interceptions, but capped off his career as the Rose Bowl MVP throwing for 240 yards. He finished 20-3 as a starter. For the season Hybl threw for 2,538 yards (57.6%) with a very impressive 24-8 ratio. While White returns, the QB position is wide open due to his injury problems. Brent Rawls was PS#8 and was projected to be the 3rd stringer last year but tore thumb ligaments and then later suffered a concussion and did not see the field. He is the NFL prototype QB at 6-5 with a cannon for an arm. Paul Thompson (PS#29) was 2nd string QB getting in 20 passes for 95 yards with a 2-1 ratio. He is the most mobile QB with 4.5 speed. Noah Allen (6-3 218 rFr) was PS#25 and draws comparisons to Heupel. Hybl did have a solid season but I like the talent that is available here and feel they should be able to at least match last year's numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Quentin Griffin is an excellent combination of strength (375 bench, 615 squat) and speed (4.36). He led the team in rushing in both 2000 and 2001 but his season high was just 860 yards (4.4). Last year under new run game coordinator Kevin Wilson he had a sensational season. Keep in mind when Wilson was at Northwestern Damien Anderson topped 2,000 yards rushing. Griffin ripped off a 237 yard effort in the opener and finished with 1,884 yards (6.6). That total was second best in OU history next to Billy Sims (1,896 in 1978) and even topped Greg Pruitt's magical 1,760 yards in 1971. Griffin finished his career 4th overall on the all-time rush lists and #1 all time in receptions (#4DC of DEN). He had problems wearing down in previous years so the staff used Kejuan Jones (PS#22) as the short yardage back. Jones, despite being 187 pounds, runs like he's 220 and had 613 yards (3.7) with 14 TD's in the short yardage role. Renaldo Works (PS#38) has now rushed for 842 yards (4.9) in three years. Donta Hickson (5-10 190 So) was PS#12. JD Runnells (6-1 232 rFr) was PS#15TE and did an excellent job opening holes as the blocking HB and even got in one carry in the bowl game, the first HB to carry the ball since 2000. Larry Pinson (6-2 225 Jr) was PS#125. I think there is a good deal of talent available here but they won't match Griffin's numbers from 2002.

RECEIVERS - When Bob Stoops took over in 1999 the receiving corps was made up mostly of converted DB's and RB's. He has brought in some solid classes of WR's. Last year basically everyone returned to the unit including TE Trent Smith who led all NCAA TE's in receptions in 2001. Smith led the team in receiving for a second straight year with 46 (8.6) but unfortunately he departs (#7DC of BAL) as does WR Curtis Fagan (13 sts, 30 rec, 13.1) and Antwone Savage (10 sts, 35 rec, 12.5). Despite losing three of their top four in terms of quantity from this position, Will Peoples (PS#46), who actually led the team in receiving yards with 571 (14.6), is back. Mark Clayton who had 46 rec's in 2001 but saw those numbers drop to 26 (16.0) last year as he had arthroscopic knee surgery early in the season also returns. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and there are plenty of VHT candidates to fill in at both TE and WR. Not listed below is WR Sadiki Wilson (6-0 215 Jr) and WR Greg Hopkins (6-1 185 rFr). This looks like a pretty talented group and could even top last year in terms of production should they throw the ball more, but overall with the loss of three talented players, I will call this unit weaker in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Sooners averaged just 3.5 ypc rushing which was their worst total in over a decade and the O-line allowed 35 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters including a 3rd Tm AA and their OL of the Year. With running game coordinator Kevin Wilson as the new OL coach, the unit thrived paving the way for 4.51 ypc rushing while allowing 30 sacks. This year they must replace RG Mike Skinner (14 sts, 3 yr st'r), LG Brad Davis (9 sts until broken fibula) and backup RT Chike Ozumba. Seven of the top ten return including seven players with starting experience including Davin Joseph (PS#24) who earned his first start in the Rose Bowl. This unit has plenty of VHT's in the 2 deep and should be even stronger than last year's fine group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Sooners had an inexperienced defensive front in 2001 but last year they only had to replace one starter and one backup and looked to be one of the NCAA's best. Unfortunately star DT Tommie Harris was injury plagued and after having 17 tfl as a true frosh, he had just six last year. This year the team must replace DE Jimmy Wilkerson (14 sts, 46 tkls, 6 sks, 1st Tm B12, #6DC of KC) and backup DE Eric Hilaire (19 tkls, 7 tfl). Six of the top eight return and in the projected starting lineup there were five players who ranked in the top 13 at their position coming out of high school (uber-VHT's?). Not listed below is David Jones (6-2 250 Sr,) Jacob Hager (6-5 260 So, PS#120) and Leonce Crump (6-4 280 Jr), the latter two were on the wrestling team. Naturally this is one of the top DL's in the country.

LINEBACKERS - The Sooners had to replace two starters last year including Butkus Award winner Rocky Calmus, who was a 3rd round DC. Teddy Lehman who has amazing speed for an LB (4.4), was a Butkus finalist and 1st Tm AA but was #2 on the team in tackles behind Lance Mitchell who also topped Lehman in tfl with 19 and was the Big 12 Newcomer of the Year. The third starter, Pasha Jackson, has NFL scouts drooling and the great news for the Sooner faithful is that all three return as do their backups. I list a 3 deep below and not even included are a couple more true frosh VHT's in Dane Zaslaw (PS#22) and Lewis Baker (PS#5TE). Need I tell you that this is one of the top LB corps in the country?

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Sooners were #12 in my pass D rankings in 2001. Despite having to replace a 1st round DC last year in Thorpe Award winner Roy Williams, they moved up to #4 in my ratings allowing 47.7% while snagging 24 interceptions. This year they must replace CB Andre Woolfolk (12 sts, 2nd Tm B12, #1DC of TEN) and a couple of third stringers who combined for seven tackles. Not only are seven of the top eight back, they add in some super freshmen and top-notch JUCO's like Donte Nicholson (PS#51). Chijioke Onyenegecha (PS#48) enrolled but will not be eligible until the 2004 season. Not even listed in the 2 deep below is Brandon Shelby (5-11 185 Jr, PS#21, 23 tkls, 4 sks) who was HM Big 12 last year, Jowahn Poteat (6-1 190 So, PS#100, 10 tkls), Mark Bradley (6-2 190 Jr, PS#86WR) a transfer from Arkansas Pine Bluff, Darren Stephens (6-3 183 Jr, PS#16) and true frosh Tony Cade (PS#4). This may be redundant but this is one of the top secondaries in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - One of the big reasons for Oklahoma's turnaround has been the vast improvement of the special teams play which has gone from among the weakest in the NCAA to a strength. They finished #110 and #101 in 1996 and 1997 but in Stoops' first year here in 1999 they finished #2 and since then have finished #11, #29 and #13. Last year's high finish was somewhat unexpected as they had to replace both their kicker and punter and were relying on a VHT true frosh kicker to take over some duties but he never enrolled. The starting kicker turned out to be Trey DiCarlo who was in Navy's prep school over the summer but opted to enroll here instead. DiCarlo hit a very solid 16 of 22 FG's with a long of 46. A lot of big plays happened when Oklahoma was on special teams last year as they blocked 4 punts and had 5 TD's, however, they allowed 3 blocked punts and 4 TD's to finish +2 in the TD/Blk category. Punter Blake Ferguson (PS#26) who replaced his brother Jeff as the starting punter, got off to a slow start and nearly lost his job. He rebounded to average 38.5 per punt and his net punting of 35.0 was respectable. Curtis Fagan led the team in PR's in 2001 (6.9) but the more athletically impressive Antonio Perkins took over those duties last year and averaged a nifty 15.0 with 3 TD's. He did only average 17.2 on 12 KR's but should improve in that area as he has 4.32 speed and a 40" VL. The Sooners have a shot at the top spot in the rankings in 2003.

COACHES - Bob Stoops has simply done an amazing job here winning a National Title in his second season and going 43-9 with a team that had five consecutive non-winning seasons prior to his arrival. He has guided the team to double digit victory totals in three straight seasons for the first time since 1978-1980 and they have won three consecutive January bowl games. He is 11-1 vs Top 10 teams. Their OC is Chuck Long who enters his second year in that position after being the QB coach and passing game coordinator the previous two years. The running game coordinator is Kevin Wilson who was the OC for Northwestern's resurgence in 2000. Last year OU threw for 2,828 yards and ran for 2,668 showing outstanding balance. They use co-DC's in Brent Venables who is in his fifth year on the staff and Mike Stoops who was Kansas St's DC from 1992-'98.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000 Oklahoma did not have a single starter miss a single game due to injury and benefitted from +9 in turnovers. They stunned the nation by winning the National Title despite not being ranked in the Preseason Top 20. Over the past two years the Sooners have actually dropped two conference games each year and they only outgained league foes by an average of 56.5 ypg in 2001 which was 5th best in the conference and last year by 63.6 ppg which was only fourth best in the Big 12. In each of the last two years the Sooners have gone into the second half of the season undefeated with a great shot at a National Title but have suffered some upsets. OU had a veteran offense last year with 8 returning starters and put up 38.6 ppg but this year have some major losses on the offensive side and figure to be less potent. This is a team known for some great defense and with nine starters back, they have the best defense in the country. One concern is that they benefited from +19 turnovers last year but their 14 lettermen lost are the fewest in the Big 12. They only have four true road games and all of them fall into the winnable category so the Sooners, provided they get past Texas (and don't they always?) have a great shot at going undefeated and winning a second National Championship in four years.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Jason White Sr. 6-2 215 PS#40. 2 ACL inj's. 4 sts in 2Y, 862 yds (68%), 6-5 ratio, 275 rush. Brent Rawls (6-5 205 So) **PS#8**. Paul Thompson (6-4 196 So) **PS#29**. 111 yds as **true**.

FB Kejuan Jones So. 5-9 187 **PS#22**. 613 yds (3.7) as rFr, 14 TD's. Renaldo Works (6-1 220 Sr) **PS#38**. 842 yds (4.9), 3Y. Donta Hickson (5-10 190 So) **PS#12**.

HB Mark Clayton Jr. 5-11 180 PS#85. 9 sts in '01, 46 rec (11.4). 1 st LY, 26 rec (16.0). Knee surgery in Sept. Jejuan Rankins (5-11 162 So) **PS#7**. Tristen Ross is **PS#30**.

WR WILL PEOPLES JR. 6-1 190 PS#46. 5 tkls as rFr. 11 starts LY, 39 rec (14.6), HM Big 12, 4.4 spd. DaBryan Blanton (5-11 170 rFr) PS#29. Marcus Johnson is **PS#19**.

WR Brandon Jones Jr. 6-3 203 **PS#13**. 2 rec as true. 7 rec (16.7), 3 TD in 2002. Travis Wilson (6-3 210 So) PS#41, 5 rec (10.0) as **true**. Ataleo Ford (6-1 184 Jr) PS#41.

TE Lance Donley Sr. 6-4 222 PS#43. 5 sts, 8 rec (3.4) LY. James Moses (6-3 234 Jr) **PS#6**. 2 rec. Chris Chester (6-4 251 So) PS#55. Laenar Nixon (6-3 218 rFr) PS#31.

C VINCE CARTER JR. 6-3 284 **PS#58**. 10 sts as **true**. 12 sts at C LY, HM B12. Chris Bush (6-4 276 So) **PS#25TE**. Lettered w/2 sts at C as rFr. John Flynn (6-1 242 Jr).

RG Davin Joseph So. 6-4 299 **PS#24**. 12 gms as **true**, second string, started in Rose Bowl. Abner Estrada (6-3 275 So) PS#92, 6 gms as **true**. Brian Zimpel is **PS#30**.

LG Kelvin Chaisson So. 6-5 290 PS#205. 4 sts at LG as rFr, lettered. Jarrod Barclay (6-4 280 Sr) 2nd string in 2001 & 2002, 2 letters. Chris Messner (6-7 250 rFr) PS#103.

RT JAMMAL BROWN JR. 6-6 305 PS#68DL. 3 gms as rFr, 14 sts at RT LY. 80 KD's, **1st Tm B12**. Jerod Fields (6-7 302 Jr) **5 sts as true**. 2nd string LY. Akim Millington is **PS#19**.

LT WES SIMS JR. 6-5 317 **PS#2**. 8 sts as rFr (miss 4 inj). 14 sts LY, 455 bench. **3rd Tm B12**. Bret Rayl (6-7 295 So) PS#44DL. Steve Taylor (6-7 318 rFr) PS#107.

K TREY DICARLO SO. 6-0 180 Hit 16 of 22 FG's in '02, L/46, HM B12. Steve Sarubbi (6-3 190 Sr) 17 of 19 FG's at JC in '01. 3 of 3 xp's here LY. Pete Cuva (6-0 184 So) PS#65.

DE JONATHAN JACKSON JR. 6-3 235 **PS#12LB**. 2 sks as true. 14 sts LY, HM Big 12, 56 tkls, 6 sks, 6 tfl, 4.5 spd. Moe Dampeer is **PS#3**. Calvin Thibodeuaux (6-1 248 So) PS#62, 2 tkls.

DT KORY KLEIN SR. 6-2 285 PS#103. 13 sts in '01, 28 tkls, 5 tfl. 14 sts LY, 34 tkls, 6 tfl, **3rd Tm B12**. Lynn McGruder (6-3 290 Jr) **PS#7** 2 sts, 20 tkls, 4 tfl. Steven Coleman **PS#28**.

DT TOMMIE HARRIS JR. 6-3 284 **PS#2**. 34 tkls, 17 tfl as **true**! **1st Tm AA** in '02, 25 tkls, 6 tfl, 440 bench. Dusty Dvoracek (6-3 279 Jr) PS#86, 1 st, 44 tkls, 5 sks, 2Y. Carl Pendleton is PS#33.

DE Dan Cody Jr. 6-5 270 PS#77QB, 11 tkls, 2 sks as true. RS in '01. 16 tkls, 3 sks LY. Larry Birdine (6-5 249 rFr) PS#80, Zach Latimer (6-3 215 rFr) **PS#13**. Alonzo Dotson is **PS#20**.

WLB TEDDY LEHMAN SR. 6-2 241 4.4 spd. 12 sts, 89 tkls, 11 tfl in '01, 14 sts, 112 tkls, 17 tfl LY. **1st Tm AA**. Rufus Alexander (6-1 210 rFr) PS#133. Gayron Allen (5-10 211 Jr) 23 tkls LY.

MLB LANCE MITCHELL SR. 6-3 246 **PS#23JC**. #1 w/124 tkls, 14 sts, **19 tfl**, 6 pbu. **B12 N'comer of Yr**. Wayne Chambers (6-3 225 So) **PS#35**. 13 tkls LY. Clint Ingram is PS#114LB.

SLB PASHA JACKSON SR. 6-3 240 **PS#46JC**. 8 starts LY, 34 tkls, 4 tfl, 4.5 speed. Russell Dennison (6-3 240 So) PS#75, 21 tkls in '02 ST standout. Demario Pleasant is **PS#16**.

CB ANTONIO PERKINS JR. 6-0 186 PS#44, 4.35 speed. 6 sts, 4 int, 7 pbu, **2nd Tm B12** LY. **Eric Bassey** (6-1 190 So) PS#62. **14 sts @SS**, 60 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu, 4.32 speed.

CB DERRICK STRAIT SR. 5-11 194 13 sts, 15 pbu, 57 tkls in '01. 14 sts LY. **1st Tm B12**, 68 tkls, 6 int, 13 pbu. Michael Thompson (6-1 196 Sr) PS#58, **13 sts** in 2000, 1 int, 13 pbu.

SS Donte Nicholson Jr. 6-2 210 PS#51JC. 4.48 spd. In for spg. Brodney Poole (6-3 190 So), **PS#46**, 11 tkls, 1 tfl as **true**. Jason Carter (6-0 178 rFr) PS#28WR. 4.4 speed.

FS BRANDON EVERAGE SR. 6-0 190 PS#57QB. 12 sts in '01, 80 tkls. 14 sts LY, **2nd Tm B12**, 94 tkls, **6 int**, 11 pbu. Aaron Miller (6-1 188 rFr) **PS#8**. Matt McCoy (5-11 196 Sr) 63 tkls, 3Y.

P BLAKE FERGUSON JR. 6-0 190 PS#26K. 40 punts at N Carolina in 2000. 36.9 avg as true. Transferred in '01. 74 punts LY, 38.5 avg & tm net of 35.0. Cody Freeby is PS#6K.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

DL	Lawrence "Moe" Dampeer 6-3 280 PS#3
QB	Tommy Grady 6-6 220 PS#6
DB	Tony Cade 6-2 200 PS#4
OL	Akim Millington 6-6 300 PS#19
TE	Lewis Baker 6-3 200 PS#5
LB	Demario Pleasant 6-3 210 PS#16
WR	Marcus Johnson 6-1 175 PS#19
WR	Dane Zaslaw 6-2 241 PS#22
DL	Alonzo Dotson 6-4 215 PS#20
DB	Steven Coleman 6-5 275 PS#28
DL	Carl Pendleton 6-6 270 PS#33
OL	Brian Zimpel 6-5 310 PS#30
WR	Tristen Ross 6-1 190 PS#30
RB	Tennial Courtney 5-10 205 PS#40

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19-14-1	Vs Conference	6-2	Away Dog
		7-5-1	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (12-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (25,22,0)
Lost: 14 (9,5,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 75,104

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#33

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	N Texas	G						Sooners are 8-2 ATS as a dog in Stoops' regime. Oklahoma is just 2-9 ATS their last 11 before Texas. The Sooners are 1-4 SU & 0-5 ATS their last 5 visits to A&M.
Sep. 6	at Alabama	G						Oklahoma is 5-0 SU & 2-1 ATS vs N Texas since 1987. They have outscored N Texas by an average of 37.8 ppg.
Sep. 13	Fresno St	G						The Sooners are 14-8-1 ATS in their last 23 road openers. Oklahoma is 4-1 SU & 3-1-1 ATS away vs non-conf opponents since '98.
Sep. 20	UCLA	G						Sooners are 3-8 ATS in their 1st of back-to-back home games the last 11. Oklahoma is just 1-6 ATS their last 7 September home games.
Sep. 27								OU is 2-5 SU & ATS vs the Pac 10 since 1988. Since 2000, Oklahoma is 4-0 both SU & ATS before a bye.
Oct. 4	at Iowa St	G						The Sooners are 10-1 SU, but just 3-8 ATS the last 11 meetings. Oklahoma leads this series all-time 64-5-2.
Oct. 11	† Texas (Dallas)	G						Sooners are 6-8-1 SU & 6-9 ATS their last 15 vs the Longhorns. OU has won 3 in a row SU & ATS all as a dog with the avg cover by 26.5 ppg.
Oct. 18	Missouri (HC)	G						The Sooners are 16-3 SU & 12-6-1 ATS the last 19 vs Missouri. Oklahoma is 13-1 SU & 9-5 ATS at home vs the Big 12 under Stoops.
Oct. 25	at Colorado	G						Sooners are 3-8-1 SU & 4-8 ATS the last 12 vs Colorado. Buffaloed! OU is just 0-3-1 SU & 1-3 ATS the last 4 visits to Boulder.
Nov. 1	Oklahoma St	G						Oklahoma is just 6-14 ATS the last 20 lined games in this rivalry. The Sooners are 8-3-1 ATS as a home favorite in November since 1992.
Nov. 8	Texas A&M	G						Sooners are 3-10-1 ATS in games after Oklahoma St since 1987. The home team has covered 8 of the last 9 ATS in this series.
Nov. 15	Baylor	G						Oklahoma is 9-0 SU & 7-2 ATS vs Baylor since 1984. The Sooners are 17-10 ATS in home finales.
Nov. 22	at Texas Tech	A						Including a bowl game, OU is 8-2 SU & 7-3 ATS vs Texas Tech the L/10. Oklahoma is 4-1-1 ATS in road finales the last 6 including conf title game.
Nov. 29								

STADIUM: OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL STADIUM (81,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	4-8	5-6	7-4	12-0	10-2	11-2	52-30
ATS	5-6	5-7	5-6	7-3	6-5-1	6-6	7-5-1	41-38-2
Home Fav	0-2	1-1	1-2	3-0	2-3	2-5	4-2	13-15
Home Dog	1-2	1-3	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	6-5
Away Fav	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-2	1-2-1	3-0	2-3-1	8-9-2
Away Dog	3-2	3-2	2-3	2-1	2-0	1-1	1-0	14-9
Favorite	1-2	1-2	1-3	4-2	3-5-1	5-5	6-5-1	21-24-2
Dog	4-4	4-5	4-3	3-1	3-0	1-1	1-0	20-14
Grass	2-6	4-5	5-5	7-2	5-4-1	4-5	6-4	33-31
Artificial	3-0	1-2	0-1	0-1	1-1	2-1	1-1-1	8-7-1
vs Conf	5-3	2-6	4-4	5-3	4-4-1	4-4	6-3	30-27-1
vs Non-Conf	0-3	3-1	1-2	2-0	2-1	2-2	1-2-1	11-11-1
Off SU Win	2-1	1-2	1-3	4-2	5-5-1	5-5	5-5	23-23-1
Off SU Loss	3-4	4-4	3-3	3-1	0-0	1-0	2-0	16-12

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Quentin Griffin	287	1961	77	1884	15	6.6
Kejuan Jones	165	647	34	613	14	3.7
Renaldo Works	34	172	20	152	2	4.5
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Nate Hybl	363	209	57.6	2538	24	8
Jason White	34	20	58.8	181	1	2
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Will Peoples	39	571	14.6	1	57	
Antwone Savage	35	438	12.5	4	56	
Mark Clayton	26	416	16.0	5	54	
Trent Smith	46	396	8.6	5	28	
Curtis Fagan	30	393	13.1	3	68	
Quentin Griffin	35	264	7.5	3	35	
Brandon Jones	7	117	16.7	3	35	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Blake Ferguson	74	2851	38.5	56	–	3	17
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Trey DiCarlo	58-62	7-8	6-10	3-4	0-0	16-22	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Lance Mitchell	124	3	16	6	0
Teddy Lehman	112	2	15	7	2
Brandon Everage	94	3	1	11	6
Derrick Strait	68	0	1	13	6
Eric Bassey	60	2	6	7	2
Jonathan Jackson	56	6	6	0	0
Jimmy Wilkerson	46	6	6	2	0
Pasha Jackson	34	2	2	0	0
Kory Klein	34	2	4	1	0
Andre Woolfolk	26	0	4	5	2
Tommie Harris	25	2	4	2	0
Antonio Perkins	23	0	0	6	4
Brandon Shelby	23	4	3	0	1
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Antonio Perkins	43	643	15.0	3	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Antonio Perkins	12	207	17.2	0	
Antwone Savage	12	316	26.3	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Copper	+1	BYU	6-31	L
99	Independence	-4	Mississippi	25-27	L
00	Orange	+10	Florida St	13-2	W
01	Cotton	-13	Arkansas	10-3	L
02	Rose	-6'	Washington St	34-14	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

OKLAHOMA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	38.6	20	191	4.5	202	57.8	10.2	+19	2002	7	15.4	14	108	3.0	185	47.7	19.0
8	30.5	19	115	3.5	242	60.7	11.8	+9	2001	5	13.0	13	86	2.4	161	45.2	19.0
6*	37.0	21	129	3.7	288	64.2	11.3	+7	2000	7	14.9	15	102	3.1	179	49.2	18.8
7*	35.8	24	104	3.9	327	63.7	12.0	-6	1999	7	19.1	18	128	3.4	218	50.8	18.6
6*	16.7	14	184	3.8	110	43.2	17.6	-6	1998	7	20.8	15	121	3.1	158	47.2	13.4
6*	19.3	17	208	4.2	128	49.3	17.3	-22	1997	6	31.6	19	186	4.3	177	55.0	11.5

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Tulsa	25	42-378	9.0	16-28	131	1	10	38-102	2.7	12-22	111	1	-1
Alabama	12	23-(-23)	-1.0	21-38	306	6	14	45-96	2.1	17-35	192	3	+2
UTEP	27	39-215	5.5	19-32	334	1	12	41-93	2.3	10-32	126	0	+5
S Florida	15	33-45	1.4	22-34	194	3	18	34-61	1.8	24-44	267	0	+2
at Missouri	14	30-126	4.2	21-33	317	2	22	44-271	6.2	19-39	178	2	+3
† Texas	19	46-266	5.8	12-29	131	3	10	35-53	1.5	12-26	156	4	-1
Iowa St	25	66-199	3.0	14-24	168	4	5	23-17	0.7	4-22	43	2	+2
Colorado	12	45-200	4.4	10-23	105	1	19	41-204	5.0	18-37	174	0	+2
at Texas A&M	16	37-156	4.2	20-34	249	2	18	39-185	4.7	11-22	219	3	0
at Baylor	21	36-222	6.2	12-24	179	2	21	46-137	3.0	21-38	241	3	+2
Texas Tech	25	61-329	5.4	17-28	149	0	10	19-12	0.6	17-39	224	7	+1
at Oklahoma St	21	31-122	3.9	25-38	211	2	23	38-149	3.9	18-27	357	2	0
† Colorado	25	56-287	5.1	14-25	114	0	9	32-126	3.9	6-15	67	3	0
† Washington St	19	46-146	3.2	19-29	240	3	11	21-4	0.2	17-34	239	6	+2
TOTALS	276	591-2668	4.5	242-419	2828	30	202	496-1510	3.0	206-432	2594	36	+19
AVERAGES	19.7	42-191	4.5	17-30	202	2.1	14.4	35-108	3.0	15-31	185	2.6	1.4

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Texas	-18	37-9	W
at TCU	-5'	10-9	L
California	-3	12-13	L
Colorado	+4	25-27	W
† Texas	+8	3-34	L
at Missouri	+16'	6-20	W
at Oklahoma St	+8'	26-41	L
Iowa St	-7	17-14	L
at Texas A&M	+19	0-29	L
at Baylor	+4	28-16	W
Texas Tech	+7	20-17	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana St	NL	49-0	–
Baylor	-12'	41-10	W
at Louisville	E	42-21	W
at Notre Dame	+6	30-34	W
† Texas	+5	28-38	L
Texas A&M	+3'	51-6	W
at Colorado	-4'	24-38	L
Missouri	-11	37-0	W
at Iowa St	-7	31-10	W
at Texas Tech	-13	28-38	L
Oklahoma St	-13'	44-7	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UTEP	-27	55-14	W
Arkansas St	-32	45-7	W
Rice	-33	42-14	L
Kansas	-24'	34-16	L
† Texas	+2'	63-14	W
at Kansas St	+8'	41-31	W
Nebraska	+2'	31-14	W
at Baylor	-39	56-7	W
at Texas A&M	-10	35-31	L
Texas Tech	-24'	27-13	L
at Oklahoma St	-26	12-7	L

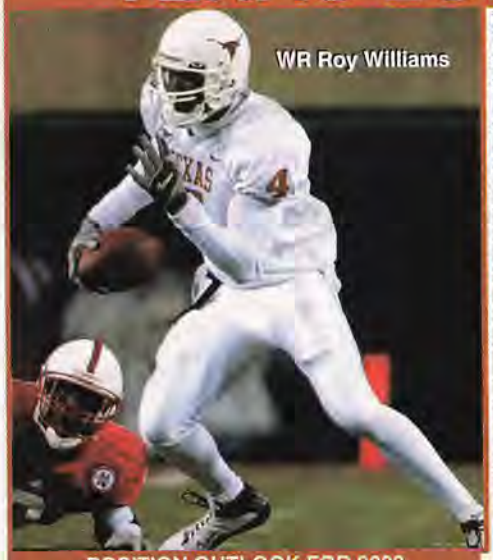
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Carolina	-20'	41-27	L
at Air Force	-17'	44-3	W
N Texas	-41	37-10	L
Kansas St	-4'	38-37	L
† Texas	+3	14-3	W
at Kansas	-21'	38-10	W
Baylor	-35'	33-17	L
at Nebraska	+4	10-20	L
Tulsa	-41	58-0	W
Texas A&M	-17'	31-10	W
at Texas Tech	-7'	30-13	W
Oklahoma St	-27	13-16	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tulsa	-37	37-0	T
Alabama	-12	37-27	L
UTEP	-43	68-0	W
S Florida	-28'	31-14	L
at Missouri	-13	31-24	L
† Texas	+3	35-24	W
Iowa St	-8'	49-3	W
Colorado	-13'	27-11	W
at Texas A&M	-10	26-30	L
at Baylor	-38	49-9	W
Texas Tech	-13	60-15	W
at Oklahoma St	-15	28-38	L

TEXAS LONGHORNS



POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - When Chris Simms (PS#1) was signed, he was expected to lead Texas to a National Championship (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). Last year he had his best year statistically throwing for 3,207 yards (59.3%) with a 26-12 ratio and set a Texas record by accounting for 30 TD's. Simms (#3DC of TB) leaves with a record of 26-6 as a starter, the school's best completion percentage and pass efficiency rating in history. Chance Mock (PS#6) served as the backup the last two years but surprisingly only appeared in ten games hitting 6 of 9 for 65 yards. He is more mobile than Simms is but not quite as big (6-2 215). He was the #1 QB into and out of spring. Vince Young (PS#2) is labeled as a right handed Michael Vick as he has great size with 4.5 speed and a cannon for an arm. Matt Nordgren (6-5 220 So) was PS#23 but has not played. I look for the offense to change with the new QB being much more mobile and that will greatly aide the running game as Simms was responsible for -124 yards rushing last year and this year's QB will run options and QB draws. Naturally going from a veteran senior starter to a pair of inexperienced QB's, this unit is clearly weaker but still could be a surprise with the wealth of weapons surrounding him.

RUNNING BACKS - The Longhorns have had some great RB's through the years like Heisman Trophy winners Earl Campbell and Ricky Williams. They also have an outstanding streak of eight straight 1,000 yard rushers with Cedric Benson (PS#5) topping the total in each of the last two years. Benson actually became the first frosh in Texas history to top the 1,000 yard barrier with 1,053 (4.7) in 2001. Benson, who plays baseball with the Dodgers organization over the summer (coaches are not fond of this) had some great games last season like 208 yards vs N Carolina and 199 vs Iowa St. He did suffer a broken rib at midseason and was banged up throughout the year (toe, shoulder, groin and neck). He also only has 5 career fumbles (1 per every 105.6 att) and has more yards after two years than did Williams (left as the NCAA's all-time career rushing leader). Selvin Young (6-0 195 So) rushed for 408 yards (4.8) as a true frosh and is smaller and speedier offering a change of pace. FB Ivan Williams (PS#36) was very impressive in his first year (see Hardcore Fans). Also in the mix at RB are Albert Hardy (5-11 215 rFr, PS#18) and Brett Robin (5-11 200 Sr) who has 495 total yards offense in three years. They must replace FB Matt Trissel (5 sts, 20 yds). You may even see the Horns in a split back set this year with both Benson and Young on the field as both are solid receivers and rushers. Texas only rushed for 3.4 ypc last year (lowest since 1988) but with the more mobile QB I look for significant improvement in the ypc this season.

RECEIVERS - In 2000 Mack Brown brought in an amazing class of receivers with BJ Johnson (PS#1), Roy Williams (PS#5), Sloan Thomas (PS#12) and Brock Edwards (PS#7) all of whom played as true frosh and are now seniors. Basically everyone returned last year but the unit was hit hard by injuries with TE Bo Scaife (PS#2) tearing an ACL prior to the opener. Thomas was bothered by a hamstring injury and was never really 100% while star WR Williams injured a hamstring against Houston which slowed him down. Williams, who had 78 receptions (12.4) in 2001, actually caught less passes but gained more yards (1,142) averaging 17.8 with 12 TD's. Amazingly, Williams who would have been a Top 10 pick in the NFL draft opted to return for his senior season. BJ Johnson has 87 rec's the last two years (14.9) and has improved his blocking. Brock Edwards did a fine job filling in at TE with 10 starts and 16 grabs (16.1) and their 3rd string TE David Thomas (PS#6, 9 rec as true) would be starting at many other programs. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and not listed are WR Dustin Miksch (6-0 170 rFr, PS#95) and Anthony Johnson (5-11 195 So, PS#44RB) plus this year's talented true frosh. This is the nation's best receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - A veteran offensive front in 2001 paved the way for 4.1 ypc rushing while allowing just 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including a 1st round DC. The team struggled as they averaged just 3.4 ypc rushing yielding 37 sacks. This year they must replace RG Derrick Dockery (13 sts, 1st Tm AA, #3DC of WAS), LG Beau Baker (8 sts), LT Robbie Doane (13 sts, 2 yr st'r) and backup RT Alfio Randall (PS#5). Jonathan Scott started the last seven games at RT and I will count him as a returning starter, giving them three back on the line. I think Texas has a lot of solid underclassmen ready to contribute including Justin Blalock who could become their best OL in his first year starting. Center Jason Glynn was undersized last year and overpowered at times and will have to hold off Will Allen. With the more mobile QB, the numbers will definitely improve in both ypc rushing and sacks allowed but I think the line will have something to do with that as well as I call them a little stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Horns had to replace one starter and a backup due to graduation but starting DE Kalen Thornton suffered through injuries most of the year and would only get 3 starts. They did have their star back in Cory Redding (PS#2LB). He lived up to his reputation earning 1st Team AA with 76 tackles, 8.5 sacks, 15 tfl and 37 QBH. He was #3DC of DET. Also departing is DT Miguel McKay (3 sts, 12 tkls, 2 tfl) and DE OJ McClintock (15 tkls). You have to be impressed with the talent available as not only are there 12 VHT's in the group (including this year's true frosh), but no less than five were among the Top 10 at their position coming out of HS. Brown's incredible class last year included PS#2 Rodrique Wright, PS#6 Marco Martin and PS#8 Larry Dibbles and they form a formidable group inside along with returning starter DT Marcus Tubbs. Not listed below are DE Eric Hall (6-3 250 So, PS#50, 7 tkls) whose spring move to FB may be permanent and Kaelen Jakes (6-5 260 So, PS#27). This is still one of the top DL's in the country even with the loss of its top player.

LINEBACKERS - Last season the Horns had to replace 3 long time starters plus a key backup and while they were a little more athletic, they were clearly a lot less experienced. This year the only loss is SLB Lee Jackson (12 sts, 70 tkls, 5 sks) although backup LB, Mike Williams was tried at DE in the spring. Reed Boyd was good enough to become only the 4th player to receive Tommy Nobis' famed #60 jersey and simply led the team in tackles last year with 123. He played MLB last year but moved to SLB to make room for Garnet Smith. Their best LB is Derrick Johnson (PS#6) who was a bowl MVP as a true frosh as well as Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year. Not listed below is Braden Johnson (6-1 200 So, PS#94DB) and true frosh Robert Killebrew (PS#15). This unit is a lot more experienced than it was heading into last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Longhorns have now racked up three consecutive #1 finishes in my pass D rankings which also takes into account strength of opponent. Last year they had to replace their top CB in Quentin Jammer (#1DC) but had three starters returning. Overall they allowed just 165 ypg (48%) with a 17-22 ratio despite facing some solid pass attacks. This year the only losses are CB Roderick Babers (13 sts, 1st Tm B12, 21 pbu, #4DC of NYG) and Kendal Briles (10 tkls, 2 int) but basically 6 of the top 8 are back and as you would expect, many are VHT's in the 3 deep listed below. I give Texas a shot at its fourth consecutive pass efficiency title.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Mack Brown had always struggled with special teams units with his teams usually finishing in the bottom part of my rankings. With all of the talent he has brought in recently, the unit went from #109 to #106 in his first two years to finishing #18, #10 and #16 the last 3. The team brought in a solid JUCO punter in Brian Bradford and last year he improved his average to 40.1 and the net to 34.3. Unfortunately he departs but Justin Smith (PS#29) should do a good job. Kicker Dustin Mangum hit 18 of 26 with a long of 51 in 2001 but last year was down a little hitting 16 of 26 with his long only being 44. I expect him to return to his freshmen form and there is plenty of talent behind him like David Pino (PS#25) and strong legged walk on Richmond McGee who does KO's and may attempt long FG's. The team has blocked 3 punts in each of the last two years. The top PR was Nathan Vasher (14.2) who was #19 in the country and the top KR was Selvin Young (23.8). With basically everyone back except for Bradford, this unit will clearly contend for Top 10 honors.

COACHES - Mack Brown has done some great things here. His 49-15 start is the best for any UT coach and remember he took over a team that had just three winning seasons the previous seven years including a 4-7 record the year prior. He has won or tied for three Big 12 South Titles and has had 13 straight winning seasons and 11 straight bowls, the second best streak among active coaches. He is also the only current coach to have 7 straight nine win years with his 5 straight here being a school record. OC Greg Davis was with him at N Carolina and has piloted 5 of the top 6 passing yardage totals here at Texas and 5 of the top 7 in total yardage. The DC, Carl Reese, has had his unit ranked in the Top 20 four straight years (including #1 in 2001), whereas in the previous five to Brown's arrival they had been in the bottom half of the NCAA. The 120 sacks by the defense over the last 3 years is among the top 5 in the NCAA.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Texas had not finished in the Top 10 since 1983 but finished #5 in the polls in 2001, a year they could have achieved much more. They were favored in every single game that season and in league play outgained foes by an average of 200.7 ypg. Last year they recorded their second straight Top 10 finish (#6) for the first time since 1977-'78. This year's squad has 16 starters returning which is the most in the league. Surprisingly last year while they were 6-2 in league play, they only outgained those foes by an average of 37.3 ypg. Despite having to replace QB Chris Simms, they should have the most potent offense in the Big 12 and the second best defense. The non-conference schedule is soft and most of their tough Big 12 games are at home. This is a team that should be favored in at least 11 of their 12 games with the one notable toss-up being Oklahoma on Oct 11th. Nobody can argue with Brown's ability to recruit but he's been knocked for his inability to win the big games as he's 1-10 vs Top 5 teams. Keep in mind they said the same thing about Bobby Bowden and Tom Osborne until both broke through and won titles. Brown has the talent to do the same. The Horns finally got a win in the Cotton Bowl after four straight losses in the stadium. That should give them more confidence for their showdown with the Sooners.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Chance Mock Jr. 6-2 215 **PS#6**. 10 gms in 2Y, 9 pass att, 65 pass yds, 12 yds rush. **Vince Young** (6-5 220 rFr) **PS#2**. 4.5 spd, strong arm. Matt Nordgren (6-5 220 So) PS#23.

RB CEDRIC BENSON JR. 6-0 205 **PS#5**. 7 starts as true, 1053 yds (4.7). Off MVP. 1293 yds (4.2), 21 rec LY. Selvin Young **PS#19**. 408 yds (4.8) as true, 372 return yds.

WR SLOAN THOMAS SR. 6-2 200 **PS#12**. 5 sts in '01, 30 rec (14.7). 4 sts LY, 30 rec (12.8). Brian Carter (5-11 185 So) PS#47, great hands. **FB Ivan Williams** (6-1 240 Sr) **PS#36**.

WR BJ JOHNSON SR. 6-1 200 **PS#1**. 8 sts, #1 w/45 rec (16.4) as true. 13 sts, 47 rec (14.8) in '01. 13 sts, 40 rec (15.1) LY. Tony Jeffery (6-2 175 Jr) PS#57QB. 11 rec (10.2), fast.

WR ROY WILLIAMS SR. 6-4 210 **PS#5**. 7 sts, 42 rec (20.3) as true. 13 sts, 78 rec (12.4) in '01. 64 rec (17.8) in '02. Turned down Top 10 NFL draft. Robert Timmons (6-2 205 So) PS#16.

TE BROCK EDWARDS SR. 6-5 250 **PS#7**. 6 sts in 2000 & '01, 15 rec. 10 sts LY, 16 rec (16.1), tough run blk'r. Bo Scaife (6-3 250 Sr) **PS#2**. 11 sts, 37 rec in '01. ACL LY. David Thomas PS#6.

C JASON GLYNN JR. 6-2 275 **PS#79**. 11 gms as rFr. 13 sts @ C in '02, 2 letters. Will Allen (6-6 297 So) **PS#34**. 2nd string as rFr, 1 letter. Dallas Griffin is **PS#38**.

RG Justin Blalock rFr. 6-4 340 **PS#7**. Could be best OL. Mike Garcia (6-3 315 So) **PS#35** in '01. Kasey Studdard (6-3 280 rFr) **PS#29DL**. Brett Valdez (6-4 310 rFr) **PS#56**.

LG TILLMAN HOLLOWAY SR. 6-3 315 PS#107DL. 7 sts as rFr. 6 sts in 2001. 11 sts in 2002, most consistent Off Player Award. Lyle Sendlein (6-5 295 rFr) **PS#35**. Trey Bates (6-5 300 Jr).

RT William Winston So. 6-7 350 **PS#26**. 13 games last year, 6 on OL. Steve Lee (6-4 310 Jr) **PS#17DL**. 2 sts, 34 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl in 2Y. Lionel Garr (6-7 350 Jr) PS#19OL.

LT JONATHAN SCOTT SO. 6-7 297 **PS#6**. 7 sts as rFr including L/6 at RT. Moved to LT. Terrance Young (6-6 350 So) **PS#39**, 0 letters. Neale Tweedie (6-5 255 rFr) **PS#16**.

K DUSTY MANGUM JR. 5-11 170 18 of 26 FG's L/51 as true. 16 of 26 FG's LY, long of 44. 95 of 95 on xp's in career. David Pino (5-8 175 Jr) PS#25. Richmond McGee (6-4 180 Jr).

DE KALEN THORNTON SR. 6-3 270 **PS#8TE**. 9 sts, 8.5 tfl as true. 11 sts, 45 tkls, 4 sks, 11 tfl, 20 QBH in 2001. 3 sts LY (inj), 28 tkls, 2.5 sks. Chase Pittman (6-5 265 rFr) **PS#30**.

DT RODRIQUE WRIGHT SO. 6-5 320 **PS#2!** 9 sts as true, 65 tkls, 4.5 sks, 8 tfl, 15 QBH. **B12 Def Fr Yr**. Larry Dibbles (6-4 280 So) **PS#8**. 5 tkls, 1 sk as true. Adam Doiron (6-1 285 Sr) **PS#25**.

DT MARCUS TUBBS SR. 6-4 305 PS#51TE. 3 sts, 5.5 sks as rFr. 12 sts, 52 tkls, 12 tfl in '01. 9 sts, 42 tkls, 2.5 sks LY. Marco Martin (6-4 310 rFr) **PS#6**. Big. Tully Janszen (6-4 250 rFr) PS#43.

DE Bryan Pickryl So. 6-5 210 **PS#4**. 5 sts L/4, 30 tkls, 4.5 sks, 11 QBH. Austin Sendlein (6-3 265 Jr) **PS#21**. 5 sts in '02, 24 tkls, 1 tfl. Mike Williams (6-4 225 So) PS#80LB. 11 tkls.

SLB REED BOYD SR. 6-3 235 PS#112. Given Tommy Nobis' "60". 46 tkls in 2000 & '01. 13 sts LY, #1 w/123 tkls, 8 tfl, 16 QBH. Aurmon Satchell (6-2 230 Jr) **PS#19**. 4 tkls as true.

MLB Garnet Smith So. 6-3 220 **PS#14**. 11 tkls, 1.5 tfl as true. Aaron Harris (6-0 230 So) **PS#7**. 13 tkls as true. Lance McFarland (6-3 235 So) **PS#36**. Brian Robinson (6-3 240 rFr) PS#84.

WLB DERRICK JOHNSON JR. 6-4 220 **PS#6**. 2 sts as true, bowl MVP, 90 tkls, 6 sks, B12 Def Fr Yr. 13 sts LY, 120 tkls, 13 tfl, 4 int, 10 pbu, 10 QBH. Marcus Myers (6-3 220 rFr) PS#145.

CB NATHAN VASHER SR. 5-11 180 PS#54. 13 sts in '01, 62 tkls, **8 Int**, 20 pbu. 10 sts LY, 4 int, 15 pbu, **2nd Tm B12**. Clint Haney (5-11 190 rFr) PS#87RB, 4.3 spd. Aaron Ross (6-1 180 Fr) PS#40 in '01.

CB Cedric Griffin So. 6-2 190 **PS#24**. 4.42 spd. 6 sts as rFr, 73 tkls, 4 pbu, 3 tfl. Ed McCullough (5-11 175 So) **PS#10**. 10.2 in 100. 19 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu as true. Tarell Brown is **PS#11**.

SS MICHAEL HUFF SO. 6-1 190 PS#134. 13 starts as rFr, 70 tkls, 2 int, 10 pbu, 10 tfl. Matt Melton (6-0 195 rFr) **PS#36**. Rufus Harris (5-11 190 So) **PS#19**. 8 tkls as a rFr.

FS DAKARAI PEARSON SR. 5-10 185 PS#32QB. 10 sts as rFr, 57 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu. 2 sts, 38 tkls in '01. 13 sts LY, 6 int, 13 pbu. Phillip Geiggar (5-11 205 Jr) PS#39. 18 career tkls.

P Justin Smith Jr. 6-5 198 PS#29. 41.6 avg in HS. 1 punt in '01. 2 punts LY, 42.0 career avg. Taylor Landin (6-2 200 So). Richmond McGee does KO's & was a P in spg.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

TE	Tony Hills 6-6 260 PS#2
WR	Tyrell Gatewood 6-2 190 PS#14
DB	Tarell Brown 6-0 180 PS#11
WR	Limas Sweed 6-5 205 PS#17
LB	Robert Killebrew 6-2 210 PS#15
DL	Tim Crowder 6-4 235 PS#17
RB	Erik Hardeman 6-1 220 PS#17
DB	Michael Griffin 6-0 180 PS#20
OL	Dallas Griffin 6-4 275 PS#38
DL	Steven Hogan 6-5 240 PS#50
DB	Erick Jackson 6-2 175 PS#32
DB	Steve Richardson 5-10 180 PS#36
WR	Billy Pittman 6-0 180 PS#47
QB	Eric Foreman 6-4 215 PS#48

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TX	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	New Mexico St	G					
Sep. 6							
Sep. 13	Arkansas	G					
Sep. 20	at Rice	A					
Sep. 27	Tulane	G					
Oct. 4	Kansas St	G					
Oct. 11	† Oklahoma *(Dallas)*	G					
Oct. 18	at Iowa St	G					
Oct. 25	at Baylor	G					
Nov. 1	Nebraska	G					
Nov. 8	at Oklahoma St	A					
Nov. 15	Texas Tech	G					
Nov. 22							
Nov. 28	at Texas A&M (Fri)	G					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

TX is 8-4 ATS as a single digit fav & 7-3 ATS as a single digit dog vs the SEC.
Longhorns are 9-2 ATS off a SU loss under Mack Brown.
Texas is 19-0 SU and 13-5-1 ATS as a DD favorite vs Big 12 teams.

Horns are 7-16 ATS their last 23 vs non Big 12 opponents.
Texas is 3-15 ATS in season openers.

UT is 8-3-1 ATS vs Arkansas their last 12.
Texas is 14-5-1 ATS the last 20 after a bye.

The home team is 14-5 ATS the last 19 meetings (Texas is 18-1 SU).
Texas is 16-2 SU but 5-13 ATS as a DD favorite vs non-conf teams.

TX is just 2-2 ATS vs current CUSA tms despite winning by a 48-9 avg score.
Texas is 7-3 ATS since 1998 back on grass after an artificial turf game.

UT is 20-5 SU & 14-10-1 ATS their last 25 conference games.
Longhorns are 9-4 ATS in games before Oklahoma the last 13.

The underdog in this series is 12-3 ATS the last 15.
This will mark the 86th time these 2 have met in the Cotton Bowl.

Texas is 6-3 ATS vs the Big 12 North the last 3 years.
Horns are 12-4-2 ATS the game after the Sooners.

The Horns are 5-1 ATS the last 6 series meetings in Waco.
UT has outscored Baylor by an avg of 50-6 in the last 4 series meetings.

Texas is 7-0 SU & 6-1 ATS in November home games under Brown.
The underdog is 4-1 ATS in this series.

The visitor is 4-1 ATS the last 5 meetings.
Texas is 12-5-1 ATS their last 18 away in November.

UT is 10-0 ATS their last 10 home finales.
Horns are 12-6 ATS prior to a bye week their last 18.

Bonus: The Texas/TT SU winner is 16-1 ATS (only loss in 1991).

Texas is 6-1-1 ATS their last 8 vs their arch rival.
UT is 9-4-1 ATS in road finales, not including conf championship games.

MACK BROWN (Career 135-89-1)
6th Year at Texas

Brown's records AT TEXAS

49-15	Straight Up	14-13	Home Favorite
29-29-1	Vs The Spread	2-0	Home Dog
9-2	Off A SU Loss	10-13-1	Away Favorite
23-18-1	Vs Conference	3-3	Away Dog
		6-11	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (17,17,3)
Lost: 19 (12,6,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 83,150

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION

RB Cedric Benson

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (80,082)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	4-7	8-3	9-4	9-2	10-2	10-2	58-24
ATS	8-4	2-9	5-6	6-7	7-4	6-5-1	5-7	39-42-1
Home Fav	3-2	1-3	2-3	2-3	4-2	4-1	2-4	18-18
Home Dog	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1
Away Fav	1-1	0-5	1-1	3-3	2-2	2-4-1	2-3	11-19-1
Away Dog	3-1	1-0	1-2	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	7-4
Favorite	4-3	1-8	3-4	5-6	6-4	6-5-1	4-7	29-37-1
Dog	4-1	1-1	2-2	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	10-5
Grass	4-4	2-6	4-4	5-6	5-4	5-4-1	3-5	28-33-1
Artificial	4-0	0-3	1-2	1-1	2-0	1-1	2-2	11-9
vs Conf	7-2	2-6	4-4	5-4	6-2	5-3-1	3-5	32-26-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-3	1-2	1-3	1-2	1-2	2-2	7-16
Off SU Win	5-2	1-3	3-4	4-5	5-3	5-4-1	3-6	26-27-1
Off SU Loss	2-2	1-5	2-1	2-1	2-0	1-0	2-0	12-9

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cedric Benson	305	1345	52	1293	12	4.2
Selvin Young	85	427	19	408	5	4.8
Roy Williams	5	85	0	85	1	17.0
Chris Simms	70	123	247	-124	4	-1.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Chris Simms	396	235	59.3	3207	26	12
Chance Mock	8	5	62.5	44	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Roy Williams	64	1142	17.8	12	75	
B.J. Johnson	40	603	15.1	5	84	
Sloan Thomas	30	383	12.8	2	55	
Ivan Williams	20	273	13.6	2	49	
Brock Edwards	16	258	16.1	1	46	
Cedric Benson	21	119	5.7	0	33	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Brian Bradford	67	2685	40.1	71	–	0	14
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Dusty Mangum	54-54	8-9	4-9	4-8	0-0	16-26	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Reed Boyd	123	2	6	1	1
Derrick Johnson	120	2	11	10	4
Cory Redding	76	8.5	15	0	0
Cedric Griffin	73	1	2	4	0
Michael Huff	70	0	10	10	2
Lee Jackson	70	5	1	0	0
Rodrique Wright	65	4.5	8	0	0
Dakarai Pearson	62	0	1	13	6
Roderick Babers	46	1	2	21	2
Marcus Tubbs	43	2.5	4	0	0
Nathan Vasher	33	1	3	15	4
Bryan Pickryl	30	4.5	3	2	0
Kalen Thornton	28	2.5	2	0	0
Stevie Lee	26	2	2	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Nathan Vasher	26	370	14.2	1
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Selvin Young	12	285	23.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Cotton	-6'	Mississippi St	38-11	W
99	Cotton	-5'	Arkansas	6-27	L
00	Holiday	-7'	Oregon	30-35	L
01	Holiday	-13	Washington	47-43	L
02	Cotton	-10'	LSU	35-20	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TEXAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	33.8	20	136	3.4	250	59.4	11.4	+17	2002	5	16.3	18	143	3.9	165	48.0	18.9
9*	39.8	23	159	4.1	267	60.4	10.7	+10	2001	8	15.9	14	94	3.0	158	50.6	15.8
7*	37.9	21	138	3.8	290	55.1	11.3	+5	2000	8	19.3	17	97	2.7	193	46.2	15.0
4*	32.1	21	124	3.5	271	57.8	12.3	+13	1999	7	21.1	16	112	2.9	182	44.8	13.9
8	36.4	23	207	5.1	263	59.0	12.9	-1	1998	10	28.1	19	139	3.4	220	50.4	12.8
6*	25.7	21	200	5.3	197	50.7	15.4	-20	1997	6	33.3	19	242	4.7	158	51.0	12.0

	OFFENSE						2002 STATS BY GAME	DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS		FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
N Texas	16	34-27	0.8	17-29	187	8		11	38-90	2.4	6-20	55	2	+2
at N Carolina	22	41-271	6.6	14-30	298	0		24	41-173	4.2	13-29	170	3	+3
Houston	27	52-233	4.5	22-33	244	1		8	23-31	1.3	14-27	121	1	-1
at Tulane	22	34-176	5.2	18-32	193	1		13	29-88	3.0	14-35	127	4	+2
Oklahoma St	25	43-145	3.4	24-46	267	2		15	29-139	4.8	14-31	134	2	+2
† Oklahoma	10	35-53	1.5	12-26	156	4		19	46-266	5.8	12-29	131	3	+1
at Kansas St	10	32-46	1.4	13-24	184	3		15	50-159	3.2	7-18	102	5	0
Iowa St	25	56-245	4.4	16-23	141	4		21	33-58	1.8	19-40	227	1	-2
at Nebraska	27	36-79	2.2	29-47	419	3		17	47-320	6.8	7-16	98	2	+1
Baylor	25	45-180	4.0	20-25	270	1		8	27-41	1.5	11-22	86	6	+1
at Texas Tech	24	31-92	3.0	24-37	345	4		32	25-98	3.9	39-62	508	2	0
Texas A&M	16	40-102	2.6	16-24	278	3		19	37-142	3.8	17-25	195	6	+6
† LSU	15	32-113	3.5	15-28	269	3		25	49-248	5.1	19-46	193	1	+2
TOTALS	264	511-1762	3.4	240-404	3251	37		227	474-1853	3.9	192-400	2147	38	+17
AVERAGES	20.3	39-136	3.4	18-31	250	2.8		17.5	36-143	3.9	15-31	165	2.9	+1.3

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Mexico St	-37	66-36	L
at UCLA	+9	31-49	L
at Kansas St	+23	7-48	L
Rice	-6'	59-21	W
Iowa St	-14'	54-33	W
† Oklahoma	-8	34-3	W
Baylor	-17'	30-20	L
at Nebraska	+16'	20-16	W
Oklahoma St	-11'	37-34	L
at Texas Tech	-2'	35-42	L
Texas A&M	+2'	26-24	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
NC State	-9'	20-23	L
Stanford	-10'	69-17	W
at Rutgers	-23	38-21	L
Rice	-27	18-13	L
at Baylor	-16	62-0	W
Kansas St	-6	17-35	L
† Oklahoma	-5	38-28	W
Nebraska	+9	24-20	W
at Iowa St	-10'	44-41	L
at Oklahoma St	-8	34-21	W
Texas Tech	-16	58-7	W
at Texas A&M	-2'	16-20	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisiana-Lft	-46'	52-10	L
at Stanford	-13	24-27	L
Houston	-24	48-0	W
Oklahoma St	-20'	42-7	W
† Oklahoma	-2'	14-63	L
at Colorado	+1	28-14	W
Missouri	-23	46-12	W
Baylor	-41	48-14	L
at Texas Tech	-10	29-17	W
at Kansas	-11'	51-16	W
Texas A&M	-5'	43-17	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Mexico St	-35	41-7	L
N Carolina	-22	44-14	W
at Houston	-31	53-26	L
Texas Tech	-18	42-7	W
† Oklahoma	-3	3-14	L
at Oklahoma St	-17'	45-17	W
Colorado	-11	41-7	W
at Missouri	-21'	35-16	L
at Baylor	-32	49-10	W
Kansas	-34'	59-0	W
at Texas A&M	-14	21-7	T

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Texas	-35	27-0	L
at N Carolina	-13'	52-21	W
Houston	-36	41-11	L
at Tulane	-31'	49-0	W
Oklahoma St	-24'	17-15	L
† Oklahoma	-3	24-35	L
at Kansas St	+2'	17-14	W
Iowa St	-12'	21-10	L
at Nebraska	-3'	27-24	L
Baylor	-40	41-0	W
at Texas Tech	-6'	38-42	L
Texas A&M	-12	50-20	W

OKLAHOMA ST COWBOYS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 true frosh Josh Fields (PS#86), a Miles recruit and returning starter Aso Pogi (PS#137LB) battled for the starting job. Fields had hernia surgery in August which set him behind. Pogi threw for 1,854 yards (60.5%) with an 11-7 ratio but it was Fields who led the team to the big upset of Oklahoma. Fields only threw for 451 yards (50.7%) with a 3-3 ratio. Pogi was injured in a car accident in December and was limited in the spring of 2002. Notably, Miles moved spring practices around Fields' busy schedule, as he split time between baseball and spring practices. Fields took all the snaps with the #1 offense when he was available and took over the starting job. In the first six games Fields had an 11-8 ratio but really blossomed down the stretch with an outstanding 20-2 ratio the rest of the way. In the last six games of the regular season he had just one interception in 166 passes and that one bounced off the receiver's hands. He ended up setting single season school records for yards, attempts, completions and TD's throwing for 3,145 yards (55.4%) with a 31-10 ratio. Pogi transferred after the season. Jamie Beeghley (6-2 200 rFr) was PS#95 and was on the travel team last year. He is a better runner than passer. Will Ahrberg (6-4 195 So) was PS#256. True frosh Donovan Woods (PS#37) will likely be 2nd string. While it will be tough for Fields to top last year's outstanding statistics, he should be one of the Big 12's best.

RUNNING BACKS - Tatum Bell (PS#37) was forced to play as a true frosh despite wanting to redshirt to get bigger. He had a memorable 60 yard TD run against Oklahoma in 2000 and then in 2001 became the feature back rushing for 776 yards (3.9) but durability was a problem as he was often injured during the 4Q or in OT. After playing in 2001 at 198 pounds, he upped his weight to 210, increasing his bench to 345 while still running a 4.43. Unfortunately for Bell, he severely sprained his ankle early last August and missed the opener. Seymore Shaw (PS#14) started the opener and would get five starts rushing for 498 yards (5.6). Shaw also suffered an injury early and then injured his leg missing the middle part of the season. Vernand Morency (5-11 215 So) spent four years in minor league baseball. He also suffered a sprained ankle and finished with 269 yards (4.6) as a "true" frosh. When Bell finally was 100% healthy, he was dominant. He topped 100 yards in six of the last seven games including a 182 yard effort against Nebraska. In the bowl game he had just 18 yards in the 1H due to a suspension but finished the game with 160 yards including an 88 yard run late in the game. His super 6.3 ypc helped him earn 2nd Team Big 12. Greg Jones (5-9 200 Jr) rushed for 96 yards (4.2) and also in the mix is Greg Gold (5-10 200 rFr, PS#40). I list the FB's below and the only loss from this unit is FB Michael Denard (3 sts, 56 yds). They do have three quality TB's who should all be much healthier and I look for them to better last year's numbers.

WR Rashaun Woods

RECEIVERS - It looked as if the entire receiving corps would return last year but the returning starter at TE, Mark Milosevich, left the program over the summer. Billy Bajema (PS#63) ably filled in with 16 rec's (16.9) and I list his backups below. In 2001 Rashaun Woods set school records with 80 rec's (12.8) and he led the Big 12 in receiving yards. Woods had an even better season as a junior breaking Hart Lee Dykes 1988 school record of 1,278 yards (Dykes QB was OC Mike Gundy) as he had 107 rec's for 1,695 yards (15.8) including a school record 226 against Oklahoma. The surprising news was that Woods did not leave early for the NFL and instead opted to return for his senior season where he figures to be one of the most dominating WR's in the country. This year the unit must replace WR's John Lewis (8 sts, 34 rec, 17.0), Terrance Davis-Bryant (4 sts, 31, 11.3), Willie Young (1 st, 5, 11.2) and TE Matt Hardison (1 st, 1 rec) who moved to OL. Not listed below is the excellent crop of true frosh who were brought in, many of whom will contend for time immediately. While 2 of the top 3 receivers depart, the key guy is back in Woods and this unit should be just as explosive as it was last season and his brother should emerge to help cut down on double teams.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 OSU's O-line paved the way for 4.1 ypc rushing while allowing 36 sacks. In 2001 they had 9 of the top 10 back and while they improved the sacks allowed (30) they only averaged 2.7 ypc rushing which was unexpected. Last year six players departed (3 starters and 3 backups) and they had just two returning starters, both at OT. Surprisingly the inexperienced group paved the way for 4.4 ypc rushing while allowing just 19 sacks. This year they must replace RT Jason Russell (13 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Kyle Eaton (13 sts, 3 yr st'r, HM B12), RG Dustin Vanderhoof (2nd string) and LS Jed Newkirk. Six players return with starting experience including Matt Hardison who had one start at TE last year. Not listed below is Doug Koenig (6-4 295 Sr, PS#224) and Jon Cruz (6-5 355 rFr, 390 bench). This unit is more experienced than last season and could put up even stronger numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Cowboys allowed 3.4 ypc rushing while recording 25 sacks. DC Bill Clay said that when he was at UAB most of the DL's benched 400 lbs but none did when he arrived here in 2001. Last year nine of the top 10 DL's returned including all four starters. They had a pair of good sized DT's in NG LaWaylon Brown (13 sts, 31 tkls, 6 tfl, HM B12, 435 bench) and DT Kevin Williams (13 sts, 61 tkls, 14 tfl, 1st Tm B12, #1DC of MIN). Both of them depart this year as does DE Kyle Beck (2 sts, 23 tkls, 6 tfl, 770 squat). This year two starters return but the majority of the DL will probably arrive in the fall with two top-notch freshmen as well as a JUCO (see below). Xavier Lawson-Kennedy turned down Oklahoma to be a Cowboy and should start as a true frosh. Last year's defense allowed 3.5 ypc rushing while recording 28 sacks and while this year's front is a little less experienced and loses two solid players, they could come close to 2002's standards.

LINEBACKERS - OSU runs a 4-2-5 defense but I will list the WS under the linebackers writeup. Last season they had to replace four players who combined for 25 starts and 203 tackles including a 2nd Tm Big 12 member. This year the unit must replace MLB Terrence Robinson (12 sts, 70 tkls, HM B12) and WS Chris Massey (13 sts, PS#4QB, 73 tkls, 7 pbu, 3rd Tm B12). They will likely move three year starting FS Elbert Craig into the WS spot giving them two VHT starters and the other OLB, Paul Duren may be the most talented of the bunch. Not listed below is Chay Nease (6-1 205 Jr, PS#144WR), Josh Wheeler (6-2 235 Sr), and Justin Deason (6-2 225 Sr). This unit is more experienced than it was heading into last year and will be a very strong LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 the Cowboys finished #57 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace two players who combined for nine starts but had the excellent safety combo of Chris Massey (PS#4QB) and Elbert Craig (PS#32). Six players returned with starting experience. Surprisingly the group dropped to #60 allowing 251.6 ypg (54.8%) with a 20-12 ratio. The fact that six frosh saw action in this unit may have something to do with the drop. This year they must replace SS Kirk Milligan (12 sts, 31 tkls, 1 int), FS Craig (moves to LB), CB Ricklan Holmes (3 sts, 24 tkls, 1 pbu) and CB Kobina Amoo (3 sts, 12 tkls). CB Vernon Grant was tried at SS in the spring to make way for JUCO Robert Jones (4.3 spd). Despite the losses, I can see this group improving upon last year's pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Okla St has had strong special teams rankings over the last seven years, always finishing in the Top 40. Special teams coordinator Joe DeForest has done a fine job as the team finished #3 in his first year in 2001. Last year they did have to replace their punter but still finished a lofty #18. Cole Farden stepped into the punter's role and did a decent job averaging 41.4 with a net of 34.8 but that was a drop of 4.8 yards from 2001. Kicker Luke Phillips hit 15 of 17 FG's with a long of 52 in 2001 and last year hit 11 of 16 with a long of 52 and two of his misses came from 50+. Both Farden and Phillips return. The return game did take a hard hit as Terrance Davis-Bryant, who averaged 13.5 and 10.6 on PR's the last two years and Chris Massey who averaged 34.8 and 24.3 on KR's both depart. Gabe Lindsay averaged 19.0 on 10 PR's and is back after gaining a sixth year of eligibility. In the last three years the team has blocked 12 punts and finished with an aggregate +13 in the TD/Blk category. The returnmen will be tough to replace but DeForest has some speed to work with and solid blocking schemes. This group has the potential for yet another Top 20 finish.

COACHES - Les Miles was the Big 12 Coach of the Year and led his second OSU team to its first bowl appearance since 1997. Miles is now 2-0 vs Bob Stoops. He was the Cowboys TE coach from '98-'00 and previously the OSU OC from '95-'97. His OC is Mike Gundy who was a star QB here. The DC is Bill Clay who was Miss St's DC from '91-'95, at UTEP in '96 and UAB from '97-'00.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Oklahoma St was just 3-7 in 2001 heading into the season finale against #4 ranked Oklahoma when they pulled the stunning upset costing the Sooners the Big 12 South Title and a shot at the Rose Bowl. That game, in which they had a 334-220 yard edge, gave them a lot of confidence heading into 2002. The Cowboys suffered some tough losses early last season blowing an 18 point lead against Louisiana Tech and having three drives inside the UCLA 20 end up in zero points. They also only lost to Texas by 2 but then beat Nebraska for the first time since 1961 and played great ball down the stretch. They beat #3 ranked Oklahoma for a 2nd straight year and this time had a 506-333 yard edge! The Cowboys achieved their first winning season in conf play since 1997. Despite their 5-3 record in Big 12 play they were outgained by 30.1 ypg in league action. This year they return 51 lettermen, which is the highest in the Big 12 and the offense should be potent with 8 starters back including QB Fields, RB Bell and WR Woods. They could even top last year's 34.3 ppg. Defensively six starters return and they should be stronger on that side of the ball. They pull both Nebraska and Kansas St out of the Big 12 North but gain confidence every year and I rate them as having the third best offense in the Big 12 and I look for the Cowboys to get to their 2nd straight bowl and possibly pull another big upset or two.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JOSH FIELDS JR. 6-1 210 451 yds (51%), 3-3 ratio in 2001. 13 sts LY, 3145 yds (55%), 31-10 ratio (20-2 ratio L/6), 93 rush LY. Donovan Woods is PS#37QB.

RB TATUM BELL SR. 5-11 210 **PS#37**. 10 sts in '01, 776 yds (3.9). 4.43 spd. 8 sts LY, 1096 yds (6.3). **2nd Tm B12. Seymore Shaw** (6-1 220 Jr) **PS#14**. 5 sts (inj), 498 yds (5.6) LY.

FB TIM BURROUGH SR. 6-1 255 5 sts in 2000 & '01, 106 yds (2.8), 16 rec. 4 sts LY (til inj) 75 ttl yds. Shawn Willis (6-1 235 So) PS#76RB. 37.5" VL, 420 bench, 3 gms @ DE LY.

WR D'Juan Woods rFr. 6-2 180 PS#74. 2 rec LY, RS. Gabe Lindsay (5-8 185 Sr) PS#113RB. 7 sts, 47 rec 3Y. John Wohlgemuth (6-2 190 Jr) 2 sts. Errick McCown PS#219RB.

WR RASHAUN WOODS SR. 6-2 190 PS#69. 11 sts in '01, 80 rec (12.8). 13 sts LY, 1st Tm AA, 107 rec, 1659 yds (#3 NCAA all-time), 4.38 spd. Kenneth Williams (6-4 190 So) Howard trans.

TE BILLY BAJEMA JR. 6-5 250 PS#63. 13 sts in '02, 16 rec (16.9), HM B12. Charlie Johnson (6-4 255 So) PS#116. 2 sts as **true**, 8 rec (13.6). Tremayne Standberry is **PS#14**.

C BEN BUIE JR. 6-2 305 PS#84DL. 2 games in '01. 11 sts at C in '02. Byron Machado (6-2 260 So) started first 2 at C in '02, 5 games. Caleb Noble (6-1 300 So).

RG SAM MAYES JR. 6-4 315 PS#294. 3 sts at RT as rFr. 13 sts at RG LY, HM B12, 360 bench. Doug Bond (6-3 280 rFr) PS#254. Also Center. Bob Hafler (6-2 275 Sr).

LG CHRIS AKIN JR. 6-2 290 PS#226OL. Added 20 lbs as rFr. 8 sts at LG in '02 (incl L/7). Jon Hayhurst (6-3 290 Sr) PS#232. 13 games in 3 years, 3 letters. +20 lbs.

RT Matt Wakefield So. 6-5 270 PS#333OL. 4 games as rFr. 2nd string in '02. Adam Gourley (6-6 270 Jr) PS#145JC. In for fall. Matt Hardison (6-6 260 Sr) 1 st at TE LY.

LT Kellen Davis So. 6-5 275 PS#175OL. 5 games, 2nd string in '02. Corey Curtis (6-5 265 So) PS#251DL. 5 sts as rFr. Kurt Seifried (6-4 285 rFr) PS#119.

K LUKE PHILLIPS SR. 6-1 170 Hit 15 of 17 FG's, L/52 in 2001, **2nd Tm B12**, 2 of 3 from 50+. 11 of 16 FG's LY, L/52, 2 misses from 50+. Ross Kovak 65 yd FG in HS.

DE GREG RICHMOND SR. 6-2 240 PS#96LB. L/9 sts in '01, 36 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl. 10 sts LY, 55 tkls, 7 sks, 4.35 pro agility. Jerry Don Bray (6-4 245 So) PS#119. 2 sks LY. Mike Mason (6-5 245 rFr).

NG Xavier Lawson-Kennedy Fr. 6-3 305 **PS#7**. 'XLK' has 400+ bench. Efe Mowarin (6-3 295 Jr) PS#130JC, 450 bench. Brad Girtman is PS#71. Trumain Carroll (6-5 230 So) 3 tkls.

DT Clay Coe Jr. 6-2 280 **PS#62**. 2 sts as rFr, 14 tkls, 1 sk. 20 tkls LY, 1 tfl. Kyle Hix (6-5 280 So) PS#167DL. 7 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. Marcus Craig (5-11 280 Jr) PS#149DL.

DE ANTONIO SMITH SR. 6-4 255 PS#396JC. 6 sts here LY, HM B12, 31 tkls, 3.5 sks, 2 tfl. **Khreem Smith** (6-4 240 Sr) 11 sts in '01, 33 tkls, 4.5 sks. 7 sts LY, 24 tkls, 3 tfl.

LB PAUL DUREN SO. 6-1 235 PS#107QB. 13 sts as rFr, 84 tkls, 4 tfl, 3 pbu. Pagitte McGee (6-1 225 So) PS#68. 4.6 spd. 18 tkls, 3 tfl as true. Darnell Smith (6-3 230 rFr).

LB Lawrence Pinson So. 6-2 235 **PS#28LB**. 4.5 spd. 1 st as **true**, 40 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 int. Glenn Jackson (6-1 215 rFr) PS#96DL. Preston McIntyre (6-1 210 rFr). Victor DeGrate (6-4 230 Fr).

WS ELBERT CRAIG SR. 6-1 220 **PS#32DB**, 4.5 spd. 11 sts as rFr, 81 tkls, 2 sks, 3 int. 10 sts in '01, 98 tkls, HM B12. 13 sts LY, 83 tkls, 2 int, 10 pbu. Jamar Ransom (5-11 215 So) PS#136DB.

CB DARRENT WILLIAMS JR. 5-9 170 4 sts as **true**, 33 tkls, 2 int. 13 sts, 53 tkls, 3 int, 13 pbu. Top cover CB. Daniel McLemore (5-7 160 So) PS#105RB. **4.2 speed**, 21 tkls, 1 int.

CB Robert Jones Jr. 6-0 190 **PS#73JC**. 4.3 spd. In for spring. Jon Holland (6-1 190 Jr) PS#63JC. 4.5 spd. Jamie Thompson (6-0 185 Jr) PS#93JC. 4.5 speed.

SS VERNON GRANT SO. 5-10 180 PS#84. L/7 sts as **true**, 62 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu at CB. 4.4 spd. Fath' Carter (6-3 230 Sr) 1 st in 3Y, 42 tkls, 3 tfl. Charlie Ward (6-1 210 So) ACL LY.

FS Thomas Wright So. 5-11 180 **PS#77**. 15 tkls. 1 tfl, 1 pbu as **true**. Chase Holland (6-1 205 So) PS#284DB. 18 tkls, 1 pbu. Paul Francis (6-2 190 Jr) PS#104JC. In for spg.

P COLE FARDEN JR. 5-11 210 Did KO's as true, 3 tkls. 57 punts in '02, 41.4 avg & net of 34.8, 43 touchbacks on 72 KO's. Sky Rylant (6-1 205 Sr) 11 punts, 42.0 average.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

DL	Xavier Lawson-Kennedy 6-3 305 PS#7
DB	Calvin Roberts 6-1 185 PS#34
TE	Tremayne Standberry 6-4 230 PS#14
LB	Victor DeGrate 6-4 230 PS#41
QB	Donovan Woods 6-3 205 PS#37
WR	Tommy Deveraux 6-1 170 PS#51
DL	Brad Girtman 6-6 300 PS#71
WR	Phillip Jones 6-0 180 PS#53
RB	Andrew Alexander 5-10 170 PS#71
OL	Corey Hilliard 6-6 290 PS#105
DB	Jon Holland 6-1 190 PS#63JC
WR	Eric Allen 6-4 185 PS#104
DB	Grant Jones 5-10 185 PS#108
QB	Mike Friess 6-2 215 PS#95

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	at Nebraska	A						OSU is 9-4 ATS the last 13 games vs Colorado. Cowboys are 8-11-2 ATS off a SU win the last 5 years (4-2 in 2002). Oklahoma St is 13-0 since 1985 in non-lined games.
Sep. 6	Wyoming	A						Oklahoma St has not won in Lincoln since 1960 when the series began. OSU ended a 36 game winless streak vs Nebraska in 2002!
Sep. 13	SW Missouri St	A						The Cowboys are 3-8 ATS the last 11 lined September games. Oklahoma St is 4-9 ATS the last 5 years in non-conference games.
Sep. 20	at SMU	G						OSU is 3-0 SU vs SW Missouri St since 1993. SW Missouri St was 4-7 last year & plays in the Gateway Conference.
Sep. 27								The Cowboys are 2-5 ATS the last 7 in the State of Texas OSU is 12-3 ATS prior to a bye week since 1991.
Oct. 4	Louisiana-Lft	A						OSU is 5-0 SU, but 1-2 ATS the last 5 meetings vs Louisiana-Lft. Oklahoma is 15-9 ATS the week after a bye since 1984.
Oct. 11	Kansas St	A						Oklahoma St is 0-9 SU & 2-6-1 ATS the last 9 vs Kansas St. The Cowboys are 18-12-1 ATS in conf home games since 1995.
Oct. 18	Texas Tech (HC)	A						OSU is 2-7 SU & 1-8 ATS the last 9 vs Texas Tech. OSU is 7-1 ATS in Homecoming games the last 8 years.
Oct. 25	at Texas A&M	G						The home team has covered the last 4 in this series. Cowboys are 6-2-1 ATS before Oklahoma the last 9 years.
Nov. 1	at Oklahoma	G						Oklahoma St is 15-6 ATS the last 21 vs Oklahoma. Cowboys are 14-7-2 ATS since 1997 in November.
Nov. 8	Texas	A						OSU is 0-4 SU & 1-3 ATS the last 4 series meetings. Oklahoma St is 7-1 ATS the last 8 home games in November.
Nov. 15	Kansas	A						OSU is 12-3-1 ATS their last 16 vs Kansas. Oklahoma St is 7-3-1 in their last 11 home finales.
Nov. 22	at Baylor	G						OSU is 7-1 SU & 6-0-2 ATS vs Baylor since 1994. Oklahoma St is 5-0-1 ATS as a Big 12 away favorite since 1994.
Nov. 29								

LES MILES (Career 12-12)

3rd Year at Oklahoma State

Miles' records AT OKLAHOMA ST

12-12	Straight Up	2-2	Home Favorite
11-10	Vs The Spread	4-3	Home Dog
5-5	Off A SU Loss	2-0	Away Favorite
9-7	Vs Conference	3-5	Away Dog
		2-3	Vs Non-Conf

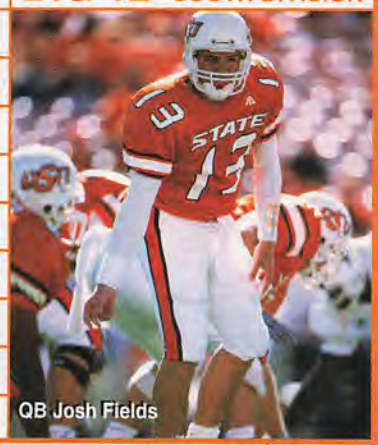
2002 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (24,24,3)
Lost: 20 (9,9,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 43,238

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION


QB Josh Fields

STADIUM: LEWIS FIELD (48,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	8-3	5-6	5-6	3-8	4-7	7-5	37-41
ATS	5-5	9-2	5-5-1	4-6-1	3-7	4-6	7-4	37-35-2
Home Fav	2-0	2-2	2-1-1	3-1	1-0	0-2	2-0	12-6-1
Home Dog	2-2	2-0	0-1	0-2	2-2	1-2	3-1	10-10
Away Fav	0-0	3-0	1-1	0-0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	6-2-1
Away Dog	1-3	2-0	2-2	1-3	0-4	2-2	1-3	9-17
Favorite	2-0	5-2	3-2-1	3-1-1	1-1	1-2	3-0	18-8-2
Dog	3-5	4-0	2-3	1-5	2-6	3-4	4-4	19-27
Grass	0-2	4-0	2-0	0-3-1	0-3	3-2	1-1	10-11-1
Artificial	5-3	5-2	3-5-1	4-3	3-4	1-4	6-3	27-24-1
vs Conf	3-5	6-2	4-3-1	3-4-1	3-5	3-5	6-2	28-26-2
vs Non-Conf	2-0	3-0	1-2	1-2	0-2	1-1	1-2	9-9
Off SU Win	2-2	5-2	1-3-1	1-3-1	1-1	1-2	4-2	15-15-2
Off SU Loss	4-2	3-0	3-3	3-2	2-5	2-4	3-1	20-17

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tatum Bell	175	1117	21	1096	11	6.3
Seymore Shaw	89	507	9	498	5	5.6
Vernand Morency	58	293	24	269	3	4.6
Greg Jones	23	98	2	96	0	4.2
Josh Fields	50	93	165	-72	3	-1.4
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Josh Fields	408	226	55.4	3145	31	10
Aso Pogi	40	17	42.5	269	1	4
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Rashaun Woods	107	1695	15.8	17	69	
John Lewis	34	577	17.0	6	45	
Terrance Davis-Bryant	31	351	11.3	1	33	
Billy Bajema	16	271	16.9	1	58	
Charlie Johnson	8	109	13.6	2	25	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Cole Farden	57	2358	41.4	62	–	0	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Luke Phillips	55-56	3-3	3-4	7-11	3-11	16	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Paul Duren	84	1	3	3	0
Elbert Craig	83	0	0	10	2
Chris Massey	73	0	5	7	0
Terrence Robinson	70	0	3	3	1
Vernon Grant	62	0	1	5	1
Kevin Williams	61	7	7	2	0
Greg Richmond	55	7	0	0	0
Darrent Williams	53	0	3	13	3
Lawrence Pinson	40	0	2	0	1
Antonio Smith	31	3.5	2	2	0
LaWaylon Brown	31	3	3	1	0
Kirk Milligan	31	0	2	1	1
Fath' Carter	26	0	2	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terrance Davis-Bryant	31	329	10.6	0
Gabe Lindsay	10	190	19.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Massey	22	534	24.3	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
85	Gator	+7	Florida St	23-34	L
87	Sun	E	W Virginia	35-33	W
88	Holiday	-2'	Wyoming	62-14	W
97	Alamo	+4'	Purdue	20-33	L
02	Houston	-10	S Mississippi	33-23	T

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

OKLAHOMA ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	34.3	21	148	4.4	263	53.5	12.0	-2	2002	8	27.4	22	147	3.5	252	54.8	14.6
6*	22.0	18	94	2.7	213	58.6	13.9	-8	2001	7	25.5	22	135	3.4	241	60.6	14.7
5*	18.4	20	161	4.1	199	53.4	19.6	-4	2000	4	27.5	21	126	3.7	253	56.7	13.8
6*	24.3	17	153	3.4	158	52.7	12.8	-5	1999	6	24.9	16	113	3.3	185	47.2	11.9
8*	27.5	18	204	4.1	162	50.4	13.3	+4	1998	7	26.9	17	120	3.2	211	51.6	12.3
7	29.3	20	221	4.2	154	55.5	12.8	+12	1997	5	19.4	16	115	3.5	201	48.4	16.2

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Louisiana Tech	17	30-158	5.3	22-41	204	3	25	23-38	1.7	38-66	448	2	+1
N Iowa	23	36-130	3.6	24-42	275	0	15	41-104	2.5	15-38	109	2	+3
UCLA	25	34-94	2.8	22-43	350	1	20	44-189	4.3	13-29	277	1	-4
SMU	25	41-183	4.5	21-34	288	0	15	38-152	4.0	17-28	146	0	+2
at Texas	15	29-139	4.8	14-31	134	2	25	43-145	3.4	24-46	267	2	-2
at Kansas St	14	28-40	1.4	16-44	144	3	25	54-297	5.5	9-18	202	0	-1
Nebraska	22	42-195	4.6	17-27	192	0	18	54-259	4.8	7-14	110	4	0
Texas A&M	19	37-135	3.6	17-33	216	1	18	30-71	2.4	25-46	332	3	+2
at Texas Tech	18	29-175	6.0	19-39	257	2	30	32-98	3.1	41-54	458	2	0
at Kansas	24	28-152	5.4	19-31	397	1	28	56-182	3.3	18-37	245	1	0
Baylor	21	36-186	5.2	13-22	290	2	25	50-107	2.1	20-38	293	5	-2
Oklahoma	23	38-149	3.9	18-27	357	2	21	31-122	3.9	25-38	211	2	0
† S Mississippi	21	33-194	5.9	21-40	310	2	17	43-148	3.4	11-28	173	4	-1
TOTALS	267	441-1930	4.4	243-454	3414	19	282	539-1912	3.5	263-480	3271	28	-2
AVERAGES	20.5	34-148	4.4	19-35	263	1.5	21.7	41-147	3.5	20-37	252	2.2	-0.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Kansas	-8'	38-28	W
at Tulsa	-8'	20-35	L
Mississippi St	-1	42-23	W
† Nebraska	+26	17-24	W
at Texas Tech	+3'	17-24	L
at Kansas St	+21'	20-52	L
Oklahoma	-8'	41-26	W
Texas A&M	+5'	6-17	L
at Texas	+11'	34-37	W
SW Louisiana	-35	44-20	L
Baylor	-14	24-10	T

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisiana-Lft	-34	24-7	L
Tulsa	-9	46-9	W
at Mississippi St	+3	11-29	L
at Nebraska	+27	14-38	W
Texas Tech	-3'	41-21	W
Kansas St	+6'	21-44	L
at Texas A&M	+11	3-21	L
Texas	+8	21-34	L
Kansas	-7	45-13	W
at Baylor	-20	34-14	T
at Oklahoma	+13'	7-44	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tulsa	-14	36-26	L
SW Texas St	NL	23-0	–
S Mississippi	+6	6-28	L
at Texas	+20'	7-42	L
at Missouri	+3	10-24	L
Iowa St	+6	26-33	L
at Colorado	+11	21-37	L
Texas A&M	+15'	16-21	W
at Texas Tech	+10	0-58	L
Baylor	-16'	50-22	W
Oklahoma	+26	7-12	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at S Mississippi	+12'	9-17	W
LA Tech	-10	30-23	L
at Texas A&M	+10'	7-21	L
Northwestern St	NL	24-0	–
Missouri	-6'	38-41 OT	L
Texas	+17'	17-45	L
at Iowa St	+8'	14-28	L
Colorado	+10	19-22	W
Texas Tech	+6'	30-49	L
at Baylor	-7	38-22	W
at Oklahoma	+27	16-13	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at LA Tech	+1	36-39	L
N Iowa	NL	45-10	–
UCLA	+7	24-38	L
SMU	-16'	52-16	W
at Texas	+24'	15-17	W
at Kansas St	+14'	9-44	L
Nebraska	+8'	24-21	W
Texas A&M	+3'	28-23	W
at Texas Tech	+9	24-49	L
at Kansas	-23	55-20	W
Baylor	-28	63-28	W
Oklahoma	+15	38-28	W

TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - For two years Mike Leach complained that Kliff Kingsbury did not get the attention he felt was deserved. Kingsbury broke most of the single season school records for passing in his first year and re-broke them as a junior. As a senior he set the NCAA record completing 83.1% vs Texas A&M and broke his own school record for yards in a game twice with 474 (vs A&M) and then 510 vs Missouri (70 pass att's). While Kingsbury was not a high NFL draftee (#6DC of NE) because he lacks a strong arm, he was a perfect fit for this offense and threw for an amazing 5,017 yards (67.3%) with a 45-13 ratio. BJ Symons (PS#77) has played in 17 games the last three years throwing for 545 yards (57%) with a 7-3 ratio. Leach has called him the best backup QB he'd ever coached. Sonny Cumbie (6-4 210 Jr) hit 5 of 6 passes for 34 yards in two games. Cody Hodges (PS#134) got in two pass attempts. It would not surprise me to see VHT true frosh Phillip Daugherty (PS#22) who threw for 3,277 yards and 34 TD's as a senior in HS take over the top spot. Symons was 15 of 26 for 233 yards in the spring game and has the arm to go deep more often than Kingsbury did. Going from a veteran record setter like Kingsbury to an inexperienced QB means this position will suffer a major drop off.

WR Nehemiah Glover

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the team had to replace their #3 all-time leading rusher in Ricky Williams who had 756 yards (5.0) in 2001. The leading returning rusher was WR Wes Welker (99 yds) so the position was very lightly experienced. Foy Munlin, who at 228 pounds is a powerful straight ahead runner, won the starting job and ended up rushing for 254 yards (4.7) with 25 rec's (8.2). JUCO Johnnie Mack (PS#47) had 1,500 yards and 24 TD's in '01 at JUCO (4.35 speed) and the best hands of the TB's but was able to redshirt. Taurean Henderson (PS#92WR) is the fastest of the RB's (4.3 spd) and when Munlin was injured in Week 4, he took over as the starter. Henderson tied a team record with 13 rec's against Texas A&M and finished with 793 yards rushing (5.2) leading the team with 98 rec's (only 6.5 ypc). Vincent Meeks (PS#112) originally was part of the 2 back rotation and rushed for 102 yards (5.7) but moved to DB against Colorado. When the team uses a FB Clay McGuire (6-2 226 Jr), who was PS#100QB (3 sts, 20 rec), gets the call. The backups are Frankie Draa (5-6 204 Jr) and Carlo Johnson (5-9 205 rFr). Also Loliki Bongo-Wanga had 1,264 yards rushing at JUCO in 2000. The RB corps nearly topped 100 ypg rushing for the first time under Leach finishing with 99.4 ypg last year. Munlin requested a release to transfer but everyone else is back. With the addition of Mack and Sione Havili (755 yds at JC LY), this unit is much more experienced.

RECEIVERS - Last year five of the top six receivers were back and Anton Paige (PS#5JC) who had been limited in 2001, emerged as the go-to man early on and had 40 rec's in the first seven games. Unfortunately Paige injured his knee and would have just eight more catches the rest of the year. Wes Welker (PS#65), who is small at 5-9 and not very fast (4.7), led the team with 1,054 yards (12.3) and was also a special teams standout. TE Mickey Peters in two years has 123 rec's (11.2). Nehemiah Glover (PS#167) had 52 grabs (12.9) in seven starts last year. Armon Dorrough (PS#17) has a slight build at 164 pounds and got in just one start with 9 rec's (11.6). I list the rest of the 2 deep below and the only losses this year are Paige (9 sts) and TE Preston Hartfield (4 sts, 25 rec). WR Jarrett Hicks was very impressive on the scout team and they add in some HT frosh TE's this year. Not listed below is WR Brandon Douglas (5-11 183 rFr, PS#146) and Joel Filani (6-3 202 rFr, PS#88). While they may not catch as many passes due to the inexperience at the QB spot, this unit is more experienced than the 2002 version.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Tech averaged just 82 ypg (3.5) rushing in 2001 but allowed a respectable 26 sacks on 618 pass attempts (4.2%). Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 29 starts so basically there were two full-time starters returning although five players had starting experience. The O-line was hit hard by injures last year and they had just six linemen in the rotation after the SMU game. Only two OL managed to start all 14 games. The team did improve to 99 ypg rushing (3.6) but allowed 47 sacks. While that number seems extremely high, keep in mind, they threw the ball 770 times (6.1%). Last year's injuries saw eight different players start and seven are now back. The only losses are RG Rex Richards (11 sts, 4 yr st'r, 2nd Tm B12, top OL Award) and LS Eric Bartee. This year they also add in Daniel Christian (PS#32JC) and some solid rFr. This is a very experienced offensive front which should be healthier this year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Tech has had some excellent run defenses but in 2001 they allowed 4.1 ypc rushing which was the first time they had allowed more than 4.0 since 1993. The team did record 40 sacks. Last year practically everyone was back with only one player with two starts departing. They did lose DT Clayton Harmon for the season after four games due to back surgery. DE Aaron Hunt, who is the all-time career sack leader here, surprisingly had one sack prior to the Colorado game but then lived up to his reputation down the stretch with 9 sacks. Hunt (14 sts, 108 tkls, 11 tfl, #6DC of DEN) departs as does DT Lamont Anderson (14 sts, 57 tkls, 5 tfl), DE Rodney McKinney (14 sts, 45 tkls, 5 tfl) and backup DT's Josh Page (1 st, 39 tkls, 4 sks) and Robert Wyatt (17 tkls, 3 tfl). The Tech D last year allowed 4.2 ypc rushing while recording just 28 sacks. Harmon is back along with starting DE Adell Duckett and they add in two top-notch JUCO's who should make a big impact on pressuring the QB in Chauncey Clark (PS#68, 4.4 spd) who had 36 sacks in two years at JC and Tommie Pratt who had 16 in his two years. This has the makings of a pretty decent line, and while it is less experienced, could even top 2002's overall numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Tech had to replace one starter who was #2 with 132 tackles but had leading tackler Lawrence Flugence back. Flugence, who was #1 on the team in tackles for three years, leaves as the school's all-time career leading tackler. He outdid himself last year with 193 and 7 tfl. The only other losses are 3rd string MLB Lennard Christensen (17 tkls) as well as Marquis Turner (3 sts) who moves to DE. Not only are two full-time starters back, but they add in FS Raymond Pierce (9 sts) along with four HT freshmen, all of whom I list below. Despite the loss of their top guy, this unit could be even more productive in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Tech had an inexperienced secondary in 2001 that finished #66 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace one starter (#4 DC) and four other players. The five combined for 261 tackles, 21 starts and 18 pbu. I also wrote about VHT CB Tory Mitchell in each of the last two years but he was never able to qualify. Tech surprisingly dropped in the rankings to #73 allowing 55.7% with a 26-16 ratio despite the presence of a pair of veteran corners. This year they must replace CB Ricky Sailor (14 sts, 82 tkls, 3 int, 14 pbu, HM B12), CB Joselio Hanson (14 sts, 77 tkls, 3 int, 21 pbu), CB Peter Abrigg (5 tkls) and 3rd string SS Cody Davis (5 tkls). Vincent Meeks took over the starting FS job as a true frosh and Tim Norman was forced to take off his redshirt in Week 4 due to injuries. This year they add in four JUCO transfers who will contend for time. Despite the loss of both starting CB's this unit could improve in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The team had its best finish in my special teams rankings in Leach's three years at #64 last season. This occurred despite the fact that at one point they had some poor kick coverage allowing Colorado 46 and 64 yard returns and went to short pop-up KO's over the final four games. Last year the team had both their punter and kicker back but this year they both depart. Robert Treece hit 13 of 19 FG's with a long of 45 and was an impressive 7 of 10 from 40-49. Clinton Greathouse surprisingly saw his net punting drop from 36.7 down to 31.9 last year which bears out the problems in the coverage units. Wes Welker was the star on PR's averaging 13.2 with 3 TD's. Ivory McCann led the team in KR's (18.3) but eventually lost his job to Vincent Meeks (22.9). McCann led the team with a 25.3 average in 2001 and could return to form this year. All of the key returnmen are back and I list the potential replacements at K and P below. The special teams coach, Manny Matsakis, left for the head coaching position at SW Texas St. This unit may take a step or two backwards in the 2003 rankings.

COACHES - Mike Leach enters his fourth year here after being the OC at Oklahoma and Kentucky from '97-'99. He is the OC himself but he does lose RB Coach Art Briles who became the head coach at Houston. Last year Tech led the nation in passing offense. He also lost his DC Greg McMackin and replaced him with Lyle Setencich who was Cal's DC from '97-2001. Setencich was the head coach at Cal Poly from '87-'93 where he compiled a 41-29-2 record and Boise St's HC from '83-'86 where he was 24-20.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Tech has now had 10 straight non-losing seasons which is impressive playing in the tough Big 12. Over the past six years they are three games above .500 in Big 12 play including last year's 5-3 record. Last season they won the state championship by beating Texas and Texas A&M and faced Oklahoma for a chance at the Big 12 South Title but lost that 60-15. They finally broke through with a bowl win and their impressive 55-15 performance upped the program's post season record to 6-19-1. Last year's squad had 16 starters back and 76% of their lettermen which were both tops in the league and achieved a 9-5 record despite the fact that they suffered from -10 in the turnover margin. This year the huge loss is QB Kliff Kingsbury but the new QB has a veteran offense around him with nine returning starters. In Kingsbury's first year as a starter the team averaged just 25.4 ppg but remember that was Leach's first season too. A dropoff from last year's 38.4 ppg must be expected. Tech allowed a surprising 31.4 ppg on defense, their worst total since 1990. The -10 in turnovers and two OT games had something to do with that however and in league play Tech outgained foes by 88.8 ypg, which was the second best mark in the Big 12. Tech returns just 5 starters on defense but should improve upon last year's poor numbers. They have a pair of tough non-conference road games (NC St and Miss) but this team is capable of notching its 11th straight non-losing season.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB BJ Symons Sr. 6-1 209 PS#77. 17 gms, 3Y, 545 yds (57%), 7-3 ratio, 93 yds rush. **Phillip Daugherty** is **PS#22**. Cody Hodges (6-0 201 So) PS#134, 2 passes LY.

RB TAUREAN HENDERSON SO. 5-9 187 PS#92. 12 sts as rFr, 793 yds (5.2), #1 w/98 rec (6.5), **3rd Tm B12**. Johnnie Mack (5-7 174 Jr) **PS#47JC** LY. Loliki Bongo-Wanga (5-10 205 Sr).

IR WES WELKER SR. 5-9 190 PS#65. 9 sts, 56 rec (11.5) in '01. 11 sts LY, 86 rec (12.3), 244 rush yds, 757 ret yds. Thomas Bachman (5-10 182 So) PS#65. 4 rec as **true**.

WR NEHEMIAH GLOVER JR. 5-8 168 PS#167. 2 sts as rFr, 38 rec (10.2). 7 sts LY, 52 rec (12.9), HM B12. Cody Fuller (6-0 189 So) 6 rec as rFr. Jarrett Hicks (6-3 194 rFr) PS#172.

WR CARLOS FRANCIS SR. 5-10 197 4.32 spd. 4 sts, 43 rec in '00. 12 sts, 55 rec (14.4) in '01. 11 sts LY, 50 rec (12.6). **Armon Dorrough PS#17**, 9 rec. Trey Haverty (6-0 198 Jr) 24 rec 2Y.

TE MICKEY PETERS SR. 6-3 211 6 sts in '01, 59 rec (10.7). 10 sts LY, 64 rec (11.7). Gabe Hall (6-4 262 rFr) PS#35. Joey Hawkins (6-8 225 Jr) JC. David Weems PS#20.

C TOBY CECIL SR. 6-4 290 PS#338. 11 sts as rFr. 12 sts in '01, 2x HM B12. 14 sts LY. **Dylan Gandy** (6-4 294 Jr) 4 sts, 2Y. Jay Holland (6-1 268 Sr) Scout Tm MVP LY.

RG Daniel Christian Jr. 6-5 338 **PS#32JC.** JUCO AA. **Cody Campbell** (6-4 315 Jr) 6 games in '01. 1 st, 2nd string '02. 1st string this spring. Ben Griffin (6-4 278 Fr).

LG EJ WHITLEY SO. 6-6 310 **PS#68OL**. 11 sts as rFr (1 at RG, 9 at LG, 1 at RT) HM B12. Manuel Ramirez (6-3 349 rFr) PS#198OL. Lance Lusk (6-6 315 Fr) PS#244 LY.

RT CASEY KECK SR. 6-4 310 PS#316. 7 sts as rFr. 1 st in '01 (inj). 13 sts in '02, added 15 lbs. Michael Bailey (6-6 284 So) PS#354. 1 letter. Josh Morris (6-4 270 Fr).

LT DANIEL LOPER JR. 6-7 325 L/5 sts as rFr. All 14 sts at LT LY, 3rd Tm B12. Bryan Kegans (6-5 291 So) PS#117OL. 2nd string LY. Glenn January (6-6 259 rFr) PS#255.

K Ryan Bishop Jr. 5-8 195 3 of 3 xp's in '01. 1 of 4 straight-on kickers in the country, 8 of 8 on xp's. Wich Brenner (5-11 230 Jr) KO's as **true**. Keith Toogood (6-1 170 rFr).

DE ADELL DUCKETT JR. 6-4 250 21 tkls as rFr, 6 sks. 12 sts LY, 82 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl. Marquis Turner (6-0 225 Jr) PS#212. 3 sts, 27 tkls LY, 4.42 spd. Seth Nitschmann (6-3 239 rFr).

DT Fred Thrweatt So. 6-3 333 PS#137. 5 tkls as rFr. Patrice Majondo-Mwamba (6-3 300 Jr) PS#160JC. 9 sks at JC. Ken Scott (6-2 307 rFr). Chris Hudler (6-2 296 rFr) PS#98TE.

DT Clayton Harmon Jr. 6-7 287 **PS#50**. 8 sts, 33 tkls, 3 tfl, HM Big 12 in '01. 1 st LY (inj). Tommie Pratt (6-2 265 Jr) PS#126JC, 8.5 sks LY at JC. Jeremy Milam (6-1 281 Jr). RS LY.

DE Chauncey Clark Jr. 6-2 228 PS#68JC. 36 sks at JC, 2Y, 4.4 spd. Randall Cherry (6-3 256 So) PS#155. 6 tkls, 1 sk LY. Gathan McGinnis (6-1 261 Sr) 2 tkls, 1 sk L/2Y.

SLB MIKE SMITH JR. 6-2 230 PS#293. 8 sts, 91 tkls, HM B12 in '01. 13 sts, 104 tkls, 5 tfl LY. **Raymond Pierce** (6-1 206 Sr) PS#194JC. **9 sts** at FS, 70 tkls. Kellen Tillman (6-1 235 rFr) PS#125.

MLB Geremy Woods Jr. 6-1 246 PS#88LB. 14 tkls in '01. 1 st, 54 tkls, 4 tfl, 4.53 spd in '02. Scott Lee (6-3 225 rFr) PS#95. Brock Stratton (5-11 214 Fr) PS#157LB in 2000. BYU trans.

WLB JOHN SALDI SO. 6-4 215 PS#148. 8 sts as rFr, 73 tkls, 12 tfl, 1 int, HM B12. Jason Wesley (6-0 218 Sr) 22 tkls in 2000 & '01. 2 sts LY, 46 tkls, 3 tfl. Fletcher Session (6-0 212 rFr).

CB Tim Norman So. 6-0 185 Took off RS in Wk 4. 11 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 pbu as **true**. Dwan Carroll (5-11 163 Fr) PS#408 LY. **SirDon Lewis** (5-9 160 So) **4.26 speed**. Ryan Phillips is PS#162JC.

CB Ivory McCann Jr. 5-8 161 PS#92RB. 698 ttl yds in '01. 10 tkls at CB LY, 27 KR (18.3). Jamaal Jackson (5-11 175 Jr) **PS#62JC**. 13 int, 33 pbu 2Y at JC. Marcus Boyd (6-0 198 Sr).

SS RYAN AYCOCK SR. 6-1 208 PS#266. 8 sts, 89 tkls, 4 int, 6 pbu in '01. 14 sts LY, **151 tkls**, 7 tfl, 12 pbu. Micah Sweats (6-0 196 rFr) PS#79. Josh Rangel (6-2 198 Sr) 17 tkls LY.

FS VINCENT MEEKS SO. 5-11 187 PS#112RB. 4 sts as **true**, 27 tkls, 3 int, 2 pbu. Jabari Smith (5-11 177 Jr) PS#131JC, 4.3 spd. Antonio Huffman (6-0 175 rFr) PS#171DB.

P Wich Brenner Jr. 5-11 230 13 TB's on KO's here in 2000. Inj'd in 2001. 1 tkl in 2 games in '02. Alex Reyes (6-1 200 Fr) PS#44, 44.0 punt avg & 6 of 8 FG's in HS last year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

QB	Phillip Daugherty 6-3 205 PS#22
TE	David Weems 6-4 231 PS#20
DB	Chad Johnson 5-11 185 PS#50
OL	Raymond Serres 6-5 255 PS#85
OL	Daniel Christian 6-5 338 PS#32JC
LB	Paul Williams 6-2 210 PS#74
DB	Jamaal Jackson 5-11 175 PS#62JC
DL	Chauncey Clark 6-2 228 PS#68JC
DL	Tyler Yenzer 6-4 220 PS#135
DB	Taurance Rawls 5-10 192 PS#139RB
DB	Joe Garcia 6-1 200 PS#168
DL	Tommie Pratt 6-2 265 PS#126JC
DB	Jabari Smith 5-11 177 PS#131JC
OL	Josh Morris 6-4 270 PS#232

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	SMU	A						The Red Raiders are 56-25-2 (69%) the last 10 years on artificial turf. Since 1994, TT is an outstanding 29-5 ATS off a SU loss. TT is 0-4 SU, but 3-1 ATS the last 4 meetings with Nebraska.
Sep. 6	New Mexico	A						Texas Tech is 8-1-1 ATS in their 1st home game the last 10 years. Red Raiders are 7-0 SU & 5-2 ATS vs the Mustangs the last 7 meetings.
Sep. 13								The Red Raiders are 5-0 SU & 4-1 ATS their last 5 matchups vs the Lobos. Texas Tech is 1-5 SU & 0-6 ATS prior to a bye since 1995.
Sep. 20	at NC State	G						The Red Raiders are 0-3 SU & ATS vs NC State. Tech is 14-7 ATS after a bye since 1985.
Sep. 27	at Mississippi	A						TT is 4-8 SU & ATS the last 11 vs the SEC. Raiders are 5-10 ATS in the 2nd of a 2+ road trip.
Oct. 4	Texas A&M	A						Raiders are 11-3 ATS vs Texas A&M the last 14. Texas Tech is 10-5 ATS vs the Big 12 South under Leach.
Oct. 11	Iowa St (HC)	A						TT is 9-2 ATS the last 11 Homecoming games. Favorite has covered all 3 lined gms in this series, TT leads SU all-time 4-1.
Oct. 18	at Oklahoma St	A						Texas Tech has averaged 52 ppg vs the Cowboys the last 3 years. The Raiders are 8-1 ATS vs Oklahoma St the last 9.
Oct. 25	at Missouri	A						The HT is 3-1 SU & ATS with the Tigers winning the 1 gm in MO 34-7. Might apply: TT is 8-3 ATS as a road favorite the past 6 years.
Nov. 1	Colorado	A						Since 1981, the home team is 4-0 SU & 3-1 ATS in this matchup. The underdog has covered 3 out of 4 in this series.
Nov. 8	at Baylor	G						Texas Tech is 10-2 vs Baylor the last 12 meetings. Raiders are 10-4 ATS in games before Texas their last 14.
Nov. 15	at Texas	G						The home team is 6-3 ATS the last 9 in this series. Tech is 4-7 ATS the last 11 in their away finale.
Nov. 22	Oklahoma	A						Texas Tech is 2-5 ATS vs Oklahoma the last 7 meetings. Red Raiders are 16-1 ATS since 1985 in home finales.
Nov. 29								

MIKE LEACH (Career 23-16)

4th Year at Texas Tech

Leach's records AT TEXAS TECH

23-16	Straight Up	9-4-1	Home Favorite
20-14-1	Vs The Spread	2-3	Home Dog
9-2	Off A SU Loss	4-1	Away Favorite
15-9	Vs Conference	5-6	Away Dog
		5-5-1	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (9-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (27,19,1)
Lost: 19 (4,12,3)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 43,126

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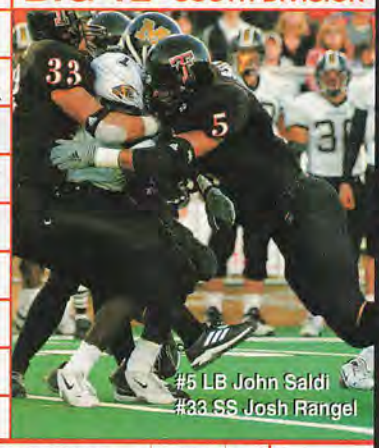


STADIUM: JONES SBC STADIUM (53,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	6-5	7-4	6-5	7-5	7-4	8-5	48-32
ATS	7-3-1	7-4	7-4	5-6	7-5	6-3-1	7-6	46-31-2
Home Fav	4-1	2-2	2-3	1-1	4-2	1-1-1	4-1	18-11-1
Home Dog	1-0	1-1	1-0	3-0	0-2	1-1	1-0	8-4
Away Fav	0-2	1-0	2-1	1-1	0-0	3-0	1-1	8-5
Away Dog	2-0-1	3-1	2-0	0-4	3-1	1-1	1-4	12-11-1
Favorite	4-3	3-2	4-4	2-2	4-2	4-1-1	5-2	26-16-1
Dog	3-0-1	4-2	3-0	3-4	3-3	2-2	2-4	20-15-1
Grass	0-2	1-1	2-1	1-4	1-1	1-1	2-5	8-15
Artificial	7-1-1	6-3	5-3	4-2	6-4	5-2-1	5-1	38-16-2
vs Conf	5-2-1	6-2	5-3	5-3	5-3	5-3	5-3	36-19-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	2-1	0-3	2-2	1-0-1	2-3	10-12-1
Off SU Win	3-3	3-3	4-3	1-4	2-5	4-2	4-4	21-24
Off SU Loss	4-0	4-0	2-1	4-1	4-0	2-1	3-1	23-4

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Taurean Henderson	153	835	42	793	7	5.2
Foy Munlin	54	256	2	254	3	4.7
Wes Welker	31	250	6	244	0	7.9
Kliff Kingsbury	102	221	335	-114	2	-1.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Kliff Kingsbury	712	479	67.3	5017	45	13
B.J. Symons	43	28	65.1	329	5	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Wes Welker	86	1054	12.3	7	53	
Mickey Peters	64	749	11.7	8	35	
Nehemiah Glover	52	673	12.9	10	62	
Taurean Henderson	98	633	6.5	6	60	
Carlos Francis	50	632	12.6	7	67	
Anton Paige	48	565	11.8	7	35	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Clinton Greathouse	47	1867	39.7	67	31.9	0	17
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Robert Treece	54-54	2-3	4-6	7-10	0-0	13-19	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Lawrence Flugence	193	3	4	2	0
Ryan Aycock	151	2	5	12	1
Aaron Hunt	108	9	11	4	0
Mike Smith	104	1	4	2	2
Ricky Sailor	82	0	4	14	3
Adell Duckett	82	5	5	8	1
Joselio Hanson	77	0	4	21	3
John Saldi	73	1	11	6	1
Raymond Pierce	70	0	0	6	1
Lamont Anderson	57	0	5	1	0
Geremy Woods	54	0	4	1	0
Jason Wesley	46	1	2	0	1
Rodney McKinney	45	0	5	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Wes Welker	57	752	13.2	3
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Ivory McCann	27	495	18.3	0
Vincent Meeks	14	321	22.9	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Alamo	-3'	Iowa	0-27	L
98	Independence	-9'	Mississippi	18-35	L
00	galleryfurniture.com	-1	E Carolina	27-40	L
01	Alamo	-1	Iowa	16-19	L
02	Tangerine	-5	Clemson	55-15	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TEXAS TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	38.4	27	99	3.6	389	66.9	12.7	-10	2002	9	31.4	21	164	4.2	240	55.7	12.9
8*	33.5	22	82	3.5	335	67.8	12.4	+6	2001	4	23.4	20	173	4.1	187	56.6	15.4
6	25.4	20	66	2.6	297	60.9	14.3	+6	2000	4	21.4	19	164	3.9	169	52.4	15.6
7*	23.0	17	149	3.5	175	48.1	14.1	-2	1999	6	25.6	18	145	3.6	195	53.9	13.3
6	27.7	22	192	4.0	203	52.8	14.3	-6	1998	5	19.8	15	121	2.9	170	49.8	14.7
4*	22.3	18	150	3.6	159	51.3	13.9	+13	1997	6	19.7	19	137	3.2	185	53.4	16.4

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Ohio St	17	20-31	1.6	26-44	341	7	24	57-317	5.6	13-17	160	3	-1
at SMU	22	26-114	4.4	33-52	374	2	21	49-227	4.6	10-23	144	1	0
Mississippi	20	27-39	1.4	25-39	270	2	29	30-76	2.5	34-57	374	0	0
NC State	33	39-207	5.3	28-51	292	5	22	44-179	4.1	20-32	301	0	-1
at New Mexico	37	34-121	3.6	47-68	469	3	12	30-85	2.8	12-33	114	3	+1
at Texas A&M	29	27-70	2.6	49-61	474	6	22	36-150	4.2	21-37	367	1	-2
at Iowa St	23	30-189	6.3	37-51	272	0	19	46-228	5.0	15-22	148	1	-4
Missouri	38	29-88	3.0	50-71	518	4	23	31-139	4.5	21-33	306	2	-1
at Colorado	26	30-91	3.0	36-65	268	3	14	41-162	4.0	9-23	116	1	-3
Baylor	35	20-142	7.1	48-61	512	0	17	34-95	2.8	23-35	254	6	-1
Oklahoma St	30	32-98	3.1	41-54	458	2	18	29-175	6.0	19-39	257	2	0
Texas	32	25-98	3.9	39-62	508	2	24	31-92	3.0	24-37	345	4	0
at Oklahoma	10	19-12	0.6	17-39	224	7	25	61-329	5.4	17-28	149	0	-1
† Clemson	28	27-91	3.4	39-52	464	4	20	29-41	1.4	25-56	319	4	+3
TOTALS	380	385-1391	3.6	515-770	5444	47	290	548-2295	4.2	263-472	3354	28	-10
AVERAGES	27.1	28-99	3.6	37-55	389	3.4	20.7	39-164	4.2	19-34	240	2.0	-0.7

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UTEP	-17'	35-3	W
at N Texas	-22	30-0	W
Fresno St	-13'	34-28	L
at Iowa St	-6	31-24	W
Baylor	-12'	31-29	L
Oklahoma St	-3'	24-17	W
at Colorado	+5	17-19	W
at Texas A&M	+9	10-17	W
Missouri	-1'	26-28	L
Texas	+2'	42-35	W
at Oklahoma	-7'	17-20	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arizona St	+6'	13-31	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-22	38-17	L
N Texas	-31	14-21	L
Texas A&M	+16	21-19	W
at Oklahoma St	+3'	21-41	L
Colorado	+5	31-10	W
at Baylor	-8'	35-7	W
at Missouri	+1	7-34	L
Iowa St	-2'	28-16	W
at Texas	+16	7-58	L
Oklahoma	+13	38-28	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico	-16'	24-3	W
Utah St	-21	38-16	W
N Texas	-30'	13-7	L
Louisiana-Lft	-32	26-0	L
at Texas A&M	+14'	15-33	L
Baylor	-20	28-0	W
Nebraska	+20	3-56	L
at Kansas St	+31'	23-28	W
at Kansas	+3	45-39	W
Texas	+10	17-29	L
Oklahoma St	-10	58-0	W
at Oklahoma	+24'	13-27	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico	-12	42-30	T
at N Texas	-18	42-14	W
at Texas	+18	7-42	L
Kansas	-13'	31-34 2OT	L
Kansas St	+14'	38-19	W
at Nebraska	+26	31-41	W
at Baylor	-12	63-19	W
Texas A&M	-6	12-0	W
at Oklahoma St	-6'	49-30	W
Oklahoma	+7'	13-30	L
Stephen F Austin	NL	58-3	–

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Ohio St	+6	21-45	L
at SMU	-20	24-14	L
Mississippi	-3'	42-28	W
NC State	-1'	48-51 OT	L
at New Mexico	-8	49-0	W
at Texas A&M	+6	48-47 OT	W
at Iowa St	+6'	17-31	L
Missouri	-6'	52-38	W
at Colorado	+6	13-37	L
Baylor	-32	62-11	W
Oklahoma St	-9	49-24	W
Texas	+6'	42-38	W
at Oklahoma	+13	15-60	L

TEXAS A&M AGGIES

RB Derek Farmer

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Mark Farris won the starting job here in 2000 and set A&M's single season passing record that year with 2,684 yards. He also started in 2001 becoming just the second Aggie QB in history to have back-to-back 2,000 yard seasons. Last year he was bothered by tendonitis in August which contributed to a couple of poor performances and he ended up losing his starting job, playing in just the first two games. Dustin Long (PS#38) took over as the starting QB and set a school and Big 12 record throwing 7 TD passes vs TT. Long topped 1,000 yards passing in just six games, the fastest Aggie to do so. The day Reggie McNeal (PS#3) signed, Aggie fans wanted him as the starter. While McNeal saw plenty of action as a backup he did not play vs TT or Nebraska. McNeal came off the bench vs Oklahoma and hit TD passes of 61, 40, 17 and 40 yards while rushing for 89 yards and started the next week against Missouri. Unfortunately McNeal suffered a sprained ankle in the 2Q and missed the rest of the season. In the season finale Long had 3 interceptions, 1 fumble and took 5 sacks and 4th string QB Jason Carter (PS#34) got in for two plays including a 15 yard TD run. He throws the nicest ball of the 3 QB's but also worked at A-back piling up 181 total yards in the spring game. The only loss this year is Farris. McNeal is the favorite for the starting job as he has a rocket for an arm. Long threw for 2,509 yards (53.2%) with a 19-16 ratio while McNeal threw for 456 (53.3%) with a 6-3 ratio while rushing for 207 yards. Even though the QB's are learning a new offensive system, there is a lot of talent and it is now experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 A&M talked about having one solo feature back and Keith Joseph (PS#39) would take that role. He rushed for 165 yards in the first two games but then separated his shoulder and was used sparingly the rest of the year. Derek Farmer (PS#38) led the team in rushing with 536 yards (4.2). Last year basically everyone returned. The two starters were Farmer and Joe Weber (9 sts, 274 yards, 3.3). Farmer led the team in rushing for the second straight year with 739 yards (4.3) despite playing in just 10 games due to a shoulder injury. It was, surprisingly, the highest total for an Aggie leading rusher since 1998. This year the team must replace Weber and TB Dwain Goynes (97 yds). Courtney Lewis (5-10 187 rFr) will be the 3rd down back and has 4.3 speed. QB Jason Carter will be utilized as a RB/WR in the A-back role. The Franchione offenses are generally more run-oriented and he will likely play some of his own recruits as well. I think the production level can only go up from where it has been the last four years.

RECEIVERS - The 2001 Aggie receiving corps was decimated by injuries throughout the year. Practically everyone returned last season and the group was very underrated. Top WR Bethel Johnson, who had ruptured his spleen in 2001, started out slow but was #2 with 718 yards receiving. Notre Dame transfer Jamaar Taylor (PS#36) had 44 catches (17.3). TE Greg Porter (great hands) led the team with 48 rec's (13.9). Unfortunately both Porter and Johnson (#2DC of NE) depart but basically everyone else is back. TE Thomas Carriger is a much better blocker than Porter was but nowhere near the receiver (2 rec). I list the other TE candidates below. WR L'Tydrick Riley (6-2 233 So, PS#13) is a VHT who should have more of an impact this year. Not listed at receiver below are Nick Rhodes (6-1 202 rFr, PS#143), Jesse Woods (6-4 224 So), TE Taylor Schuster (6-5 260 rFr, PS#150OL) and two VHT true frosh. This has the makings of a good group and the new coaching staff was very pleased with the talent level at WR.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Here is a couple of surprising statistics: A&M has recruited a lot of VHT OL's but they have had just one 1st Tm All-Conf OL since 1997 and the school record in the bench press for an OL is just 485 lbs. When Coach Fran took over he was not impressed with the overall strength of the OL and says in the near future he would like to have all five OL's benching 500+. The 2001 Aggie OL paved the way for just 3.1 ypc rushing while allowing 20 sacks. Last year they had eight of the top ten back. One of the returning starters, LG Billy Yates, broke his arm in August and missed the first two games. OT Andre Brooks was also banged up and started just seven. Overall the team averaged just 3.37 ypc rushing while allowing 29 sacks. This year they must replace RG Taylor Whitley (12 sts, 2nd Tm B12, 3 yr st'r, top OL award, #3DC of MIA), LG Billy Yates (10 sts, 2 yr st'r, HM B12) and C/LS Chance Pearce (#7DC of HOU). Once again eight of the top ten are back including four players who logged seven or more starts. The group did make some strides in the weight room during the spring and I look for improved play in 2003.

DEFENSIVE LINE - It will be very strange to see A&M line up in a 4-3 defense as they shift away from their long time 3-4 this season. In 2001 the Aggies allowed a minuscule 2.7 ypc rushing and recorded 45 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and the numbers dropped to 3.4 ypc with 41 sacks. Only one starter departs from the front wall but there are two openings due to the new positioning. Gone is DE Ty Warren (10 sts, 52 tkls, 4.5 sks, 2nd Tm B12, #1DC of NE) as well as backup DL Nick Losada (9 tkls). Marcus Jasmin will be the star of this group as he has unusual mobility for a player his size (6-5 318) and he should be playing in the NFL in a couple of years. They add in four VHT true frosh as well as a big-time JUCO transfer and four frosh were highly productive as backups last year. Despite the loss of Warren, I think new DC Torbush will mold this into a formidable defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - A&M's Wrecking Crew defense is known for their LB's year in and year out. Last year they had to replace just one starter and one backup and had a veteran unit. This year they are switching from their traditional four LB's to just 3 but do have to replace three starters. Gone are OLB Jesse Hunnicutt (10 sts, 32 tkls), OLB Jarrod Penright (12 sts, 2nd Tm B12, 50 tkl) who led the Big 12 in sacks (9.5) and ILB Brian Gamble (12 sts, 82 tkls, HM B12). The team adds three VHT true frosh. I like the athletic talent that Torbush has to work with here as six of the nine LB's I list below are VHT's. Naturally with the loss of three starters this group will be weaker but the drop off will not be as much as you would normally expect.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 the Aggies finished #13 in my pass D rankings and last year had to replace just one starter and one backup. The unit was hit hard by injuries, especially in the backup spots. While their top five DB's were healthy at midseason, eight backups were out following the Baylor game. They were then forced to run 10 on 10 drills in practice to keep the DB's fresh. Overall A&M finished #34 allowing 207.5 ypg (57.1%) with a 17-16 ratio. The ratio was greatly helped out by the opening ULL game (6 int's). This year they must replace CB Sammy Davis (12 sts, 62 tkl, 2nd Tm B12, #1DC of SD), SS Terrence Kiel (12 sts, 95 tkls, 3 int, Tm MVP, #2DC of SD), S Eric Crutchfield (2 tkl) and SS Dawon Gentry. Four players return with starting experience and I list the 3 deep below. It will be interesting to see if Jonte Buhl, who was All Big 12 in the 400m, can get all of his speed back following ACL surgery which made him miss last season. There is some potential in this group but it is less experienced than last season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Aggies are famous for their 12th Man special teams and have always treated this group as a priority. They've had four Top 10 finishes in my special teams rankings. In 2001 they finished an unheard-of (for them) #50. Last year a true frosh was brought in to handle the FG kicking duties and he missed four FG's in the opener. Todd Pegram (PS#1) ended up hitting 12 of his last 17 FG's with a long of 43 and has outstanding leg strength. Punter Cody Scates (PS#21) increased his net punting from 36.0 to an outstanding 37.5. Jason Carter returned punts in the opener but had a couple of near fumbles and lost one vs Pitt and saw little action after that. Bethel Johnson led the team (11.6) in PR's and shared the team lead with Terrence Thomas in KR's (21.0). He will be tough to replace but Thomas is back. Overall the Aggies finished #52, which was their lowest finish in the Slocum era. With the talent they have at the kicking position and overall team speed, I think they will greatly improve.

COACHES - I am not thrilled with the way Dennis Franchione left Alabama convincing all the players to stay at the school during a probation but then opting to leave himself. Still, he has compiled a fine 155-73-2 record as a head coach. His OC is Les Koenning who was the WR coach here from '94-'96, and was the OC at TCU and Bama recently. DC Carl Torbush was the DC for N Carolina from 1988-'97 and then the head coach there for three years. He was Alabama's DC the last two seasons. Last year at Alabama, Torbush's D ranked 5th in the NCAA in my rankings allowing 257 ypg and when at NC his D's led the conference for three straight years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

RC Slocum did a fine job at Texas A&M where he did not have a losing season and A&M has now had twenty consecutive non-losing years. The Aggies bring in a new head coach and he inherits 11 returning starters, the lowest in the league but they have a lot of experience on the offensive side of the ball and could surprise. Defensively just five starters are back but they still should rank in the upper half of the league. Despite their 3-5 conf record last season this team outgained Big 12 foes by an average of 25.7 ypg and upset #1 ranked Oklahoma at home. They blew double digit leads against both Texas Tech and Nebraska and six turnovers resulted in the blowout loss to Texas, a game in which they had a 19-16 FD edge. Last year was Slocum's first conf losing season in 14 years as a head coach. This is a talented group but with the team learning new schemes on both sides of the ball it may be tough to top last year's six win total and keep in mind the Aggies did not get the extra benefit of extra bowl practices like the majority of their Big 12 brethren.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB REGGIE McNEAL SO. 6-2 191 **PS#3**. 4.35 spd. 1 st as **true**, 456 yds (53%) 6-3 ratio, 207 rush. Dustin Long (6-3 205 Jr) PS#38. **9 sts** in '02, 2509 yds (53%) 19-16 ratio.

RB DEREK FARMER JR. 5-11 202 **PS#38**. 7 sts **true**, 536 yds (4.2). 9 sts in '02, 739 (4.3). Oschlor Flemming (5-10 209 Sr) PS#53. 291 rush yds (3.6) 2Y. Derrick Brown **PS#24**.

FB Keith Joseph Jr. 6-2 241 **PS#39**. 3 sts in 2001, 384 yds (3.6). 2 sts at FB, 144 ttl yds in '02. Bryce Reed (6-0 262 rFr) PS#378. 430 bench. Courtney Lewis was PS#39

WR JAMAAR TAYLOR SR. 6-1 194 **PS#36**. 10 sts, 40 rec (12.6) in '01. 10 sts, 44 rec (17.3) LY. Terrence Thomas (5-9 180 Jr) **PS#37**. 2 sts, 17 rec LY. L'Tydrick Riley **PS#13DB.**

WR Terrence Murphy Jr. 6-1 191 PS#313. 8 sts as true, 36 rec (14.4). 3 sts LY, 36 rec (16.6). John Roberson (5-8 174 So) PS#46. Anthony Wright (6-2 207 So) PS#45. 4 tkls as true.

TE Thomas Carriger Jr. 6-4 265 PS#226DL. 6 sts in '01. 9 sts LY, 2 rec. Andy Matakis (6-2 240 rFr) **PS#44**. Quinlin Germany (6-2 269 rFr) PS#49. Pat Fleming (6-4 278 So) PS#91.

C GEOFF HANGARTNER JR. 6-5 300 **PS#42**. 2 games as rFr. 12 sts LY at C. James Milkavich (6-2 274 Sr) PS#369. Larry Leahy (6-4 282 rFr) PS#495. Chris Yoder is PS#67.

RG Aldo DeLaGarza So. 6-3 317 PS#55. Sat out 2001. 11 gms as **true**. 460 bench. Quentin Holman (6-1 327 So) PS#150. 5 gms as rFr. John R Kirk (6-3 318 So) ULM trans.

LG ANDRE BROOKS SR. 6-4 304 PS#133. 3 sts at LT in 2000. 6 sts at RT in '01. 7 sts (5 at RT, 2 at LG) LY (inj 5). John Kirk (6-4 295 Sr) 3L. Cole Smith (6-2 295 So) PS#51OL.

RT Alan Reuber Sr. 6-7 310 **PS#33**. 2 sts, 10 gms in '01. 7 sts at RG LY. Jorrie Adams is **PS#8**. Alex Kotzur (6-4 284 rFr) PS#248. Brandon Flanagan (6-5 314 rFr) PS#141.

LT JAMI HIGHTOWER JR. 6-4 327 **PS#5**. L/6 sts as **true**! 12 sts LY at LT. Dominique Steamer (6-4 315 So) PS#142. 5 games as rFr. Kasey Cheshier (6-5 284 Jr) PS#60.

K TODD PEGRAM SO. 5-11 190 **PS#1K**. Missed 4 FG's in first game as **true** but 12 of L/17 FG's on year, long of 43. 3 of 9 from 40-49. Layne Neumann (5-11 171 rFr) PS#65.

DE Mike Montgomery Jr. 6-6 275 **PS#34JUCO**. 5 sks at JC LY. David Ross (6-2 270 So) PS#173. 2 sts, 16 tkls, 4 tfl as rFr. Brandon Johnson (6-1 244 Jr) 14 tkls, 2.5 sks 2Y.

DT Johnny Jolly So. 6-3 287 PS#468DL. 27 tkls as **true**, 1 tfl. Donny Stringer (6-5 288 So) PS#128. Added 42 lbs this year. Joseph Bryant is PS#48. Tate Pittman is PS#58.

DT MARCUS JASMIN JR. 6-5 318 PS#60. Huge but mobile, NFL prospect. 4 sts, 34 tkls as rFr. 12 sts LY, 66 tkls, 5.5 sks, 5 tfl. Brian Patrick (6-4 293 So) **PS#55**. Julian Parks (6-1 356 rFr) PS#195.

DE LINNIS SMITH SR. 6-4 288 PS#42DL. 1 st, 37 tkls, 2.5 sks in 2000 & '01. 12 sts in '02, 60 tkls, 3 sks, 7 tfl. Lawrence Hooper (6-4 281 So) PS#38. Jason Jack is **PS#12DL**.

SLB Archie McDaniel So. 6-2 227 **PS#29**. 26 tkls, 1 sk as true. Everett Smith (6-2 216 Sr) PS#57DB. 34 tkls, 2.5 tfl, 3 pbu in '02. Kelvin Flood (6-1 215 rFr) **PS#25**. 4.4 spd.

MLB JARED MORRIS SR. 6-3 256 **PS#20**. 10 sts, 73 tkls, 2 sks in '01. 10 sts in '02, 69 tkls, 3.5 sks. Ta Ta Thompson is **PS#18**. Toron Wooldridge (6-0 224 Sr) PS#51. 3 tkls LY.

ROV Nurahda Manning So. 6-2 230 PS#45LB. PQ & solid on scout team LY. Justin Warren is **PS#4**. Randall Webb (6-3 224 Jr) 8 tkls as **true**. 2 sts, 61 tkls, 7 sks, 6 tfl last year.

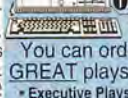
CB SEAN WESTON SR. 5-10 180 PS#73. 11 sts as rFr, 34 tkls, 1 int, 15 pbu. 11 sts, 34 tkls, 7 pbu in '01. 9 sts LY, 41 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu. Ronald Jones (5-10 179 So) PS#163. 14 tkls LY.

CB Byron Jones Jr. 5-10 178 **PS#17**. 1 st as **true**, 36 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu. 5 sts LY, 57 tkls, 4 int, 9 pbu. Jonte Buhl (5-10 169 Jr) PS#30. 40 tkls in 2000 & '01, ACL LY. All B12 in 400m.

SS Keelan Jackson Jr. 6-1 219 PS#164. 3 sts at SS, 23 tkls, 2 sks, 3 pbu LY. Bryant Singleton (5-11 187 So) PS#70. 5 tkls LY. Stephen Hodge is PS#67. Broderick Newton is PS#191.

FS JAXSON APPEL SO. 5-10 196 **PS#37**. 9 sts at FS in '02, 73 tkls, 3 tfl, 4 int, 1 pbu. Brandon Leone (6-0 204 rFr) PS#99. Kevin Mangum (5-11 191 Jr) 8 tkls in 2002. 4.31 speed.

P CODY SCATES SR. 6-1 201 PS#21K. 59 punts in 2000, 39.5 avg. 78 punts in '01. 40.8 avg, net of 36.0. 67 punts in 2002, 43.7 avg, **37.5 net, 2nd Team Big 12**, Sp Tms MVP.



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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score A&M	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	Arkansas St	G					
Sep. 6	Utah	G					
Sep. 13							
Sep. 18	at Virginia Tech (Thur)	G					
Sep. 27	Pittsburgh	G					
Oct. 4	at Texas Tech	A					
Oct. 11	Baylor	G					
Oct. 18	at Nebraska	A					
Oct. 25	Oklahoma St	G					
Nov. 1	Kansas	G					
Nov. 8	at Oklahoma	G					
Nov. 15	at Missouri	A					
Nov. 22							
Nov. 28	Texas (Fri)	G					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Aggies are 2-9 ATS the last 11 in Big 12 road openers.
Texas A&M is 51-3-1 the last 13 years in non-conference home games.
A&M is just 1-8 ATS in November road games since 1998.

Only 2 prior matchups: '83 NL gm A&M won SU & '84 A&M won both SU & ATS.
Texas A&M is 10-3 ATS in the 1st home game the last 15 years.

Aggies are 6-3 ATS in game 2 of the last 9 back-to-back home games.
Texas A&M is 22-6 ATS the last 28 September home games.

A&M is 1-3 SU & 0-4 ATS the last 4 vs the Big East.
The Aggies are 5-9-1 ATS their last 15 after a bye week.

Aggies managed just 437 yds total offense in 2 games vs Big East in 2002.
A&M is 5-1-1 ATS as a home dog the last 5 years.

The Aggies are 3-11 ATS vs Texas Tech the last 14.
The favorite is just 2-7 ATS the last 9 in this series.

Aggies are 16-0-1 SU the last 17 & 8-2 ATS the last 10 vs the Bears.
A&M is 8-2 ATS in their last 10 Big 12 home openers.

Texas A&M is 1-4 SU & ATS vs Nebraska since 1988.
Pending TT, the Aggies are 2-5 ATS on artificial turf since 1999.

The home team has taken 4 straight ATS in this matchup
The last 5 series matchups have averaged just 33 ppg.

A&M is a perfect 3-0 SU but only 1-2 ATS vs Kansas.
Since 1984, the Aggies are 66-0-1 SU as a DD HF, 25-13 ATS the last 38.

Texas A&M is 6-2 ATS their last 8 vs Oklahoma.
Pending prior results A&M is 29-41-1 ATS vs conf opponents since 1994.

Aggies are 11-3 ATS in the 2nd of 2+ road games.
A&M is 16-6 ATS in the game prior to Texas the last 22 seasons.

Texas A&M is 1-6-1 ATS vs Texas the last 8.
These 2 schools have played each other S/1894. In 109 gms TX leads 70-34-5.

DENNIS FRANCHIONE (Career 155-73-2)
1st Year at Texas A&M

Franchione's records AT TEXAS A&M

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Dog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Dog
0-0	Vs Non-Conf		

2002 RECORD: **(6-6)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (22,22,3)
Lost: 20 (9,9,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 80,198

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION

STADIUM: KYLE FIELD (82,600)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	9-3	11-2	8-3	7-4	7-4	6-6	54-28
ATS	5-7	5-6	7-6	7-4	6-5	3-6-1	4-8	37-42-1
Home Fav	3-2	3-2	1-4	4-1	3-1	2-2	1-4	17-16
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	0-0-1	1-1	5-2-1
Away Fav	2-3	1-3	3-2	2-2	1-2	0-1	2-2	11-15
Away Dog	0-1	1-1	2-0	0-1	0-2	1-3	0-1	4-9
Favorite	5-5	4-5	4-6	6-3	4-3	2-3	3-6	28-31
Dog	0-2	1-1	3-0	1-1	2-2	1-3-1	1-2	9-11-1
Grass	3-7	4-2	4-5	7-2	6-4	2-5-1	3-7	29-32-1
Artificial	2-0	1-4	3-1	0-2	0-1	1-1	1-1	8-10
vs Conf	3-5	4-5	5-4	4-4	4-4	2-5-1	3-5	25-32-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-1	2-2	3-0	2-1	1-1	1-3	12-10
Off SU Win	2-4	5-4	5-5	3-4	5-2	2-5	1-5	23-29
Off SU Loss	3-2	0-2	1-1	3-0	1-2	1-1-1	3-2	12-10-1

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Derek Farmer	172	796	57	739	7	4.3
Joe Weber	83	301	27	274	5	3.3
Reggie McNeal	37	207	70	137	0	3.7
Dustin Long	49	161	148	13	1	0.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Dustin Long	333	177	53.2	2509	19	16
Reggie McNeal	45	24	53.3	456	6	3
Mark Farris	45	18	40.0	251	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jamaar Taylor	44	760	17.3	3	82
Bethel Johnson	40	718	18.0	8	78
Greg Porter	48	669	13.9	4	43
Terrence Murphy	36	599	16.6	4	61
Terrence Thomas	17	166	9.8	2	39

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Cody Scates	67	2931	43.7	67	36.1	1	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Todd Pegram	32-33	5-6	4-6	3-9	0-0	12-21	43

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Terrence Kiel	95	1.5	4	6	3
Brian Gamble	82	1	3	6	1
Jaxson Appel	73	2	1	1	4
Jared Morris	69	3.5	1	1	0
Marcus Jasmin	66	5.5	5	2	0
Sammy Davis	62	2	2	6	2
Randall Webb	61	7	6	1	0
Linnis Smith	60	3	7	2	0
Byron Jones	57	0	2	9	4
Ty Warren	52	4.5	7	0	0
Jarrod Penright	50	9.5	5	5	0
Sean Weston	41	0	0	4	2
Everett Smith	34	.5	2	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bethel Johnson	12	139	11.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terrence Thomas	12	252	21.0	0
Bethel Johnson	12	252	21.0	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT		SCORE	ATS
97	Cotton	+14	UCLA		23-29	W
98	Sugar	+12'	Ohio St		14-24	W
99	Alamo	+7	Penn St		0-24	L
00	Independence	-1'	Miss St	(OT)	41-43	L
01	galleryfurniture.com	-5	TCU		28-9	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TEXAS A&M'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		DEF RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	28.8	19	118	3.4	268	51.5	13.4	+2	2002	7	23.3	18	131	3.4	208	57.1	14.5
6*	20.7	16	113	3.1	192	57.6	14.8	+8	2001	5	17.8	18	102	2.7	178	55.4	15.7
6	29.0	20	152	3.9	227	60.1	13.0	+5	2000	7	19.9	17	118	3.3	203	52.7	16.1
8*	26.5	20	140	3.3	220	50.1	13.6	0	1999	8	19.3	17	119	3.2	183	55.5	15.7
7*	23.9	17	151	3.4	161	52.8	13.1	+15	1998	6	15.3	17	130	3.4	172	55.6	19.8
8*	34.2	18	204	5.0	161	55.7	10.7	+18	1997	6	18.2	18	164	3.5	157	52.6	17.7

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Louisiana-Lft	22	47-179	3.8	18-47	244	1	12	23-11	0.5	16-42	194	2	+8
at Pittsburgh	14	32-82	2.6	14-31	199	3	18	39-56	1.4	21-33	176	8	+1
Virginia Tech	10	28-38	1.4	14-35	118	5	13	48-129	2.7	10-11	119	4	-2
Louisiana Tech	22	43-206	4.8	15-30	238	1	10	21-79	3.8	23-43	172	4	-1
Texas Tech	22	36-150	4.2	21-37	367	1	29	27-70	2.6	49-61	474	6	+2
at Baylor	19	39-138	3.5	18-37	257	1	13	28-107	3.8	15-37	122	2	+4
at Kansas	24	35-138	3.9	20-37	428	2	20	32-86	2.7	22-46	203	5	-1
Nebraska	15	24-53	2.2	20-37	269	2	28	73-381	5.2	7-12	116	0	0
at Oklahoma St	18	30-71	2.4	25-46	332	3	19	37-135	3.6	17-33	216	1	-2
Oklahoma	18	39-185	4.7	11-22	219	3	16	37-156	4.2	20-34	249	2	0
Missouri	21	31-36	1.2	26-41	350	1	24	63-259	4.1	13-25	171	4	-1
at Texas	19	37-142	3.8	17-25	195	6	16	40-102	2.6	16-24	278	3	-6
TOTALS	224	421-1418	3.4	219-425	3216	29	218	468-1571	3.4	229-401	2490	41	+2
AVERAGES	18.7	35-118	3.4	18-35	268	2.4	18.2	39-131	3.4	19-33	208	3.4	0.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Florida St	+15'	14-23	W
LA Tech	-22	28-7	L
at S Mississippi	-2'	24-6	W
N Texas	-34'	28-9	L
at Kansas	-13'	24-21	L
Nebraska	+11'	28-21	W
at Baylor	-7	35-14	W
TexasTech	-9	17-10	L
at Oklahoma St	-5'	17-6	W
Oklahoma	-19	29-0	W
Missouri	-6	17-14	L
at Texas	-2'	24-26	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at LA Tech	-14'	37-17	W
Tulsa	-31'	62-13	W
S Mississippi	-11	23-6	W
at Texas Tech	-16	19-21	L
Baylor	-30	45-13	W
Kansas	-32	34-17	L
at Oklahoma	-3'	6-51	L
Oklahoma St	-11	21-3	W
at Nebraska	+13'	0-37	L
at Missouri	-7	51-14	W
Texas	+2'	20-16	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Notre Dame	+3	10-24	L
Wyoming	-14	51-3	W
UTEP	-26	45-17	W
Texas Tech	-14'	33-15	W
Colorado	-8	19-26	L
at Baylor	-27	24-0	W
at Iowa St	-3	30-7	W
Kansas St	+5'	26-10	W
at Oklahoma St	-15'	21-16	L
Oklahoma	+10	31-35	W
at Texas	+5'	17-43	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
McNeese St	NL	38-24	–
at Wyoming	-15'	28-20	L
Oklahoma St	-10'	21-7	W
Notre Dame	-3	24-3	W
Baylor	-25	16-10	L
at Colorado	+8'	21-31	L
at Kansas St	+9	31-24	W
Iowa St	-6	24-21	L
at Texas Tech	+6	0-12	L
at Oklahoma	+17'	10-31	L
Texas	+14	7-21	T

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisiana-Lft	-28'	31-7	L
at Pittsburgh	-3'	14-12	L
Virginia Tech	+1'	3-13	L
LA Tech	-13	31-3	W
Texas Tech	-6	47-48 OT	L
at Baylor	-20	41-0	W
at Kansas	-23	47-22	W
Nebraska	-5'	31-38	L
at Oklahoma St	-3'	23-28	L
Oklahoma	+10	30-26	W
Missouri	-9'	27-33 2OT	L
at Texas	+12	20-50	L

BAYLOR BEARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - The Bears have not had consistent QB play in a few years. Things appeared to be in much better shape in 2000 with the addition of Greg Cicero (PS#10JC) who was PS#24 and signed with Texas out of HS in 1997. He completed 63.3% in the first two games but broke his collarbone and was lost for the season. Five different QB would play with four of them drawing starts the rest of that year. In 2001 Cicero threw for 1,239 yards (50.6%) with a 6-13 ratio. Josh Zachry, a former walk-on, threw for 526 yards (58.8%) with a 2-4 ratio. Aaron Karas (PS#45) threw for 526 yards with an impressive 67.9% and a 5-1 ratio. Davon Vinson (PS#75) took off his redshirt and hit just 9 of 23 passes for 71 yards but rushed for 141. All four returned last year and Cicero won the starting job. In the opener he had 3 interceptions, 2 of which were returned for TD's and got pulled for Karas. Karas started the next six games including hitting a super 22 of 32 for 359 yards vs Kansas but he hurt his right arm vs Colorado. Zachry started vs Kan St and hit 17 of 24 for 248 yards but suffered the fifth concussion of his career which ended his season. Karas reclaimed his starting job over the final four games. He threw for 1,792 yards (59%) with only a 6-13 ratio. Greg Cicero threw for 382 yards (41.4%) with a 1-6 ratio and Zachry threw for 485 (70.8%) with a 1-2 ratio. Those two depart as does Guy Tomcheck who had 11 passes. Morris was fascinated with running QB's at Kentucky starting Shane Boyd over Jared Lorenzen in his first season so Davon Vinson (6-3 222, PS#75) who redshirted last year, has a shot at the starting job. Shawn Bell (6-1 206 rFr) was PS#51. The QB play was far from overwhelming last year and should only get better.

RUNNING BACKS - The Bears have had plenty of VHT's but have struggled to establish the running game. They averaged 4.7 ypc in 1997 but slipped to 2.8, 3.1, 2.2, 2.6 and 2.8 ypc over the past five years. Jonathan Golden rushed for 215 yards (2.9) in 2001 and the leading rusher was Anthony Krieg (6-0 217 Jr) with just 245 yards (3.5). Last year those two both returned. In 2001 Golden got the majority of his yards early in the season and he did so once again last year. He had 355 yards after five games but just 37 after that. Rashad Armstrong took over the starting RB job and finished with 647 yards (4.1). He became the first Baylor RB in four years to top 100 yards vs a Big 12 opponent and did it in each of the final two games. He sat out the spring for academics and his return is questionable. Krieg who rushed for just 22 yards last year also returns. Also in the mix at RB are Paul Mosley (6-2 216 rFr) who was PS#63, FB Jonathan Evans (6-1 253 Jr, PS#57TE) who had 4 starts at FB last year with 62 total yards, FB Billy Crawford (6-2 235 Jr, PS#290DL) Quincy Cosby (5-10 220 Fr, PS#131), and Austin McCann (5-11 180 rFr). I look for continued improvement out of the Bears RB corps this year.

RECEIVERS - It was a veteran receiving corps last season with 4 of the top 5 back. Reggie Newhouse became the school's all-time leading receiver and topped the 1,000 yard barrier in 2002. Newhouse had 9 of his 75 rec's and 170 yards vs the vaunted Kansas St D. This year they must replace Newhouse (11 sts, 2nd Tm B12), WR Ray Harrington (5 sts, 14 rec, 15.2) TE Chris DeLeenheer (3 sts, 1 rec) and WR Bobby Darnell (5 rec). I list the 2 deep below and they do have a VHT at TE in Shane Williams who has surprisingly only gotten three starts in four years. Not listed below are Trent Shelton (6-0 196 rFr) who was PS#180 and Charles Radford (6-1 160 Sr PS#263JC) who had 10 rec's here last season. This unit looks below average by Big 12 standards and will be a little weaker with the loss of their top guy.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Baylor's best ypc rushing the last five years has been just 3.1 in 1999. The team averaged 2.6 ypc rushing while allowing 26 sacks in 2001 and returned four starters last season. They did lose starter TJ Helmcamp to injury seven games into the season. The line averaged a hefty 335 lbs per man yet could only pave the way for 2.8 ypc and allowed a Big 12 worst 52 sacks. Overall five players depart in RG Antoine Murphy (9 sts, 2 yr st'r, PS#8JC), LG Matt Bickel (8 sts), LG Derrick Pearcy (12 sts, HM B12), RT TJ Helmcamp (7 sts) and backup OT Derek Long. Only two players with starting experience and 8 scholarship players overall return and I list the 2 deep below. The unit was thin due to injuries in the spring and Morris was not happy with the shape they were in. There are a couple of VHT's among the unit and since it is just about as experienced as last year's group, I'll call them at least equal to the 2002 version.

DEFENSIVE LINE - After allowing 4.9 ypc rushing in 2000 the Bears returned seven of their top eight DL's and trimmed that to 3.9 in 2001. Last year they once again had seven of their top DL's back although starting DE Aaron Lard was injured and lost prior to the year. Surprisingly the unit took a step back as they allowed 4.5 ypc while the team recorded just 21 sacks (down from 27 in 2001). This year the losses are heavy. Gone are DE AC Collier (7 sts, HM B12, 58 tkls, 9 tfl, 12 QBH), DT Kevin Stevenson (12 sts, HM B12, 12 QBH, 61 tkls, 3 tfl), NT Ethan Kelly (10 sts, 76 tkls, 10 tfl, 14 QBH, HM B12, #7DC of NE), DE Charles Mann (3 sts, 26 tkls, 2 tfl) and NT Travis Hicks (21 tkls). Upon Morriss' first assessment of the roster he said the team did not have any scholarship DT's and vowed to recruit some but he landed just 1 late JUCO signee so they are thin at that position. I list the 2 deep below and there is not even a single HT in the mix. This clearly looks like the Big 12's weakest DL.

LINEBACKERS - The top seven LB's all returned last year but the team suffered a big loss when their #1 tackler, John Garrett, was injured in the fifth game and lost for the season. This year the defense changes from a 4-3 to a 4-2-5 but I list one of the OSS positions here at the LB spot making it a 3 man group. The only players gone from last year are MLB Greg Wade (7 sts, 60 tkls) and SLB Kelvin Chaisson (7 sts, 41 tkls, 4 tfl). With the insertion of Derrick Cash at OSS and return of John Garrett to the lineup, Stephen Sepulveda (11 starts the last 2 years) is projected as a backup. Not even listed below is Justin Crooks (6-0 230 Jr, PS#117) who had two starts with 53 tackles as a true frosh and 45 tackles with 4 tfl last year, James Washington (6-2 203 Sr, PS#205JC) who had 20 tackles here last year, Jamaal Harper (6-0 222 So, PS#150) and this year's true frosh. This is an extremely deep group of LB's making it the strength of the defense.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Baylor had an inexperienced secondary in 2001 and ranked #101 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace one starter and two backups who combined for five starts but the secondary still struggled as they finished #109 allowing 61.5% with 30 TD's and just 8 interceptions. This year they must replace their top CB in Bobby Hart (10 sts, 3 int, 7 pbu) as well as CB Randy Davis (1 st, 20 tkls). Also starting SS Derrick Cash moves to OSS which I list under the LB's so basically just two starters return to the group. I list the 2 deep below and expect a good sized contribution from Anthony Arline who is 6-2 with solid speed but missed last year with a knee injury, as well as projected starting SS Willie Andrews (PS#20) who played as a true frosh last year. This unit can only improve after last year's poor finish in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Baylor actually had two Top 10 finishes in my special teams rankings under former Coach Chuck Reedy. They were #82 in 2001, and last year had to replace their kicker and punter but had their top returnmen back. Not much went right for Baylor last season and the special teams unit was very much a disappointment as they finished #116. Daniel Andino did a decent job on kicks hitting 7 of 10 with a long of 46. P Jeremy Parker averaged 35.6 on 75 punts but the team had a horrible net punting of 26.6. Parker is back and can only improve. The top two KR's both depart but the team only averaged 16.3 in that area and should be stronger. The top PR Bobby Hart departs after averaging 11.2 and 10.0 the last two years. Andino handled the KO's as well and he is gone. Overall the team can only get better after last year's miserable finish but this is far from an overwhelming unit.

COACHES- Guy Morriss comes over as the new head coach after two years at Kentucky. He led UK to a 7-5 finish last year and was an All-SWC OL at TCU in the early '70's. I feel Baylor made a mistake letting Chuck Reedy go after two straight winning years after a losing season in 1996. The team has paid the price recently, not topping three wins in a season for the last six years and rarely allowing a coach to gain continuity. DC John Goodner was the Baylor DC in 1992 but Reedy let him go. He then went to Texas Tech from 1993 to 1999 and was at Kentucky the last two seasons. OC Brent Pease was in that position at Kentucky the last two years at N Arizona the previous year and at Montana from 1991 to 1998.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

The Bears have been by far the worst team in the Big 12 over the past 4 years. Last year I called for them to snap their 29 game Big 12 losing streak when they hosted Kansas and the Bears did just that, beating the Jayhawks 35-32 on a last second FG. Sadly that was their only league win. The Bears have not been competitive in league play, being outscored by an average of 35.8, 32.5, 27.5 and 34.2 in Big 12 play the past four seasons. This team has gone through a lot of coaching changes since 1997 and the attendance keeps sagging. In 1996 when they were 4-7 the team averaged 36,194 but this past year it fell to 28,018. Baylor loses 29 lettermen (46%) which is the most in the conference and has just 12 returning starters. Historically teams have done well under first year head coaches when the team starts the season on a winning streak and Baylor has a fairly soft non-conference schedule so they could get off to a solid start. However they do have a lot of ground to make up on the rest of their Big 12 brethren and their most winnable conference game (Kansas) is on the road. It may be yet another winless Big 12 season for the Bears as they go through yet another rebuilding season.

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OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB AARON KARAS JR. 6-2 199 PS#45. 526 yds (68%), 5-1 ratio as rFr. 10 sts LY, 1792 yds (60%) 6-13 ratio, 293 rush. Davon Vinson (6-3 222 So) PS#75. 141 rush as true.

RB RASHAD ARMSTRONG SR. 5-8 196 **PS#30JC**. 5 sts in '02, 647 yds (4.1), 8 rec (7.4). Jonathan Golden (6-1 212 Sr) **PS#44**. 697 yds (3.1), 3 yrs. Anthony Krieg (6-0 217 Jr) 245 yds in '01.

WR MARQUES ROBERTS JR. 6-1 225 2 sts as rFr, 20 rec (15.6). 5 sts in '02, 6 rec (19.5). Vince Copeland (6-1 176 Sr) PS#110JC. Track Tm at JC. 2 sts, 13 rec (6.6) here LY.

WR ROBERT QUIROGA SR. 6-3 188 PS#115. 17 rec (11.7) as true. 6 sts, 23 rec (10.1) in '01. **BU Track AA**. 6 sts LY, 49 rec (11.3). JT Thompson (5-10 193 Sr) PS#48. 16 rec (8.3) LY.

WR John Martin Jr. 6-0 184 PS#222. 4 sts in '01, 32 rec (10.8). 3 sts LY, 8 rec (16.1). J Fields (6-2 201 So) PS#135. Ryan Jeffrey (6-4 196 So) PS#135QB.

TE Shane Williams Sr. 6-3 226 PS#20TE. 11 games as rFr. 5 games in '01. 3 sts LY, 2 rec (5.5). Iris Williams (6-4 234 rFr) PS#149. Michael Miller (6-3 231 Fr) PS#347QB.

C CEDRIC FIELDS SR. 6-3 278 PS#173. 6 sts as rFr at RG. 11 sts at LG in '01. 12 sts at C LY, HM Big 12. Joe DeWoody (6-4 284 Jr) 2nd string LY. Matt Waller (6-0 241 Sr).

RG Laqualan McDonald So. 6-4 352 **PS#63**. 11 games as 2nd string as true. Staff wants him to trim down. Jacob Pitman (6-7 333 rFr) PS#81TE. Gavin McKinley (6-4 262 rFr).

LG Akeem Rettig rFr. 6-5 362 PS#386OL. PQ in 2002. Randy Cornejo (6-4 317 Sr) PS#421JUCO. 2nd string C in 2002, 5 games. Chris Rogers (6-6 364 So).

RT Glen Oskin So. 6-5 303 PS#207OL. 12 games as rFr, 2nd string at LT and lettered. Versatile. Travis Farst (6-6 307 rFr) PS#466. John Mahaffey (6-5 305 Fr) **PS#90**.

LT QUINTIN OUTLAND JR. 6-4 333 **PS#56OL**. 2 starts at LT as **true**. 12 sts at LT in '02. NFL potential. Brad Schlueter (6-4 277 Jr) PS#435OL. 7 games in 2001. Inj'd in '02.

K Ryan Havens Fr. 5-11 170 **PS#34K**. Hit 20 of 29 FG's in HS & 80% of KO's were TB's. Adam Tomlinson (6-1 212 So). Matt Tritsch (5-8 171 So). Troy Wall (5-11 199 rFr).

DE Khari Long Jr. 6-4 254 15 tkls as a rFr. 4 sts in '02, 41 tkls, 4.5 sks.

Montez Murphy (6-6 257 So) PS#252JC. Unblockable, in for spring. Julian Hill (6-3 239 rFr).

DT Luke Groth Jr. 6-5 266 PS#122TE. DE/TE last 2 years, 22 games, 3 tkls. Lorenzo Davis (6-3 312 So) PS#227OL. 3 tkls as rFr. Eric Jackson (6-4 267 So) PS#279.

DT Corey Ford rFr. 6-2 270 PS#155DL. Added 23 lbs in RS yr. Michael Gary (6-2 286 So). Mtyari "MT" Robinson (6-1 295 rFr) RS JUCO, late signee. Ian Bracken (6-1 230 rFr).

DE DOMINICK CRAVENS SR. 6-3 240 PS#234JC. 8 sts at DE LY, 30 tkls, 2.5 sks, 2 tfl, 8 QBH. Joseph Simmons (6-4 254 Sr) 1 st, 27 tkls in 2000. 23 tkls in '01. 38 tkls, 2 sks, 2 sts LY.

LB JOHN GARRETT SR. 6-1 253 **PS#39**. 5 sts as true, 54 tkls, 6 tfl. 10 sts in '01, 89 tkls, 10 tfl. 5 sts in '02, 33 tkls, 5 tfl until inj. Collin Allred (6-1 237 So) PS#59. 11 tkls as true.

LB MICHAEL TOLBERT JR. 6-0 245 PS#269. 1 st, 32 tkls in '01. 5 sts LY, 40 tkls. Stephen Sepulveda (6-2 224 Sr) 11 sts, 69 tkls in '01. 11 sts, 47 tkls, 6 tfl LY. Jamaal Harper PS#149.

OSS DERRICK CASH SR. 5-11 216 PS#123DB. 1 st, 50 tkls as rFr. 10 sts at FS, 106 tkls, 5 int, 13 pbu in '01. 12 sts at SS LY, 64 tkls, 2 int. Maurice Linquist (5-9 202 Fr) AF prep school.

CB MATT JOHNSON SR. 5-9 173 PS#177. 12 tkls as true. 2 sts, 25 tkls in '01. 12 sts in '02, 46 tkls, 5 pbu. James Todd (6-0 173 rFr) PS#318. Michael Boyd (5-8 169 So) 1 st LY.

CB Tyson Hampton Jr. 6-0 193 PS#196JC. 5 int at JC in '01. 1 st here LY, 18 tkls, 1 tfl. Anthony Arline (6-2 186 rFr) PS#107. Sprinter in HS. Ahmad Rhodes (5-9 170 Sr) PS#246JC.

SS Willie Andrews So. 5-10 186 **PS#20**. 26 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 int, 2 pbu. Larry Bynum (5-10 191 Sr) PS#219JC. 1 st here in '02, 7 tkls, 2 tfl. Cornell King (6-1 177 Sr) 2 tkls LY.

FS MAURICE LANE SO. 5-11 183 PS#269DB. 11 sts, 47 tkls, 1 pbu as rFr. Danielle McLean (5-11 202 Sr) PS#149. 2 sts in '01, 17 tkls, 1 pbu. 3 sts in 2002, 30 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu.

P JEREMY PARKER SO. 5-8 162 PS#63K. 44.0 average in HS. 73 punts here in 2002, 35.6 average and net of 26.6. Craig Munn (6-0 173 rFr). Kenny Webb (5-8 161 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

OL	John Mahaffey 6-5 305 PS#90
QB	Terrance Parks 6-4 220 PS#63
OL	Chad Smith 6-6 290 PS#113
LB	Marcus Foreman 6-1 210 PS#137
DB	Nicholas Fellows 5-10 175 PS#146
K	Ryan Havens 5-11 170 PS#34
OL	Mike Trice 6-3 274 PS#223
OL	Nick Pace 6-3 270 PS#234
DB	Kyle Seals 6-0 170 PS#205
RB	Brandon Whitaker 5-10 190 PS#195
WR	Derrick Jones 6-2 185 PS#251
OL	Chris Evans 6-6 340 PS#342
WR	Dominique Zeigler 6-3 165 PS#245
DL	Montez Murphy 6-6 257 PS#252JC

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#51

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	UAB	G						Bears are 3-10 ATS the week after a bye. Baylor is 4-29-2 ATS in their last 35 Big 12 games. The Bears are 6-25-1 ATS as a home dog since 1990.
Sep. 6	at N Texas	A						The Bears are 9-27-1 ATS on grass the last 37. BU is 13-5 SU and 9-5 ATS the last 18 home openers.
Sep. 13	SMU	G						The Bears are 3-0 SU & 2-0 ATS the last 3 meetings vs N Texas. Baylor is 1-7 SU & ATS on artificial turf.
Sep. 20	Sam Houston St	G						The Bears are 17-10 ATS at home in September since 1985. Baylor is 10-3-1 ATS the last 14 series meetings.
Sep. 27								The Bearkats were 4-7 in 2002, 2-4 in the Southland Conference. The Bears are 8-2 SU & ATS before a bye the last 9 years.
Oct. 4	Colorado	G						Bears are 0-5 SU & 1-4 ATS their last 5 vs Colorado. Baylor is 3-8 ATS in their 1st conference game of the season since 1992.
Oct. 11	at Texas A&M	G						BU is 0-16-1 SU vs the Aggies the last 17, 2-8 ATS the last 10. Baylor is 4-15 ATS as an away dog the last 4 years.
Oct. 18	at Kansas	A						Could apply: Baylor is 8-4 ATS L/12 as an away favorite. Baylor is 3-6 ATS in their 2nd straight away game since 1997.
Oct. 25	Texas	G						Longhorns have outscored the Bears 230-44 S/'98 (avg score TU 46, BU 9). The dog is 13-7 ATS the L/20 meetings. BU has been the dog 16 of the L/20.
Nov. 1	at Kansas St	A						Baylor lost the only meeting in 1999 in Manhattan 48-7 as a 38 pt dog. Baylor is 2-11-1 ATS in November road gms since 1995.
Nov. 8	Texas Tech (HC)	G						The Bears are 3-8 ATS the last 11 Homecoming games. Baylor is 2-10 ATS the last 12 games vs Texas Tech.
Nov. 15	at Oklahoma	G						Baylor is 2-7 ATS the last 9 vs the Sooners. Bears have never beaten Oklahoma, with their 1st game being in 1901.
Nov. 22	Oklahoma St	G						Baylor is 2-9 SU & 0-8-2 ATS the last 11 years in season finales. Bears are 0-6-2 ATS their last 8 vs the Cowboys (1-7 SU) since 1994.
Nov. 29								

GUY MORRISS (Career 9-14)
1st Year at Baylor

Morriss' records AT BAYLOR

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
		0-0	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 34 (17,16,1)
Lost: 29 (15,12,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 28,018

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STADIUM: FLOYD CASEY STADIUM (50,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	2-9	2-9	1-10	2-9	3-8	3-9	17-61
ATS	4-7	4-7	5-5-1	2-8-1	3-7	4-6	1-10	23-50-2
Home Fav	2-2	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-1	6-5
Home Dog	0-1	2-3	1-2	0-3-1	1-4	1-4	0-3	5-20-1
Away Fav	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-3
Away Dog	2-2	2-3	3-2-1	1-4	1-3	2-2	0-6	11-22-1
Favorite	2-4	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	7-8
Dog	2-3	4-6	4-4-1	1-7-1	2-7	3-6	0-9	16-42-2
Grass	1-1	2-4	3-4	1-6-1	2-4	4-6	1-8	14-33-1
Artificial	3-6	2-3	2-1-1	1-2	1-3	0-0	0-2	9-17-1
vs Conf	2-6	3-5	4-3-1	0-7-1	2-6	2-6	0-8	13-41-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-1	2-0	1-2	10-9
Off SU Win	3-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	0-2	1-1	0-3	5-11
Off SU Loss	1-5	4-4	4-3-1	1-7-1	2-5	2-5	1-6	15-35-2

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Rashad Armstrong	159	703	56	647	4	4.1
Jonathan Golden	112	457	65	392	8	3.5
Chedrick Ricks	15	134	15	119	0	7.9
Aaron Karas	95	293	296	-3	1	0.0
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Aaron Karas	251	150	59.8	1792	6	13
Greg Cicero	87	36	41.4	382	1	6
Josh Zachry	48	34	70.8	485	1	2
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Reggie Newhouse	75	1140	15.2	3	85	
Robert Quiroga	49	556	11.3	1	41	
Ray Harrington	14	213	15.2	0	51	
J.T. Thompson	16	133	8.3	0	19	
John Martin	8	129	16.1	1	32	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Jeremy Parker	73	2599	35.6	51	–	0	5
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Daniel Andino	16-19	2-4	3-3	2-3	0-0	7-10	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ethan Kelley	76	2	8	0	0
Derrick Cash	64	0	1	2	2
Kevin Stevenson	61	1	2	2	0
Greg Wade	60	1	0	1	0
A.C. Collier	58	1	8	1	0
Maurice Lane	48	0	0	1	0
Stephen Sepulveda	47	1	5	1	0
Matt Johnson	46	0	1	5	0
Justin Crooks	44	2	2	0	0
Khari Long	41	4.5	2	2	0
Kelvin Chaisson	41	1	3	1	0
Michael Tolbert	40	0	0	0	0
Joe Simmons	38	2	0	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Bobby Hart	15	150	10.0	0	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Randy Davis	35	654	18.7	0	
Chedrick Ricks	19	290	15.3	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
85	Liberty	E	LSU	21-7	W
86	Bluebonnet	-5'	Colorado	21-9	W
91	Copper	-3'	Indiana	0-24	L
92	John Hancock	+6'	Arizona	20-15	W
94	Alamo	+5'	Washington St	3-10	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

BAYLOR'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	16.8	18	103	2.8	232	56.0	19.9	-17	2002	9	41.3	21	164	4.5	242	61.5	9.8
9*	18.6	19	96	2.6	215	53.5	16.7	-3	2001	7	32.5	23	171	3.9	247	60.7	12.9
8	12.6	14	73	2.2	149	40.4	17.6	-9	2000	5	36.1	22	209	4.9	232	56.9	12.2
7*	12.5	13	110	3.1	120	46.0	18.5	-5	1999	10	37.6	24	219	4.4	202	60.8	11.2
6	17.7	16	110	2.8	167	51.7	15.6	+3	1998	7	29.0	22	214	4.8	227	50.5	15.2
7*	18.2	18	185	4.7	151	54.3	18.5	-5	1997	5	34.1	22	274	5.8	164	56.7	12.8

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at California	21	40-79	2.0	23-39	323	3	21	31-105	3.4	22-30	355	1	-5
Samford	24	44-280	6.4	14-25	266	0	10	29-57	2.0	17-28	211	0	+1
at New Mexico	10	29-45	1.6	12-28	62	4	21	47-198	4.2	15-31	116	0	-1
Tulsa	26	45-215	4.8	18-30	235	3	18	25-70	2.8	24-42	251	6	-3
Kansas	22	38-100	2.6	23-34	379	7	19	30-116	3.9	23-42	246	3	-2
Texas A&M	13	28-107	3.8	15-37	122	2	19	39-138	3.5	18-37	257	1	-4
at Colorado	15	34-72	2.1	20-36	179	4	22	52-270	5.2	13-19	125	4	-2
Kansas St	17	32-(-37)	-1.2	24-38	338	9	22	50-279	5.6	10-21	88	1	-1
at Texas Tech	17	34-95	2.8	23-35	254	6	35	20-142	7.1	48-61	512	0	+1
at Texas	8	27-41	1.5	11-22	86	6	25	45-180	4.0	20-25	270	1	-1
Oklahoma	21	46-137	3.0	21-38	241	3	21	36-222	6.2	12-24	179	2	-2
at Oklahoma St	25	50-107	2.1	20-38	293	5	21	36-186	5.2	13-22	290	2	+2
TOTALS	219	447-1241	2.8	224-400	2778	52	254	440-1963	4.5	235-382	2900	21	-17
AVERAGES	18.3	37-103	2.8	19-33	232	4.3	21.2	37-164	4.5	20-32	242	1.8	-1.4

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oregon St	+7	17-27	L
N Carolina St	+3'	33-30	W
at Colorado	+15'	16-18	W
at Texas Tech	+12'	29-31	W
Kansas	-6	31-24	W
Texas A&M	+7	14-35	L
at Texas	+17'	20-30	W
at Notre Dame	+14'	3-27	L
Kansas St	+30'	6-49	L
Oklahoma	-4	16-28	L
at Oklahoma St	+14	10-24	T

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boston College	+4'	29-30 OT	W
UNLV	-10	24-27	L
at Oklahoma	+12'	10-41	L
Texas	+16	0-62	L
N Texas	-11'	23-10	W
at Texas A&M	+30	13-45	L
Texas Tech	+8'	7-35	L
at Kansas St	+38	7-48	L
at Kansas	+14	10-45	L
Colorado	+21'	0-37	L
Oklahoma St	+20	14-34	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Texas	-6	20-7	W
Minnesota	+8	9-34	L
S Florida	NL	28-13	–
Iowa St	+13'	17-31	L
at Texas Tech	+20	0-28	L
Texas A&M	+27	0-24	W
at Nebraska	+47	0-59	L
at Texas	+41	14-48	W
Oklahoma	+39	7-56	L
Missouri	+12	22-47	L
at Oklahoma St	+16'	22-50	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-7'	24-3	W
New Mexico	+4'	16-13 OT	W
at Iowa St	+15	0-41	L
at Texas A&M	+25	10-16	W
Nebraska	+33	7-48	L
at Oklahoma	+35'	17-33	W
Texas Tech	+12	19-63	L
Texas	+32	10-49	L
at Missouri	+15	24-41	L
Oklahoma St	+7	22-38	L
S Illinois	NL	56-12	–

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at California	+7'	22-70	L
Samford	NL	50-12	–
at New Mexico	+9'	0-23	L
Tulsa	-11'	37-25	W
Kansas	-4	35-32	L
Texas A&M	+20	0-41	L
at Colorado	+28	0-34	L
Kansas St	+31	10-44	L
at Texas Tech	+32	11-62	L
at Texas	+40	0-41	L
Oklahoma	+38	9-49	L
at Oklahoma St	+28	28-63	L

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Nebraska has had success replacing QB's with Tommy Frazier, Scott Frost and Eric Crouch all doing well. Statistically, Jammal Lord (PS#52) in his first year as a starter, did basically just as well as Eric Crouch did the season he won the Heisman Trophy (2001). That year Crouch threw for 1,572 yards (53.6%) with a 7-11 ratio while rushing for 1,346. Last year Lord set a school record for net rushing by a QB with 1,412 and an even more impressive 5.6 ypc including a 234 yard effort against the #16 defense of Texas. His completion percentage was not as good as Crouch's (46.6%) but he threw for nearly as many yards (1,362) and had a better ratio (12-12). He did have seven less rushing TD's (15-8). Lord has good size (220 lbs), is strong (#4 strength index on team) and also fast (4.5). Mike Stuntz (PS#25) played in six games last year throwing for 100 yards (40%) while rushing for 41. His strength is passing. While Curt Dukes (PS#18) was limited this spring after knee surgery, I expect him to contend with Lord for the starting job. As a true frosh Dukes participated in the spring last year and was impressive. He has 4.43 speed. Also in the mix is this year's top QB signee Joe Dailey (PS#43). This group is much more experienced than it was heading into last year.

QB Jammal Lord

RUNNING BACKS - Last year basically everyone returned including Dahrran Diedrick who rushed for 1,346 yards (5.4) in 2001. For 30 straight years ('68-'98) an I-back had led the team in rushing but last season the I-back position did not produce a single 100 yard rusher in the first seven games. For the second time in the last four years, a QB led the team in rushing and this time by nearly 500 yards. Diedrick did lead the I-backs with 931 yards (5.2) starting 13 games and he departs. Also gone is I-back Thunder Collins (3 games, 39 yards) who was suspended most of the season and backup FB Paul Kastl. At times David Horne (PS#14) appeared to be the most effective I-back and rushed for 651 yards (5.1) in just nine games as a true frosh. He has added 10 lbs of muscle during the offseason. Josh Davis (PS#31) rushed for 162 yards (6.5). Cory Ross (PS#33) had 184 rush yards (5.3). Robin Miller (5-11 230 Sr) was PS#54 and had 15 yards in 2001. Those four TB's all return. I list the FB's below and it's surprising that DeAntae Grixby (PS#22) has not had a bigger impact rushing for 173 yards in his three years. Others not listed include Dane Todd (5-10 235 rFr), Grant Miller (6-0 225 rFr) and Ronnie Smith (5-10 160 Fr). I like the talent level of this group and even with the loss of their top back, I think they will be more productive this season.

RECEIVERS - The Huskers always have the best blocking WR's in the NCAA and they usually have good speed. In each of the last two years they've had to replace two starters. Last year they did return their leading receiver in Wilson Thomas (PS#88) who had 40 (16.3) in 2001. This year Thomas departs after leading the team again with 30 (11.8). Also gone is WB Troy Hassebroek (8 sts, 7 rec), TE Aaron Golliday (12 sts, 3 rec), TE Jon Bowling (4 sts, 4 rec), WR Ben Cornelson (8 rec), TE Kyle Ringenberg (2 rec) and WR John Klem (5 sts). While not a lot of starting experience is back, they do have TE Matt Herian (PS#24) who led the TE's with 7 rec's with an amazing 43.0 ypc including 4 TD's. Ross Pilkington (PS#56) who played two years of minor league baseball had 14 rec's (21.5). I list the rest of the 2 deep below and Mike McLaughlin (PS#29QB) has outstanding speed and could start and another VHT in the group, Mark LeFlore (PS#24) got in 1 start with 6 rec's as a true frosh. I like the talent available and feel they could be more productive.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Nebraska is famous for its "Pipeline" which is the nickname for the O-line. This year 29 year OL coach Tenopir and his asst OL coach of 17 years, Dave Young, have both retired. The new OL coach is Barney Cotton who is also the OC. The Huskers averaged 5.5 ypc rushing in 2001 and allowed just 10 sacks. Last year they had to replace three starters including a 2nd round DC and one backup. Two other backups, Tim Green and Chris Loos also were lost due to injury. The Huskers O-line paved the way for 5.2 ypc rushing but allowed 26 sacks on just 235 pass attempts (11.1%). This year they must replace C John Garrison (14 sts, 2 yr st'r) and RG Wes Cody (13 sts) as well as part-time backups Nate Kolterman and Scott Koethe. Seven OL saw the majority of the time and five are back. LT Richie Incognito's temporary move to C in the spring was shelved after Josh Sewell stepped up. With the Husker's exceptional weight training program, this is traditionally one of the best OL in the country and this year's group is more experienced and stronger than last year's version.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Huskers D produced four AA from 1993 to 1997 but have had none since. NU allowed 3.4 ypc rushing in 2001 while recording 40 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter and three backups but were expected to get back Jason Lohr (PS#24) who had 12 starts in 2000 and missed most of 2001 with injury. Lohr, however, missed 2002 and received a sixth year to return this season. Star DE Chris Kelsay also was injured and missed five games. Returning starter, DT Jon Clanton lost his job for seven games to Patrick Kabongo. It was not your typical Blackshirt defense last year as the team allowed 3.74 ypc rushing while recording just 32 sacks. This year they lose DE Chris Kelsay (9 sts, 38 tkls, 7 sks, HM B12, #2DC of BUF), DT Jon Clanton (7 sts, 45 tkls, 5 tfl), DE Demoine Adams (8 sts, 37 tkls, 4 sks, 7 tfl) and DE Justin Smith (2 sts, 46 tkls, 7.5 tfl). They add in a VHT JUCO in Wali Muhammad (PS#46), rFr Jay Moore (PS#31) as well as Bernard Thomas (PS#53LB) who opted to redshirt last year after recording 5 tfl in limited 2001 action. There's good size and talent in the 3 deep that I list below. Not even listed is Brandon Gresson (6-3 315 rFr, PS#64OL), Tyler Toline (6-2 240 Jr) and Matt O'Shea (6-0 270 So). Only one player managed to start all 14 games last year in Ryon Bingham and he returns. I look for the Huskers to be tougher up front in 2003.

LINEBACKERS - In 2002 the Huskers had to replace two starters who were their top two tacklers. Four of the top six returned plus they received a solid addition in JUCO Demorrio Williams (PS#19). This year the only loss is SLB Scott Shanle (10 sts, 71 tkls, 5 tfl, #7DC of STL). The top two tacklers, Williams and Barrett Rudd (PS#16) are both VHT's and both return. Ruud played the second half of the year with his broken hand in a cast and also suffered a late season leg injury which limited his effectiveness. The SLB spot is being renamed BUCK in the new defense. They also add in a couple of VHT true frosh who could play immediately. This unit is more experienced and should help Nebraska's defense return to past form.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Huskers finished #11 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and last year had to replace four players who combined for 28 starts including a 4th round DC. They then lost returning starter Willie Amos to injury in the spring so basically only one starter returned. As you would expect, the Huskers slipped some, dropping to #24, but were still solid allowing 50.3% with a 12-13 ratio. This year they lose their top cover CB in DeJuan Groce (14 sts, 61 tkls, 4 int, 8 pbu, 2nd Tm B12, #4DC of STL) as well as SS Aaron Terpening (2 sts, 17 tkls). Eight players return with starting experience including six who have logged six or more starts in their careers and I list the 2 deep below. I thought Fabian Washington made a big impact as a true frosh and this unit has much more experience than it did heading into last season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In the last eight years Nebraska has simply ranked in the Top 10 five times in my special teams rankings, including each of the last two seasons. Last year, despite the team's horrible season overall, the Huskers ranked #2. One of the strengths of the Huskers has always been the TD/Blk category and last year once again they came up +7. Unfortunately a key source of their TD's over the last couple of years has been CB DeJuan Groce who had two PR TD's in 2001 and added four more last year (17.0). He departs as does kicker Josh Brown (#7DC of SEA) who hit 14 of 18 FG's with a long of 48. Back this year is punter Kyle Larson who improved his net punting from 36.7 up to an outstanding 39.3. The top KR man Josh Davis is also back. After averaging 26.5 in 2001 he slipped a little last year to 23.7. With Sandro DeAngelis (PS#4) out with a stress fracture and Josh Brown suspended for the Colorado game, walk-on Dale Endorf responded well hitting 2 of 2 FG's including a 49 yarder. He is back to battle DeAngelis for the kicking job. They should be near the top once again.

COACHES - Frank Solich enters his sixth year here with a 49-16 record but last year was a record breaking year for the Huskers (see Phil's Forecast). While barely hanging on to his job, Solich got rid of six assistant coaches after retaining Osborne's entire staff when he was hired. The new OC is Barney Cotton who did a tremendous job at New Mexico St from 1997 to 2002 running the exact same offense. The new DC is Bo Pellini who was the Green Bay Packers LB coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Nebraska was 11-0 and headed to the Big 12 Title in 2001 when they were upset at Colorado 62-36. Since then, the Huskers are just 7-9 and included in that span are 5 losses by 22 points or more! It has definitely been a record breaking streak for the Huskers. Nebraska had a streak of 348 straight weeks in the AP poll end during the 2002 season. They finished the season outside of the poll for the first time since 1968. Another streak that was broken was 33 consecutive years with at least nine wins, the next longest streak of its type being 14 by Florida St from '87-2000. Their 26 home game winning streak was snapped and they suffered their worst defeat in 34 years at the hands of K-State. They've lost seven straight games to ranked teams and a stretch of 40 straight years of winning seasons is also gone. The team also had its first losing conference record since 1968 (3-5). Last year's team had just 11 returning starters which was their fewest since 1998, a year in which they went 9-4. This year they must replace 27 lettermen but have 12 starters back including an experienced QB. The Huskers averaged just 27.4 ppg which is the fewest here since 1977. With Lord more experienced they should be much more potent. Defensively the team allowed 23.9 ppg which was the most since 1957 and with nine starters back on that side of the ball should much more resemble the Blackshirt defense of year's past. I look for the Huskers to be vastly improved and much more confident this year once league play rolls around. It would not surprise me to see them 8-0 when they travel to Texas. I can see them possibly being favored in 11 of their 12 games this year and look for them to win the Big 12 North.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JAMMAL LORD SR. 6-2 220 PS#52. 14 sts LY, 1362 pass (47%) 12-12 ratio, QB school rec 1708 gross rush (6.8). Curt Dukes (6-1 220 rFr) PS#18. Mike Stuntz (6-1 200 Jr) PS#25.

RB David Horne So. 6-0 190 **PS#14**. 651 yds (5.1) as **true**, +10 lbs. Josh Davis (5-11 205 Sr) PS#31LB, 226 yds (6.6) 3 yrs. Cory Ross (5-6 215 So) 1 st, 184 yds (5.3).

FB JUDD DAVIES SR. 6-0 250 PS#51. 24 sts L/2Y. 647 yds (6.0) 3 yrs. Steve Kriewald (5-10 250 Jr) PS#76. 2 sts, 95 rush in '01. 1 st LY. DeAntae Grixby (5-8 215 Sr) PS#22DB.

WR Mark LeFlore So. 5-11 185 PS#24WR. 1 st as **true**. 6 rec, 4.47 spd. Ben Zajicek (6-0 210 Jr) PS#94DB. Kiffin Wigert (5-9 160 Jr). Isaiah Fluellen (6-0 185 rFr) track team.

WR Ross Pilkington So. 6-0 190 PS#56. Baseball in 2000 & '01. 14 rec as "true" LY. Mike McLaughlin (5-11 180 So) PS#29QB. Tim Liley (6-2 205 Sr), Ryan Ommert (5-10 195 So).

TE Matt Herian So. 6-5 240 PS#24. 7 rec (43.0), 4 TD's as **true**. Phil Peetz (6-2 270 Sr) PS#56DL. Chris Septak (6-3 255 Jr) **PS#6**, DNP L/2Y, inj. Josh Mueller is **PS#7**.

C Josh Sewell Sr 6-2 300 Walk-on. Lettered LY, 2nd string, 5 games. Won the job in the spring. Kurt Mann (6-3 290 rFr) **PS#80**. Jack Limbaugh (6-4 285 Jr).

RG Junior Tagoa'i Sr. 6-2 300 PS#117DL. 3 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. Moved to OL in '01. 2nd string LY, 1 st, 91 pancakes. Tim Green (6-4 325 Sr) **PS#74**. Jermaine Leslie (6-1 315 rFr) PS#194.

LG MIKE ERICKSON JR. 6-4 305 **PS#24**. 2nd string as rFr, 6 gms. 14 sts at LG, 101 pancakes LY. Jake Andersen (6-1 300 Jr) **PS#76**. 2nd string 6 gms. Gary Pike (6-4 320 So) **PS#36**.

RT DAN VILI WALDROP SR. 6-5 350 PS#113. 10 gms as rFr. 13 sts in '01, 95 pancakes. 13 sts LY, HM B12, 91 pancakes. Darren DeLone is PS#76JC. Chris Loos (6-3 290 Sr) **PS#54**.

LT RICHIE INCOGNITO SO. 6-3 300 PS#22. 13 sts as rFr. HM B12, #1 w/171 pancakes. Nick Povendo (6-3 300 Jr) **PS#38**. 14 LY, 2 sts. Jemayel Phillips (6-6 365 rFr) **PS#76**. "Big Smooth".

K Sandro DeAngelis Jr. 5-8 190 PS#4K. Hit 2 of 3 FG's long of 21 here in '01. Dale Endorf (6-0 210 Sr). Hit 2 of 2 FG's vs Colorado in '02, L/49 yds. David Dyches PS#36K.

DE Bernard Thomas Jr. 6-4 265 PS#53LB. 7 tkls, 5 tfl in '01. RS LY. Jay Moore (6-4 265 rFr) PS#31. **Wali Muhammad** (6-2 245 So) **PS#46JC**. 22 sks, 118 tkls, 15 tfl at JC LY.

DT RYON BINGHAM SR. 6-3 290 PS#77. 14 sts, 67 tkl, 8.5 tfl, HM B12 LY. **Jason Lohr** (6-2 280 Sr) **PS#24**. 12 sts, 49 tkls, 9 tfl in 2000. Out 2 yrs. Jared Helming (6-3 290 So) **PS#17**.

DT Patrick Kabongo Sr. 6-6 320 PS#92OL. 14 tkls, 2.5 tfl in 2000 & '01. 7 sts LY, 62 tkls, 2 sks, 7 tfl. LeKevin Smith (6-2 305 So) **PS#31** 42 tkls, 6 tfl. Seppo Evwaraye (6-5 320 So) PS#95.

DE TREVOR JOHNSON SR. 6-4 255 PS#40TE. 9 tkls, 2 tfl in '01. L/9 sts LY, 54 tkls, 3.5 sks, 7 tfl, 15 QBH. Titus Adams (6-3 290 So) 21 tkls, 2 sks. Adam Carriker (6-6 260 rFr) PS#92.

LB TJ Hollowell Sr. 6-2 230 PS#50. 27 tkls, 2 tfl in 2001. 3 starts last year, 60 tkls, 2 tfl. Ira Cooper (6-2 230 Jr) **PS#35LB**. 6 tkls in 2001. 1 start, 12 tkls last year.

LB BARRETT RUUD JR. 6-2 240 **PS#16LB**. 49 tkls, 5.5 tfl as true. 14 sts LY, 91 tkls, 2 sks, 10 tfl, 13 QBH. Chad Sievers (6-3 230 Jr) 37 tkls, 2 tfl. Bo Ruud is **PS#34**.

LB DEMORRIO WILLIAMS SR. 6-1 210 **PS#19JC**. 10 sts here LY. #1 w/92 tkls, 6 tfl, 5 QBH. Lannie Hopkins (6-2 220 Jr) PS#94. 1 st, 24 tkls, 4.5 tfl. Chad Buller (5-11 215 Sr) 9 tkls.

CB LORNELL McPHERSON JR. 5-9 175 **PS#38**. 3 sts as rFr, 29 tkls, 2 int. 4 sts @SS LY, 12 tkls. Donald DeFrand is PS#171JC. Pat Ricketts (5-11 180 Sr) **10 sts**, 2 yrs, 86 tkls, 4 int, 11 pbu.

CB FABIAN WASHINGTON SO. 5-11 175 PS#33. 4.3 spd. 11 sts as true, 49 tkls, 4 int, 13 pbu. Willie Amos (6-0 185 Jr) 7 sts at FS in '01, 4 int, 34 tkls. RS LY. Terrell Butler (5-10 190 Sr).

SS PHILIP BLAND JR. 5-11 205 PS#66. 3 sts as true, 25 tkls. 13 sts LY, 84 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu, 6 tfl. Daniel Bullocks (6-1 200 So) PS#87. 16 tkls LY. Shane Siegel (6-2 220 So) 1 st, 14 tkls.

FS Josh Bullocks So. 6-1 195 PS#96. 5 sts at FS LY, 49 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. 34 tkls in L/7. Jerrell Pippens (6-2 195 Sr) 49 tkls in 2000 & '01. DeWayne Long (6-0 210 Jr) PS#60RB.

P KYLE LARSON SR. 6-0 205 61 punts in '01, 42.4 avg & net of 36.7. 73 punts LY, #11 in NCAA with 43.2 avg super net of 39.3 (#5 in NCAA). Sam Koch (6-1 230 So) PS#53.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

OL	Ryan Schuler 6-7 270	PS#17
TE	Josh Mueller 6-6 250	PS#7
LB	Corey McKeon 6-2 215	PS#29
LB	Bo Ruud 6-3 210	PS#34
OL	Brett Byford 6-4 290	PS#51
QB	Steve Craver 6-2 195	PS#36
DL	Brandon Teamer 6-5 265	PS#64
QB	Joe Dailey 6-1 200	PS#43
DL	Chris Patrick 6-6 245	PS#80
DB	Andy Birkel 6-3 175	PS#69
DL	Wali Muhammad 6-2 245	PS#46JC
OL	Darren DeLone 6-5 320	PS#76JC
DB	Titus Brothers 5-11 190	PS#143
DB	Adrain Turner 5-10 185	PS#165
OL	Greg Austin 6-2 275	PS#200

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49-16	Straight Up	16-16	Home Favorite
28-30-1	Vs The Spread	1-1	Home Dog
5-5	Off A S/U Loss	9-11-1	Away Favorite
21-20	Vs Conference	2-2	Away Dog
		7-10-1	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (7-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (24,25,2)
Lost: 27 (16,10,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 77,802

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#50

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	Oklahoma St	A					
Sep. 6	Utah St	A					
Sep. 13	Penn St	A					
Sep. 20							
Sep. 25	at S Mississippi (Thur)	G					
Oct. 4	Troy St	A					
Oct. 11	at Missouri	A					
Oct. 18	Texas A&M (HC)	A					
Oct. 25	Iowa St	A					
Nov. 1	at Texas	G					
Nov. 8	at Kansas	A					
Nov. 15	Kansas St	A					
Nov. 22							
Nov. 28	at Colorado (Fri)	G					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Huskers are 8-1 SU & 6-3 ATS their last 9 vs Oklahoma.
Nebraska is 6-1 ATS their last 7 at home vs the Pac 10.
Huskers came into 2003 29-13 ATS at home vs the Big 12 since 1992.

Nebraska is 18-1 SU & 12-7 ATS vs Oklahoma St since 1980.
OSU upset Nebraska last year for the 1st time since 1961.

Nebraska is 4-8 ATS the last 12 non-conference games.
Huskers are 4-10 ATS as favorites of 40+ since 1994.

Big Red is 8-1 SU & 7-2 ATS vs the Big 10 the last 9 meetings.
Could apply: NU is 12-26 ATS after scoring 40 or more points.

Nebraska is 2-11 ATS the week after a bye.
Huskers are 8-15-1 ATS since 1993 on grass.

This will be the 3rd trip in 3 yrs for Troy St to Lincoln & Nebraska is 2-0 SU outscoring TSU 73-30, but 0-2 ATS both as a 30+ favorite.

Nebraska is 7-0 SU & 5-2 ATS their last 7 visits to Columbia.
The road team is 6-3 ATS the last 9 in this series.

NU is 4-1 ATS the last 5 vs the Aggies.
Nebraska is 11-0 SU & 8-3 ATS on Homecoming.

Iowa St beat the Huskers SU last year for the 1st time since 1992.
The home team has covered 9 out of the last 11 in this series.

Big Red is 5-10 ATS the last 15 November road games.
Nebraska is 3-7 ATS their last 10 conference away games in November.

Cornhuskers are 15-4 ATS vs the Jayhawks since 1984.
Nebraska is 5-2 SU & ATS in the 2nd of back-to-back away games.

Huskers are 6-3 ATS their last 9 vs Kansas St, but 0-3 the last 3.
Nebraska is 13-6 ATS their last 19 Novembêr home games.

Big Red are 3-11 ATS in their last 14 road finales.
Nebraska is 0-7 ATS the last 7 years vs Colorado.

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PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Field Turf)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-2	12-0	9-3	11-1	9-2	11-1	7-7	69-16
ATS	6-6	5-7	4-7-1	7-5	4-7	7-5	6-6	39-43-1
Home Fav	4-2	3-3	2-5	4-2	2-4	4-4	4-1	23-21
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1
Away Fav	2-4	1-4	1-2-1	3-3	2-3	3-1	0-2	12-19-1
Away Dog	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3-2
Favorite	6-6	4-7	3-7-1	7-5	4-7	7-5	4-3	35-40-1
Dog	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	4-3
Grass	1-3	0-1	1-2-1	2-2	1-2	2-1	1-2	8-13-1
Artificial	5-3	5-6	3-5	5-3	3-5	5-4	5-4	31-30
vs Conf	4-5	4-5	3-5	5-4	4-4	5-3	4-4	29-30
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	1-2-1	2-1	0-3	2-2	2-2	10-13-1
Off SU Win	4-5	5-6	2-5-1	5-4	3-5	7-4	3-4	29-33-1
Off SU Loss	1-0	0-0	2-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	2-2	6-5

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jammal Lord	251	1708	296	1412	8	5.6
Dahrran Diedrick	179	980	49	931	6	5.2
David Horne	127	688	37	651	7	5.1
Judd Davies	42	198	5	193	4	4.6
Cory Ross	35	188	4	184	2	5.3
Josh Davis	25	163	1	162	1	6.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jammal Lord	204	95	46.6	1362	12	12
Mike Stuntz	25	10	40.0	100	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Wilson Thomas	30	353	11.8	3	28
Ross Pilkington	14	301	21.5	1	90
Matt Herian	7	301	43.0	4	80
Ben Cornelsen	8	106	13.2	0	20

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Kyle Larson	73	3156	43.2	71	38.2	1	23

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Josh Brown	46-46	6-7	1-2	7-9	0-0	14-18	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Demorrio Williams	92	1	5	3	0
Barrett Ruud	91	2	10	4	0
Philip Bland	84	0	6	5	1
Scott Shanle	71	2	3	1	0
Ryon Bingham	67	1.5	7	0	0
Patrick Kabongo	62	2	7	2	0
DeJuan Groce	61	0	2	8	4
T.J. Hollowell	60	1	1	1	0
Pat Ricketts	56	0	1	10	2
Trevor Johnson	54	3.5	7	1	0
Fabian Washington	49	0	1	13	4
Josh Bullocks	48	0	0	3	1
Justin Smith	46	1.5	6	2	0
Jon Clanton	45	1	4	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
DeJuan Groce	43	732	17.0	4

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Josh Davis	42	994	23.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Holiday	-3	Arizona	20-23	L
99	Fiesta	-4	Tennessee	31-21	W
00	Alamo	-14'	Northwestern	66-17	W
01	Rose	+8'	Miami, FI	14-37	L
02	Independence	-7	Mississippi	23-27	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NEBRASKA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		DEF RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	27.4	19	269	5.2	104	44.7	13.6	-3	2002	5	23.9	19	147	3.7	215	50.3	15.1
4*	35.6	22	306	5.5	131	54.2	12.3	-1	2001	6	17.4	16	116	3.4	185	44.9	17.3
9*	43.5	23	360	6.1	115	48.4	10.9	+1	2000	5	19.2	16	124	3.9	204	45.0	17.1
5*	34.0	19	270	5.1	128	51.8	11.7	+6	1999	7	13.2	14	75	2.1	182	43.7	13.3
3	31.0	21	241	4.7	136	55.1	12.2	+8	1998	7	15.8	17	116	3.0	194	50.3	19.6
6*	46.7	26	394	6.2	121	55.7	11.0	+4	1997	3	16.5	13	78	2.4	184	49.3	15.9

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Arizona St	19	59-283	4.8	5-13	33	3	17	30-83	2.8	17-41	175	4	+1
Troy St	17	54-199	3.7	8-16	114	0	16	41-155	3.8	11-29	192	1	+1
Utah St	20	54-288	5.3	8-15	130	2	19	30-70	2.3	19-44	251	6	+1
at Penn St	18	45-252	5.6	8-16	76	0	24	43-217	5.0	19-31	259	1	-3
at Iowa St	10	30-81	2.7	12-29	192	2	23	52-192	3.7	19-32	220	0	-2
McNeese St	26	52-444	8.5	12-18	151	0	21	43-121	2.8	15-36	234	1	-1
Missouri	20	62-325	5.2	4-12	34	2	11	30-97	3.2	14-29	123	4	-1
at Oklahoma St	18	54-259	4.8	7-14	110	4	22	42-195	4.6	17-27	192	0	0
at Texas A&M	28	73-381	5.2	7-12	116	0	15	24-53	2.2	20-37	269	2	0
Texas	17	47-320	6.8	7-16	98	2	27	36-79	2.2	29-47	419	3	-1
Kansas	19	56-352	6.3	5-15	62	2	12	36-71	2.0	10-31	153	1	+2
at Kansas St	15	40-97	2.4	9-25	134	5	24	57-415	7.3	4-8	92	4	+3
Colorado	18	46-215	4.7	6-17	119	3	21	53-253	4.8	12-23	122	1	-1
† Mississippi	17	52-266	5.1	7-17	93	1	20	32-52	1.6	25-44	313	4	-2
TOTALS	262	724-3762	5.2	105-235	1462	26	272	549-2053	3.7	231-459	3014	32	-3
AVERAGES	18.7	52-269	5.2	8-17	104	1.9	19.4	39-147	3.7	17-33	215	2.3	-0.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
LA Tech	-35'	56-27	L
UAB	-47	38-7	L
at California	-21	24-3	T
Washington	-13'	55-7	W
† Oklahoma St	-26	24-17	L
at Texas A&M	-11'	21-28	L
Kansas	-34	41-0	W
Missouri	-19'	20-13	L
Texas	-16'	16-20	L
at Iowa St	-26	42-7	W
at Kansas St	+11	30-40	W
Colorado	-20	16-14	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa	-27	42-7	W
California	-32	45-0	W
S Mississippi	-26'	20-13	L
at Missouri	-17	40-10	W
Oklahoma St	-27	38-14	L
Iowa St	-29'	49-14	W
at Texas	-9	20-24	L
at Kansas	-32	24-17	L
Texas A&M	-13'	37-0	W
Kansas St	-9'	41-15	W
at Colorado	-14'	33-30 OT	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Jose St	-49'	49-13	L
at Notre Dame	-13'	27-24 OT	L
Iowa	-41'	42-13	L
Missouri	-32	42-24	L
at Iowa St	-15'	49-27	W
at Texas Tech	-20	56-3	W
Baylor	-47	59-0	W
at Oklahoma	-2'	14-31	L
Kansas	-31	56-17	W
at Kansas St	-3'	28-29	L
Colorado	-26'	34-32	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
TCU	-30	21-7	L
Troy St	-49	42-14	L
Notre Dame	-13	27-10	W
Rice	-34	48-3	W
at Missouri	-24'	36-3	W
Iowa St	-23'	48-14	W
at Baylor	-33	48-7	W
Texas Tech	-26	41-31	L
Oklahoma	-4	20-10	W
at Kansas	-30	51-7	W
Kansas St	-13'	31-21	L
at Colorado	-9'	36-62	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona St	-22	48-10	W
Troy St	-32	31-16	L
Utah St	-30'	44-13	W
at Penn St	-5	7-40	L
at Iowa St	+1	14-36	L
McNeese St	NL	38-14	–
Missouri	-8	24-13	W
at Oklahoma St	-8'	21-24	L
at Texas A&M	+5'	38-31	W
Texas	+3'	24-27	W
Kansas	-36	45-7	W
at Kansas St	+12'	13-49	L
Colorado	+1	13-28	L

KANSAS ST WILDCATS

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Ell Roberson battled JUCO Marc Dunn and the two alternated throughout the year. The two combined for an 8-18 ratio and they had the fewest total passing yards since 1986. Last year both players returned and Dunn won the job out of the spring. Roberson had a great attitude saying he'd play at any position that would help the team and did not even complain in Week 3 vs E Illinois when third string QB Jeff Schwinn was brought in for the second half. Roberson's patience paid off and after four drives of the USC game, in which Dunn had guided the team to 43 yards of offense, Roberson came off the bench to lead the team to victory. He would start the final nine games. Roberson did struggle at times hitting 5 of 13 vs Colorado and 7 of 18 vs Texas but ended up setting the school single game QB rushing record when he rushed for 228 vs Nebraska and then the single season record with 1,032 net yards. He also averaged 17.4 per completion and the three QB's combined for a 14-6 ratio, a large improvement from 2001. This year Dunn departs after throwing for 383 yards (62.9%). Schwinn will battle Dylan Meier (PS#147) for the second string job. KSU has just 3 players listed at the QB position but should Roberson stay healthy, I look for continued improvement.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 Josh Scobey set KSU's single season rushing record with 1,309 yards breaking the record set in 1973 by Isaac Jackson (1,137). Scobey was a #6 DC in the NFL last year and they also lost a #7 DC at FB and their backup FB as well. Darren Sproles (PS#33), who draws constant comparisons to Barry Sanders due to his size (5-7 170), had a tremendous season and simply broke Scobey's record with 1,465 yards and an impressive 6.2 ypc. Fans were concerned about his durability heading into the season but he missed very little time despite toting the ball 237 times. Daniel Davis (PS#4) originally signed at N Carolina in 1999 and rushed for 303 yards (4.4) there. He had 914 yards rushing as a JUCO in 2001 and last year rushed for 224 yards (6.1) backing up Sproles who rushed for 999 yards in eight Big 12 games. Danny Morris (5-11 200 Sr) was PS#116 and had 98 yards (4.3) before suffering a season ending injury vs Texas. Carlos Alsup (6-1 195 So) rushed for 70 yards (3.3). Donnie Anders (5-10 180 rFr) was PS#132. I list the FB's below. Basically everyone returns and that means they could even improve upon 2002's lofty numbers.

RECEIVERS - Last year they had to replace their top six receivers and the group's top returning WR had just two receptions. JUCO transfer "Taco" Wallace struggled to adjust to the system in 2001 but lived up to his PS#23JC billing in his second year leading the team with 39 rec's and an impressive 18.1 ypc. He departs (#7DC of SEA) as does TE Brian Lamone (1 st). A couple of JUCO's last year also proved not to be ready in their first season on the squad in Tony Madison (PS#41) who redshirted and John Cooper. The good news is, besides Wallace, every player from this unit who caught a pass returns and they get added talent. I list the 2 deep below. Not listed at TE is Rimmon McNeese (6-2 218 rFr, PS#30) and at WR Hammond Thomas (6-2 170 rFr). Even with the loss of their top guy, this unit is much more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 a banged up K-State O-line paved the way for 4.5 ypc rushing while allowing 27 sacks. Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 31 starts. They basically had two full-time starters returning but also got the addition of 3 year starter LT Thomas Barnett who missed 2001 with injury and had six players with starting experience. Overall the Cats paved the way for a super 5.24 ypc rushing while allowing 22 sacks. This year they lose C Steve Washington (13 sts, 3rd Tm B12, 2 yr st'r), RT Billy Miller (8 sts), RG Dralinn Burks (7 sts until appendicitis), LT Thomas Barnett (13 sts, 2nd Tm B12, top OL award, 4 yr st'r) as well as their OL coach Dunn. This year's group is a little less experienced and will have trouble matching last year's outstanding numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 all four very productive starters had to be replaced from a top-notch D-line but Snyder went the JUCO route and K-State managed to allow the same 2.9 ypc rushing they did the previous year but only recorded 23 sacks as a team. Last year basically everyone returned and they added some more JUCO's. The Wildcats allowed a paltry 2.03 ypc rushing while recording 36 sacks. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are DE Henry Bryant (9 sts, 3rd Tm B12, 46 tkls, 8 tfl), DT Tank Reese (13 sts, 62 tkls, 3.5 tfl, 1st Tm B12), DT Corey White (11 sts, 38 tkls, 3 sks, 14 QBH), DE Melvin Williams (4 sts, 37 tkls, 5 sks, 3rd Tm B12, #5DC of NO) and NT Eric Everley (1 st, 17 tkls, 2.5 sks). Only three of the top eight return although there are some JUCO's who should be able to step right in and be productive. Not listed in the 2 deep below is DE Alax Carrier (6-4 255 Jr, 14 tkls), DT Jerad Cowan (6-4 290 Jr, PS#209, 6 tkls) and this year's true frosh. K-State always produces a top-notch front but this year's unit is probably weaker than the 2002 version.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the team had to replace Ben Leber (#3DC of SD) who led the team in tackles. They did return Terry Pierce who benches over 500 lbs and he had 110 tackles, 5 sacks, 11 tfl and was voted 1st Tm Big 12. Unfortunately Pierce departs (#2DC of DEN) as does backup LB Andy Klocke (16 tkls). Josh Buhl led the team in tackles with 135, living up to his VHT billing (PS#28) and benches 400 lbs with 4.5 speed. This year they add in two super JUCO's including Marvin Simmons (4.4 spd) who was PS#5 in 2001 and originally signed at USC. I expect him to be one of the top LB's in the Big 12 this year. Not listed below is Huston Harms (6-3 230 Jr), Sean Lowe (6-3 225 rFr), Jerad Johnson (7 tkls) and Brandon Archer (6-2 215 rFr, PS#61). This year's unit has even more experience and should be one of the top LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Wildcats use a large rotation of players in the secondary. As an example, eight players earned starts in 2000 and this type of rotation allows them to overcome large graduation losses. In 2001 they had to replace three full-time starters but did return six players who combined for 29 starts. K-State still finished #8 in my pass D rankings, their 3rd consecutive Top 10 finish. Last year the losses were heavy again as they had to replace five players who combined for 41 starts including #2 and #6 round DC's. They did return their top DB in Terence Newman who has 4.25 speed. Newman was named the Big 12 Defensive POY and won the Thorpe Award. He was #1DC of DAL. and was KSU's first Top 10 DC since 1954. Overall K-State finished near the top once again at #7. FS Bobby Walker missed three games due to injury but also set the school's single season record with 177 interception return yards (2 TD's) vs Iowa St. FS Walker (10 sts, 3rd Tm B12, 6 int, 10 pbu) departs as does CB James Dunnigan (2 sts, 11 tkls) and CB Jerry McCloud (2 sts, 18 tkls, 4 pbu). Snyder went the JUCO route and landed a couple of VHT's to fill in at CB and FS and James McGill should have a bigger impact this season. Not listed below is Carlos Alsup (6-1 195 So, PS#72), Blaine Clark (6-2 185 Jr, PS#442JC) and Jermaine Moreira (5-11 190 Fr, PS#55QB). I list a 3 deep below and there are five VHT's in the group so this unit should finish at or near the top once again but with the loss of a super shutdown corner like Newman, I have to call it down a couple of notches in 2003.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This unit is always great (see Hardcore Fans pg 319) and was ranked #4 last year. The Wildcats have blocked 16 punts in the last four years. They did struggle a little bit in the kicking department. Punter Travis Brown had an outstanding year with a 37.1 net but unfortunately he must be replaced. Brite hit 18 punts in 2001 with a 40.7 average and is the top contender for the job. Also gone is Terence Newman who in the bowl game dropped his career average to 26.1 and Mack Herron held on to his school record (26.2 in 1968-'69). Last year the team had to replace super returnman Aaron Lockett who averaged 28.6 on KR's and 10.1 on PR's so Snyder did a good job of finding replacements. Naturally Snyder has a group that will contend for Top 10 honors once again.

COACHES - Bill Snyder has done an absolutely amazing job at this school taking a team with the worst combined record in the NCAA and guiding them to bowl games in each of the last ten years, one of only seven schools to do so. K-State has had five eleven win seasons in '97, '98, '99, 2000 and last year when he was named the Big 12 Coach of the Year. OC Ron Hudson left for Kentucky after last season and they will use co-OC's this year in Del Miller, who was the OC at Oklahoma St under Simmons and Greg Peterson who was the passing game coordinator last year. They also used co-DC's in Bobby Elliott and Bret Bielema and they did a fine job with the "Lynch Mob" that allowed just 11.8 ppg.

PHIL'S FORECAST

KSU was arguably the worst football program in major college football when Snyder arrived in 1989 as the Cats were off seasons of 0-21-1 and only had a 37% win percentage in their school history. Snyder parlayed a soft schedule and better recruiting into wins which yielded even better recruiting and now has his team a National Title contender almost every year. They have the NCAA's fifth best home record since 1990 at 73-9-1. In 2001 an injury plagued KSU squad finished just 6-6 but outgained league foes that year by an average of 74.5 ypg. They did switch to FieldTurf in 2002 and had less injuries. Due to Snyder's reliance on JUCO's he rarely returns a lot of starters and last year they had just 11 returning and despite the fact they were off a non-winning season, I gave them a solid shot at getting their fifth season of 11+ wins over the last six years. While KSU did not win the Big 12 North, they were clearly the strongest team in that division as they outgained Big 12 foes by 185.6 ypg, and outscored them by an average of 31.4 ppg which was far and away the league's best. They had a game tying 36 yard FG blocked vs Texas on the last play and were edged by Colorado but in their final five Big 12 games, won by a combined 253-30 including a 49-13 plastering of Nebraska. Eleven teams who ranked lower than KSU appeared in a Jan 1 bowl. On the season, K-State outscored their opposition by an average of 44.8-11.8 and tied their previous high finish in the polls finishing #6. Coming into last season the Cats were actually unranked in the USA Today Coaches Poll for the first time in six years but I rated them #8 coming into the year and they were #26 in the AP poll. Last year was actually the first time their team had the full allotment of scholarships as when Snyder took over the team he had just 47 scholarship players. This year the Cats have 12 retuning starters including QB Roberson but even though it will be tough to match last year's 44.8 ppg on offense I still rate them #2 in the Big 12 on the offensive side of the ball. Defensively they have 5 starters back and plenty of top-notch JUCO's coming in so they will be one of the top D's in the league as well. Despite having to face Texas and Nebraska on the road, the Cats have an outstanding shot at yet another double digit win season and rate as not only a Big 12 contender but a National Title contender as well.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB ELL ROBERSON SR. 6-1 205 **PS#21**. 10 sts in '01, 925 yds (37%) 4-9 ratio, 824 rush. 9 sts in '02, 1580 yds (52%), 7-4 ratio, 1276 rush. Jeff Schwinn (6-2 205 Sr).

RB DARREN SPROLES JR. 5-7 170 **PS#33**. 13 sts LY, school rec 1465 yds (6.2), **2nd Tm B12**. Daniel Davis (6-0 215 Sr) **PS#4**. 303 yds at N Car in '99. 224 yds here (6.1) LY.

FB TRAVIS WILSON SR. 6-4 240 PS#145LB. 57 yds at Mich St in '00. 9 sts LY here, 126 rush (6.3). Ayo Saba (6-0 260 So) **PS#26**. Victor Mann (6-2 230 So) PS#137LB. 111 ttl yds.

WR Tony Madison Jr. 6-3 195 PS#41JC. 153.8 all-purp ypg at JC (#1 in conf). Derrick Evans (5-11 175 Sr) PS#129. 13 rec (15.5) LY. Antoine Polite (6-2 180 Jr) PS#282.

WR JAMES TERRY SR. 6-5 180 PS#114JC. 4.4 speed. 11 sts, 28 rec (20.0) here LY. Davin Dennis (6-1 175 So) PS#99. 2 sts, 3 rec LY. LaRoy Bias (6-0 186 Sr) PS#29.

TE THOMAS HILL SR. 6-5 260 PS#37TE. 12 starts in 2002, 17 rec (17.3). Travon Magee (6-7 265 Sr) PS#86JC. 2 sts, 1 rec in '02. Brian Casey (6-7 270 Jr) **PS#13**.

C NICK LECKEY SR. 6-4 285 PS#115OL. 2 sts, 9 gms as **true**. 12 sts in '01. 13 sts at LG LY, **1st Tm B12**. Moves to C. Ryan Schmuecker (6-5 285 Jr) **PS#93OL**, 2nd string.

RG MIKE JOHNSON JR. 6-4 280 PS#259DL. 2 games as **true**. 11 sts at RG LY. Jesse Keaulana-Kamakea (6-3 270 Sr) PS#337JC. 4 gms here LY. Thad Hedgpeth (6-4 300 rFr).

LG Chris Boggas Jr. 6-5 315 **PS#14OL**. Not in good shape in '01. Quit team & returned in 2002. Ryan Lilja (6-3 300 Sr) PS#169JC. 9 games here as 2nd string LG.

RT Peni Holakeituai Jr. 6-6 310 PS#74JC. RS here in '02. Ben Rettele (6-7 305 Sr) PS#316, 1 st in '01. 14 games LY. Michael Weiner (6-5 265 So) PS#129 JC, RS LY.

LT Jon Doty Jr. 6-8 270 PS#16TE. 5 gms as rFr. 7 gms at OT. Travis Triplett (6-7 320 Jr) **PS#56JC**. Orig w/Memphis. Jeromey Clary (6-7 290 So) PS#201. 5 gms LY

K JOE RHEEM JR. 6-2 210 **PS#2K**. 5 of 8 FG's as true, L/38. Hit 9 of 12 FG's in '02, L/39, 0-2 from 40+. Jared Brite (6-2 185 Sr) 4 of 7 FG's in 2 years, long of 41.

DE ANDREW SHULL SR. 6-5 260 PS#68DL. 6 sts in '01, 30 tkls, 5 tfl. 11 sts in '02, 53 tkls, **10 sks**, 7 tfl, **2nd Tm B12**. Scott Edmonds (6-4 255 So) PS#77DL. 2 tkls LY. 36.5" VJ.

DT Justin Montgomery Sr. 6-2 281 PS#215RB. 7 sts, 25 tkls, 2 tfl in '01. 1 st, 29 tkls, 1 sk, 3 pbu LY. Malcolm Wooldridge (6-2 320 Jr) PS#60JC. Derek Marso (6-3 279 So) PS#97.

DT Jermaine Berry Jr. 6-0 295 PS#71JC. 267 tkl, 16 sks @ JC. Andrew Bulman (6-3 275 Sr) PS#238OL. 2 tkl @ Syr. 12 here LY. **625 bench**. Quintin Echols (6-2 300 rFr) PS#108.

DE Tom Houchin Sr. 6-3 260 PS#415. 2 sts at DE in '01, 19 tkls, 4.5 tfl. 2 sts LY, 44 tkls. 2.5 sks. 14 QBH. Kevin Huntley (6-8 265 Jr) PS#392JC. 10.5 sks in '01. Scout TM MVP LY.

SLB BRYAN HICKMAN SR. 6-3 230 PS#215LB, 14 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 st in '01. 13 sts in '02, 79 tkls, 3 sks, 10 tfl, 3 int, 5 pbu, **3rd Tm Big 12**. Ben Henderson (6-2 230 Jr) PS#54JC.

MLB Marvin Simmons So. 6-1 230 **PS#5LB** & orig signed w/**USC**. 125 tkls, 13 sks at JC LY, **4.4 spd**. Matt Butler (6-2 225 So) PS#67. 23 tkls as rFr. Ted Sims (6-1 230 So) PS#164.

WLB JOSH BUHL SR. 6-0 210 **PS#28LB**, 400 bench. 4.5 spd. 9 sts in '01. 68 tkls, 4 tfl. 13 sts LY, 135 tkls, 10 tfl. **2nd Tm B12**. Maurice Thurmond (6-2 220 Jr) PS#124, 28 tkls LY.

CB RANDY JORDAN SR. 6-2 175 PS#109JC. 4.4 spd. 9 sts here LY, 46 tkls, 3 int, 7 pbu. Corey Reddick (5-9 170 Jr) **PS#35JC** in for spg. Louis Lavender (6-0 185 Jr) PS#283JC. RS LY.

CB Cedrick Williams Jr. 5-9 165 **PS#41JC**, 4.33 speed. 12 int, 2 years at JC. In for spring. David Rose (5-10 180 Jr) 11 tkls LY. Maurice Mack (6-0 195 rFr) PS#67DB.

SS RASHAD WASHINGTON SR. 6-3 210 **PS#27RB**. 106 yds rush (7.6) in 2000. 7 tkls in '01. 13 sts LY, 80 tkls, 1 int, 10 pbu. Marcus Patton (6-0 210 Jr) PS#174RB. 19 tkls last year.

FS James McGill Sr. 6-3 215 **PS#14JC**. 4 int, 10 pbu in JC in '01. 6 tkls, 4 pbu LY. Jesse Tetuan (6-0 185 So) PS#169RB. 3 sts, 21 tkls, 2 int LY. Noah Strozier **PS#51DB LY.**

P Jared Brite Sr. 6-2 185 PS#22K. 4 punts as true, 36.8 avg. 18 punt in '01, 40.7 avg, 3 inside the 20. Dave Hamel (6-0 170 Sr). Cole Brokenicky is a walk-on frosh.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

QB	Jermaine Moreira	5-11 190 PS#55
TE	Rashaad Norwood	6-5 220 PS#30
DB	Corey Reddick	5-9 160 PS#35JC
DB	Cedrick Williams	5-9 165 PS#41JC
LB	Ben Henderson	6-2 230 PS#54JC
OL	Travis Triplett	6-7 320 PS#56JC
DL	Malcolm Wooldridge	6-2 320 PS#60JC
LB	Marvin Simmons	6-1 230 PS#67JC
QB	Patrick Thompson	6-2 180 PS#116
WR	Bryan Baldwin	5-11 175 PS#159
DB	Greg Gaskins	6-0 185 PS#182
DL	Alphonso Moran	6-0 270 PS#204
RB	John McCardle	5-10 190 PS#189
WR	Toney Coleman	6-2 190 PS#232

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25-13	Off A SU Loss	20-16 Away Favorite
61-43-3	Vs Conference	16-13-1 Away Dog
		28-10 Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: **(11-2)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 5

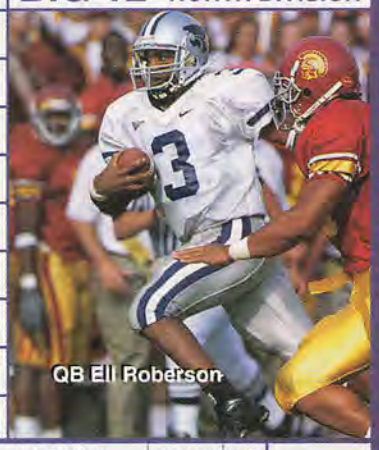
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (23,16,4)
Lost: 27 (12,12,3)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 48,082

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#65

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score KSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 23	† California (Arrowhead)	G						KSU is 6-3 SU & 5-3-1 ATS the last 9 years in their conference openers. The Cats are 34-0 SU & 23-3 ATS in September home games since 1990.
Aug. 30	Troy St	A						KSU is 6-2 ATS when traveling to the State of Texas since 1996. Kansas St is 23-5 ATS since 1993 in non-conference games.
Sep. 6	McNeese St	A						The Wildcats are 5-1 ATS on grass the last 2 years. KSU is 13-0 SU & 7-1-1 ATS in home openers since 1990.
Sep. 13	Massachusetts	A						Kansas St is 33-7 ATS the last 40 as a favorite of 20 or more. The Cowboys were 13-2 LY. Ending the season ranked #2 in Div IAA.
Sep. 20	Marshall	A						KSU is 74-9-1 SU at home since 1990. UMass was 8-4 last year in Div IAA Atlantic 10 Conference.
Sep. 27								Pending last week: K-State is 10-0 their last 10 non-lined games. K-State is 8-0 SU & 7-1 ATS vs current MAC teams since 1991.
Oct. 4	at Texas	G						KSU is 7-3 ATS their last 10 lined games before a bye. K-State is 1-4 ATS the last 5 road openers.
Oct. 11	at Oklahoma St	A						The Wildcats are 2-1 SU & ATS vs the Longhorns in Big 12 play. Wildcats are 9-2 SU & 8-2-1 ATS vs Oklahoma St since 1988.
Oct. 18	Colorado	A						Could apply: KSU was 3-0 SU & ATS last year as conf DD road favorite. Kansas St is 5-13 ATS their last 18 vs Colorado.
Oct. 25	Kansas	A						K-State is 5-1 SU & ATS the game before Kansas since 1997. Kansas St is 9-0 SU & ATS vs Kansas since 1994.
Nov. 1	Baylor (HC)	A						KSU has outscored KU 260-34 L5Y for an avg score of 52-7 ppg. Kansas St is 3-0 SU & ATS vs Baylor since 1998.
Nov. 8	at Iowa St	G						KSU is 6-0 SU & 5-1 ATS their last 6 Homecoming games. The Wildcats are 5-0 SU & 4-1 ATS vs the Cyclones since 1998.
Nov. 15	at Nebraska	A						Kansas St is 11-3-1 ATS the game before playing Nebraska since 1997. Wildcats are 3-6 SU & ATS the last 9 vs Nebraska, but 3-0 ATS the L/3.
Nov. 22	Missouri	A						KSU is 2-5 ATS their last 7 regular season road finales. K-State is 8-0 SU & 6-2 ATS vs Missouri since 1995.
								The game after NU, KSU is 11-0 ATS if they lost SU to NU, but 1-2 ATS if they won S'88.


QB Eli Roberson

STADIUM: KSU STADIUM (50,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Field Turf)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	10-1	11-1	10-1	10-3	6-5	10-2	66-15
ATS	5-4-1	8-3	7-4	8-3	6-6-1	8-3	8-2	50-25-2
Home Fav	1-2-1	4-1	5-1	6-1	3-3	4-2	5-1	28-11-1
Home Dog	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-1
Away Fav	3-0	3-1	2-3	1-1	2-3	2-1	3-1	16-10
Away Dog	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0-1	2-0	0-0	4-3-1
Favorite	4-2-1	7-2	7-4	7-2	5-6	6-3	8-2	44-21-1
Dog	1-2	1-1	0-0	1-1	1-0-1	2-0	0-0	6-4-1
Grass	2-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-3-1	3-0	2-1	11-7-1
Artificial	3-4-1	7-2	6-3	7-2	5-3	5-3	6-1	39-18-1
vs Conf	3-4-1	6-2	5-4	5-3	4-4-1	5-3	6-2	34-22-2
vs Non-Conf	2-0	2-1	2-0	3-0	2-2	3-0	2-0	16-3
Off SU Win	4-3	6-3	7-4	6-3	5-4-1	5-0	6-2	39-19-1
Off SU Loss	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-3	2-0	8-5

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Darren Sproles	237	1517	52	1465	17	6.2
Eli Roberson	202	1276	244	1032	16	5.1
Daniel Davis	37	225	1	224	1	6.1
Ayo Saba	39	135	5	130	8	3.3
Travis Wilson	20	126	0	126	1	6.3
Danny Morris	23	107	9	98	3	4.3
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Eli Roberson	175	91	52.0	1580	7	4
Marc Dunn	35	22	62.9	383	6	2
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Taco Wallace	39	704	18.1	5	58	
James Terry	28	561	20.0	5	56	
Thomas Hill	17	294	17.3	2	56	
Derrick Evans	13	201	15.5	1	46	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Travis Brown	49	2015	41.1	66	37.1	0	14
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Joe Rheem	53-59	2-2	7-8	0-2	0-0	9-12	39

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Josh Buhl	135	1	9	1	0
Terry Pierce	110	5	11	6	0
Rashad Washington	80	0	3	10	1
Bryan Hickman	79	3	10	5	3
Tank Reese	62	2.5	1	0	0
Terence Newman	54	0	2	14	5
Andrew Shull	53	10	7	4	0
Henry Bryant	46	3	5	1	0
Randy Jordan	46	0	0	7	3
Thomas Houchin	44	2.5	1	2	0
Corey White	38	3	0	2	0
Melvin Williams	37	5	2	3	0
Bobby Walker	30	0	1	10	6
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Terence Newman	26	388	14.9	2	
Darren Sproles	15	154	10.3	0	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Terence Newman	13	370	28.5	1	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Alamo	-13'	Purdue	34-37	L
99	Holiday	-10'	Washington	24-20	L
00	Cotton	-3'	Tennessee	35-21	W
01	Insight.com	-6	Syracuse	3-26	L
02	Holiday	-18'	Arizona St	34-27	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	44.8	21	264	5.2	159	53.8	9.4	+9	2002	7	11.8	14	70	2.0	179	45.7	21.0
5	27.5	21	239	4.5	143	42.8	13.9	-1	2001	3	17.1	14	98	2.9	162	47.0	15.2
9*	39.2	22	205	4.4	212	49.0	10.6	+7	2000	7	18.6	15	104	2.9	169	49.8	14.6
3	38.1	19	181	3.8	192	45.6	9.8	+18	1999	6	13.7	13	108	3.2	130	39.8	17.4
8*	46.9	24	217	4.6	248	55.3	9.9	+13	1998	9	15.2	15	91	2.6	175	43.8	17.5
5	34.8	19	214	4.4	165	44.9	10.9	+1	1997	4	14.8	14	134	3.2	139	41.4	18.5

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
W Kentucky	23	51-235	4.6	9-14	172	3	12	47-110	2.3	7-12	73	3	+2
UL Monroe	25	49-263	5.4	13-18	222	0	8	27-33	1.2	9-31	127	1	+2
E Illinois	17	40-230	5.8	6-10	122	0	18	36-137	3.8	26-42	187	1	0
USC	19	48-188	3.9	13-22	159	2	16	30-90	3.0	18-46	186	2	-4
at Colorado	15	44-320	7.3	5-14	83	1	15	43-194	4.5	13-20	289	0	0
Oklahoma St	25	54-297	5.5	9-18	202	0	14	28-40	1.4	16-44	144	3	+1
Texas	15	50-159	3.2	7-18	102	5	10	32-46	1.4	13-24	184	3	0
at Baylor	22	50-279	5.6	10-21	88	1	17	32-(-37)	-1.2	24-38	338	9	+1
at Kansas	22	60-337	5.6	9-15	157	1	10	34-41	1.2	9-27	74	3	+6
Iowa St	20	47-223	4.7	12-17	162	2	15	39-71	1.8	12-28	178	2	+6
Nebraska	24	57-415	7.3	4-8	92	4	15	40-97	2.4	9-25	134	5	-3
at Missouri	27	60-263	4.4	12-20	290	1	7	32-65	2.0	7-24	126	0	-1
† Arizona St	19	46-224	4.9	11-28	215	2	19	26-17	0.7	28-57	293	4	-1
TOTALS	273	656-3433	5.2	120-223	2066	22	176	446-904	2.0	191-418	2333	36	+9
AVERAGES	21.0	50-264	5.2	9-17	159	1.7	13.5	34-70	2.0	15-32	179	2.8	0.7

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana St	NL	66-0	–
N Illinois	-48'	73-7	W
Texas	-23	48-7	W
NE Louisiana	-45	62-7	W
at Colorado	-14'	16-9	L
Oklahoma St	-21'	52-20	W
Iowa St	-34	52-7	W
at Kansas	-27	54-6	W
at Baylor	-30'	49-6	W
Nebraska	-11	40-30	L
at Missouri	-13	31-25	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Temple	-34	40-0	W
UTEP	-32'	40-7	W
at Iowa St	-15	35-28	L
at Texas	+5'	35-17	W
Kansas	-29	50-9	W
Utah St	-29'	40-0	W
at Oklahoma St	-6'	44-21	W
Baylor	-38	48-7	W
Colorado	-16	20-14	L
at Nebraska	+9'	15-41	L
Missouri	-26	66-0	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Iowa	-29	27-7	L
Louisiana Tech	-27'	54-10	W
Ball St	-46	76-0	W
N Texas	-51'	55-10	L
at Colorado	-6'	44-21	W
at Kansas	-23'	52-13	W
Oklahoma	-8'	31-41	L
Texas Tech	-31'	28-23	L
at Texas A&M	-5'	10-26	L
Iowa St	-19	56-10	W
Nebraska	+3'	29-28	W
at Missouri	-22	28-24	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at USC	-3	10-6	W
N Mexico St	-28	64-0	W
at Oklahoma	+4'	37-38	W
Colorado	-10	6-16	L
at Texas Tech	-14'	19-38	L
Texas A&M	-9	24-31	L
Kansas	-21	40-6	W
at Iowa St	-6	42-3	W
at Nebraska	+13'	21-31	W
Louisiana Tech	-21	40-7	W
Missouri	-20	24-3	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Kentucky	NL	48-3	–
UL Monroe	-37'	68-0	W
E Illinois	NL	63-13	–
USC	-2'	27-20	W
at Colorado	-3'	31-35	L
Oklahoma St	-14'	44-9	W
Texas	-2'	14-17	L
at Baylor	-31	44-10	W
at Kansas	-33	64-0	W
Iowa St	-13'	58-7	W
Nebraska	-12'	49-13	W
at Missouri	-15	38-0	W

COLORADO BUFFALOES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 Craig Ochs (PS#5) was a true frosh who started the final seven games and threw for 1,778 yards. Ochs was injured in 2001 after starting seven games and throwing for 1,360 yards. Bobby Pesavento surprisingly led the team to the Big 12 Title but graduated last year. Once again Ochs began 2002 as the starter but suffered the third concussion of his career and opted to transfer. Robert Hodge was a JUCO transfer who, in his first start, hit just 1 of 9 for 20 yards against USC. Zac Colvin (PS#35) also hit just 1 of 4 for 4 yards vs the Trojans. Hodge rebounded the next week against UCLA and would string together some impressive efforts. For the season Hodge threw for 1,609 yards (53.1%) with a 13-9 ratio while also rushing for 237. He surprisingly guided the team to the Big 12 Title Game vs Oklahoma but struggled hitting 6 of 15 for 67 yards and then in the bowl game he was just 6 of 13 with 3 interceptions before being pulled for Colvin in the second half. Both of those QB's now depart. James Cox (PS#64) redshirted last year after throwing for 1,800 yards (18-7 ratio) and rushing for 560 his senior year in HS. He will battle Joel Klatt (6-1195 So) who was the 3rd string QB last year after spending three years in minor league baseball. This is a position where one of the true frosh signees could play immediately. While last year's QB production was average at best, this inexperienced group may have trouble matching those numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 the Buffs had one of the deepest corps of RB's in the NCAA with 4 different backs having four 100 yard efforts in their careers after just a few games. Chris Brown (PS#47JC) led the team with 976 yards (4.9) and Bobby Purify was #2 with 935 yards (5.7). Last year they both returned as did Marcus Houston (PS#1) and big things were expected. Houston suffered through an injury plagued career in Boulder and last season got in just 13 rush attempts. Even though he was healthy for the bowl game he did not play and later opted to transfer. The story of 2002 was Chris Brown who would have easily topped 2,000 yards rushing had he not gotten injured and missed the Nebraska and Big 12 Title games. He finished the season with 1,841 yards (6.1) and 18 TD's and was clearly one of the top RB's in the country. Second string RB Bobby Purify (PS#54) had 739 yards (5.6) but he was injured vs Nebraska and missed the final two games. Brian Calhoun (PS#20) rushed for 314 yards (4.1) as a true frosh and led the team in rushing vs Nebraska and in the Big 12 Title game. Not only do they have to replace Brown (#3DC of TEN) and Houston but also gone this year is FB Brandon Drumm (11 sts, 128 yds, 11.6, #7DC of DET) who led the team with 85 knockdown blocks. I list the FB's below. Some of this year's true frosh will have to be backups at TB. This group is not quite as deep as 2002 and despite the fact that I think both Purify and Calhoun (4.28 speed) are both potential 1,000 yard rushers, I'll call the group a notch or two weaker in 2003.

RECEIVERS - Last season the Buffs had to replace two of three starters including super TE Daniel Graham who was a John Mackey Award winner and #1 DC and had almost twice the amount of catches as the #2 man. The only returnee with more than 15 rec was Derek McCoy who had 35 grabs (16.5) in 2001. The team did get some interesting additions in 2002 like CS-Northridge transfer DJ Hackett, Oregon St transfer Ron Monteilh and Olympic skier Jeremy Bloom. McCoy led the team with 41 rec and the next two players, in terms of receptions, were both RB's. Hackett, John Donahoe (PS#100) and Monteilh were the next closest receivers. They saw a dramatic drop off from the TE position as Beau Williams and Quinn Sypniewski combined for just 18 rec. This year the team must replace TE Williams (9 sts, 12 rec) and WR Jason Burianek (1 st, 0 rec) but basically everyone else returns. I list the 2 deep below and look for a bigger impact out of Bloom after his highly productive season on the return team and he may be the team's fastest WR. They also get the addition of some solid rFr in Tyler Littlehales (PS#31) and Blake Mackey (PS#49) as well as TE Paul Creighton (6-5 235). This is not an overwhelming group of receivers but they are more experienced than they were heading into last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Buffs averaged 4.6 ypc rushing and allowed 21 sacks and last year had to replace two starters who were 2nd and 7th round DC's. I projected two VHT's into the open slots but both Drew Shader (PS#20) and Clint Werth (PS#5JC) were injured early and missed the season. Overall CU averaged 5.0 ypc rushing while allowing just 20 sacks. This year the losses are much heavier. Gone are RT Justin Bates (14 sts, 1st Tm B12, 3 yr st'r, #7DC of DAL), G Wayne Lucier (14 sts, 1st Tm Big 12, 2 yr st'r, #7DC of NYG), C Ryan Gray (14 sts), LT Joshua Foster (12 sts) as well backup LT Rawle King (2 sts, 13 gms). There is plenty of talent in the 2 deep that I list below but they have just one returning starter in RG Marwan Hage and that should make it very difficult to match 2002's outstanding numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Since Gary Barnett took over here the Buffs' best rush D has only been the 3.9 ypc (2001). Last year three full-time starters returned plus the team got the solid addition of JUCO transfer Gabe Nyenhuis (PS#26). DeAndre Fluellen and Brandon Dabdoub combined for 11 starts in 2001 but had just three last year due to inconsistent play and Sam Wilder took over the starting spot. This year the only loses are NT Tyler Brayton (14 sts, 66 tkls, 7 sks, 2nd Tm B12, #1DC of OAK) and backup DE Dylan Bird (2 sts, 10 tkls). The team allowed 4.3 ypc rushing but did up their sack total from 25 in 2001 to 32 last year. This group has even more experience and with a couple of JUCO's enrolling in the fall they should be more formidable up front.

LINEBACKERS - The Buffs shifted to a 4-2-5 last year despite the fact that they had all three starting LB's returning. The SS position was basically occupied by LB's during the year and due to that fact, I'll list the SS position in with the LB's in this year's writeup. The unit loses Drew Wahlroos (9 sts, 93 tkls, HM B12), Kory Mossoni (12 sts, 88 tkls, 4 sks, 9 tfl, HM B12), Joey Johnson (23 tkls, 2 tfl) and Aaron Killion (1 st, 19 tkls). Sean Tufts was a full-time starter in 2001 but missed six games last year due to injuries and a suspension. He returns and there are a couple of VHT's that are added to the mix in rFr Thaddaeus Washington (PS#36) and Chris Hollis (PS#32). I list the 2 deep below. This unit is not as experienced as 2002 but injuries plagued the group with only one player starting all twelve games so I do not see that much of a drop off.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Buffs finished #45 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and last year had to replace two starters including a 2nd round DC and three backups. CU switched to a new 4-2-5 alignment and I will list the WS as one of the four DB's. Overall they improved to #35 allowing 56.1% with a 16-15 ratio vs a tough slate of opposing QB's. This year two starters depart in CB Donald Strickland (14 sts, 2nd Tm B12, 117 tkls, 15 pbu, #3DC of IND) and WS Roderick Sneed (10 sts, 33 tkls, 12 pbu, 2nd Tm B12) as well as backup CB Joe Swift (12 tkls, 2 pbu). Sammy Joseph (PS#12) should be a solid fill-in at the open CB spot and there is a decent amount of talent in the 2 deep I list below. This group is just about as experienced as last year and could even improve in my rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Gary Barnett puts a lot of emphasis on special teams. Every year he and his assistants hand out invitations "allowing" players to play on special teams, showing the importance of it. At Northwestern he had two Top 10 finishes in the rankings and the Buffs were #9 and #8 in the two years prior to Barnett's arrival so I expected a lot in his first year in 1999 but they finished down at #52. In 2000 they moved up to #24 and in 2001 they rose even higher to #11. The star of that group was punter Mark Mariscal and last year he won the Ray Guy Award. Mariscal had an outstanding 47.6 average but an even more amazing 42.1 net which is better than some punters' gross averages. He was a key reason the Buffs finished #5 in my special teams rankings in 2002. Pat Brougham hit just 11 of 26 FG's with a long of 48 including 3 misses in the Big 12 Title game. Both the kicker and punter depart and I list their replacements below but Mariscal is the huge loss. Also gone is outstanding KR Roderick Sneed (25.9) but they do get back Jeremy Bloom who averaged 14.9 with two TD's on his 23 PR's. The Buffs had blocked 8 punts in Barnett's first three years but did not register any last season. Barnett has clearly shown an emphasis in this area but I think it will be impossible for the Buffs to repeat their ranking and they may find it difficult staying in the Top 20.

COACHES - Gary Barnett enters his fifth year with the team and is 29-21 here after doing a great job at Northwestern guiding the comeback of that program. His OC, Shawn Watson, is now in his fifth year here as well as DC Vince Okruch. In his first four years here he was the co-DC and took that job for himself last year.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000 CU suffered through a stunning 3-8 season but four of their losses that year came by 4 points or less including their fifth straight narrow loss to Nebraska. They had zero players drafted after the 2000 season meaning there was a lot of returning talent. The last time they had that luxury they went undefeated and contended for a National Title. In 2001 I gave a Buffaloes team with 17 starters returning and 12 lettermen lost a shot at contending for the National Title as well as winning the Big 12 North. Despite heading into the season unranked, the Buffs did just that, winning the Big 12 Title and were #3 in the country narrowly missing out on playing in the National Title game. Last year they had 15 starters returning but lost QB Craig Ochs early and despite a slow start (including a 40-3 loss to USC) CU rebounded to win the Big 12 North with a 7-1 record. They were only the second Big 12 team to win two straight division titles. CU benefitted from +7 in turnovers but impressively outgained league foes by an average of 76.9 ypg, the third best mark in the conference. This year's team is much less experienced with only three starters back on offense and question marks at QB as well as on the offensive front. Six starters return defensively meaning the nine starters that are back are the lowest in the Big 12. There are no soft spots on the non-conf schedule and I'll term this a rebuilding year for Colorado as it looks like they will not be able to match last year's nine win total.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB James Cox rFr. 6-3 210 PS#64, 4.68 spd. Joel Klatt (6-1 195 So) PS#230. 3 passes in '02. 3 yrs of Class A baseball. Bernard Jackson is PS#59. Brian White is PS#83.

RB Brian Calhoun So. 5-10 195 **PS#20**. 1 st, 314 yds (4.1) as **true**. Bobby Purify (6-0 200 Sr)PS#54. 1 st in '01, 935 yds (5.7). 1 st in '02, 739 yds (5.6), 21 rec (10.7).

FB Lawrence Vickers So. 6-2 225 PS#59. 11 gms & 32 ttl yds as **true**. JP diZerega (6-2 230 Jr) PS#103LB. 1 start, 69 snaps LY. Chad Gardner (6-2 230 Sr) PS#136LB.

WR JOHN DONAHOE SR. 6-0 185 PS#100. 11 sts LY, 14 rec (12.2). DJ Hackett (6-3 195 Sr) 47 rec (15.5) at CS-Northridge in 2000. 53 rec (14.7) in '01. 18 rec (11.7) here LY.

WR DEREK McCOY SR. 6-3 205 11 sts, 35 rec (16.5) in 2001. 14 sts, 41 rec (15.7) LY. Ron Monteilh (6-1 190 Jr) PS#65. 13 rec (8.8), 1 start LY. Jeremy Bloom PS#111.

TE Quinn Sypniewski Sr. 6-7 250 **PS#1TE**. 4 sts in 2000 & '01, 4 rec. 7 sts LY, 6 rec (7.0). Jesse Wallace (6-3 235 Jr) 1 start, 2 rec LY. Joe Klopfenstein (6-5 235 So) PS#54LB.

C Derek Stemrich Jr. 6-6 275 PS#435. 2nd string as rFr. 2nd string LY, 3 games, 16 plays. Jack Tipton (6-4 280 rFr) **PS#71OL**. Mark Fenton (6-4 295 rFr) PS#414DL.

RG MARWAN HAGE SR. 6-3 295 PS#262, Canadian. 2 sts as true. 13 sts, 808 plays in '01. 14 sts, HM B12, 860 plays, 1 sk allowed LY, #1 OL w/43 KD's. Vaka Manupuna is PS#119DL.

LG Karl Allis Sr. 6-5 310 PS#150. 6 sts in 2000 until inj, 285 snaps. 6 gms, 41 snaps in '01. 9 games, 52 plays LY. Drew Shader (6-5 290 So) **PS#20**. Brian Daniels is **PS#24**.

RT Clint O'Neal So. 6-6 290 **PS#69OL**. 5 gms, 24 plays as rFr. Del Scales (6-6 270 rFr) PS#109. Mike Sutton (6-6 325 Fr) PS#224OL LY. Edwin Harrison is **PS#59**.

LT Gary Moore So. 6-7 330 **PS#54OL**. 5 gms, 27 plays as rFr. Clint Werth (6-6 285 Sr) **PS#5JC**. 1 game, 8 plays until inj LY. Frederick Staugh (6-5 275 rFr) PS#174.

K Mason Crosby Fr. 6-2 185 PS#31K. 7 of 11 FG's, long of 59 in HS. Kevin Eberhart (5-10 180 Fr) PS#19K. 10 of 15 FG's in HS LY, long of 57. JT Eberly (6-1 205 Jr).

DE MARQUES HARRIS SR. 6-2 230 PS#107LB. 3.5 sks a true. 13 sts, 52 tkls, 6 tfl in '01. 14 sts in '02, 74 tkls, 4 sks, 10 tfl, 755 snaps, 11 QBH. Alex Ligon (6-4 240 rFr) PS#113LB.

DT DeAndre Fluellen Sr. 6-1 290 PS#121JC. 4 sts, 27 tkls, 6 tfl here in '01. 2 sts, 17 tkls, 1 tfl, 301 snaps LY. John Guydon is **PS#36JUCO**. Marcus Jones (6-5 275 rFr) PS#156.

DT SAM WILDER JR. 6-5 275 PS#224. 11 sts, 617 snaps, 42 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl LY. McKenzie Tilmon (6-4 315 Jr) PS#111JC. Brandon Dabdoub (6-1 285 Jr) PS#99. 7 sts, 22 tkls in 2001.

DE GABE NYENHUIS SR. 6-4 265 **PS#26OL** in '99, JC. 12 sts here LY, 40 tkls, 4 sks, 8 tfl, 5 pbu, HM Big 12. James Garee (6-5 250 So) PS#144. 5 tkls LY. Chadd Evans is PS#118.

ILB Thaddaeus Washington rFr. 6-0 235 **PS#36LB**. 4.6 speed. Jason Ackermann (6-2 215 rFr) PS#69LB. Andrew Ward (6-2 230 So) PS#61DL. 2 tkls as true, 4.5 spd. Left team?

ILB Sean Tufts Sr. 6-4 235 **PS#27LB**. 1 st as true. 12 sts in 2001, 62 tkls, 3 tfl, 427 plays. 6 sts LY, 42 tkls, missed 6 w/inj, 251 snaps. Chris Hollis (6-1 235 So) PS#32LB.

SS CLYDE SURRELL SR. 5-10 185 PS#70RB. 4.4 spd. 9 sts in '02, 71 tkls, 3 sks, 1 int, 3 pbu, 670 snaps. Akarika Dawn (6-2 220 So) PS#101LB. 1 sk LY. Omar Stewart (5-11 195 Sr) **PS#67JC**.

CB PHIL JACKSON SR. 6-1 190 PS#212. 5 starts in '01, 23 tkls, 8 pbu. 14 starts in 2002, 55 tkls, 3 int, 9 pbu, 799 snaps. Chris Russell is PS#48. Lorenzo Sims is PS#54.

CB Sammy Joseph rFr. 6-1 180 **PS#12**. 4.41 spd. Vance Washington (5-9 180 So) PS#147. 10.3 in 100m. Allen Mackey (5-11 185 Jr) PS#62. Donald Burgs (5-11 175 Fr) **PS#19** LY.

WS Brian Iwuh So. 6-1 210 PS#445. 2 sts as **true**, 29 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 pbu. 10.6 in 100m on track team. Dominique Brooks is PS#27DB. Lionel Harris (6-1 195 Fr) is PS#131.

FS MEDFORD MOORER SR. 6-2 195 PS#179. 12 sts, 27 tkls in 2001. 14 sts in '02, #1 w/120 tkls, 4 int, 10 pbu. JJ Billingsley (5-11 190 So) **PS#50**. 6 sts as **true**, 69 tkls, 8 tfl.

P John Torp So. 6-2 195 40.3 avg as senior in HS. 3 punts here as rFr, 49.7 avg and given scholarship this year. Mason Crosby is PS#31K. 39.8 avg as senior in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

OL	Brian Daniels 6-5 280 PS#24	
DB	Dominique Brooks 6-2 195 PS#27	
WR	Stephone Robinson 5-9 180 PS#49	
OL	Edwin Harrison 6-5 330 PS#59	
DB	Chris Russell 6-3 185 PS#48	
OL	Kharylake Martin 6-5 345 PS#71	
DB	Lorenzo Sims 5-11 185 PS#54	
OL	Tyler Polumbus 6-8 245 PS#80	
QB	Bernard Jackson 6-2 190 PS#59	
DL	John Guydon 6-2 300 PS#36JC	
WR	Dusty Sprague 6-4 180 PS#72DB	
RB	Daniel Jolly 6-1 220 PS#75	
DL	Chadd Evans 6-4 250 PS#118	
QB	Brian White 6-5 220 PS#83	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	† Colorado St (Invesco Field)	G						Colorado is 4-1 SU & ATS vs Texas A&M. The Buffaloes are 4-2 SU, but 2-4 ATS the last 6 vs Texas. CU is 10-3 SU, but 4-9 ATS the last 13 vs Oklahoma St.
Sep. 6	UCLA	G						Buffs are 9-4 SU, but 4-9 ATS vs the Rams since 1986. Colorado is 3-9 ATS in lined season openers since 1990.
Sep. 13	Washington St	G						CU is 5-10 ATS since 1987 vs Pac 10 schools. Colorado is just 1-6 ATS in their last 7 home openers.
Sep. 20	at Florida St	G						Colorado is 3-1 SU but 1-3 ATS vs Washington St since 1981. Buffaloes are 2-5 ATS in the 2nd of 2+ home games since 1997.
Sep. 27								Colorado is 10-4 ATS as an away dog since 1998 but was 1-2 last year. Not only will this be their 1st meeting, it's only the 2nd time CU will play an ACC foe. Bonus: Buffs are 7-3 ATS their last 10 as a double digit Big 12 favorite.
Oct. 4	at Baylor	G						Since '92, CU has stampeded Bears by an avg score of 38-15, 5-0 SU & 4-1 ATS. Colorado is 10-5 ATS the week after a bye since 1996.
Oct. 11	Kansas	G						CU is 7-4 ATS the last 11 series meetings with Kansas. Buffs are 9-3 SU but just 4-8 ATS vs the Jayhawks in Boulder.
Oct. 18	at Kansas St	A						Colorado is 4-1 ATS vs KSU since '98, 6-3 ATS at K-State since 1986. Buffaloes are 5-2 ATS the last 3 years on artificial turf.
Oct. 25	Oklahoma (HC)	G						Colorado is 8-4-1 SU and 9-4 ATS vs Oklahoma S/'87, but 1-3 ATS L/4. Colorado is 3-6 ATS the last 9 Homecoming games.
Nov. 1	at Texas Tech	A						Colorado is 0-3 SU & 0-2 ATS all-time at Lubbock. Buffaloes are 13-3 ATS the last 5 years in November.
Nov. 8	Missouri	G						Buffs are 4-7 ATS their L/11 meetings with Missouri but are 3-0 ATS the L3Y. CU is 4-1 SU, but 1-4 ATS the last 5 home games vs the Tigers.
Nov. 15	at Iowa St	G						The Buffs are 6-0 SU but just 2-4 ATS in Ames since 1991. CU is 14-3 ATS in the final away game of the year.
Nov. 22								
Nov. 28	Nebraska (Fri)	G						Buffaloes are 11-4 ATS their last 15 Folsom finales. Colorado has covered the last 7 in a row against the Huskers.

GARY BARNETT (Career 64-66-1)
5th Year at Colorado

Barnett's records AT COLORADO

29-21	Straight Up	9-8	Home Favorite
28-19	Vs The Spread	4-1	Home Dog
10-6	Off A SU Loss	7-7	Away Favorite
23-11	Vs Conference	8-3	Away Dog
		5-8	Vs Non-Conf

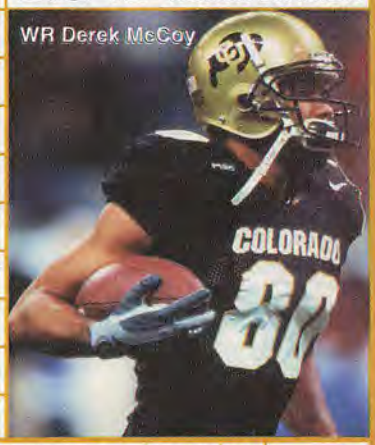
2002 RECORD: **(9-5)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 3
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (23,20,0)
Lost: 23 (10,11,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 52,978

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION



STADIUM: FOLSOM STADIUM (53,740)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	5-6	7-4	6-5	3-8	10-2	9-4	49-31
ATS	5-6	3-8	4-7	7-4	5-6	8-4	8-5	40-40
Home Fav	1-5	1-4	1-4	2-1	1-3	3-2	3-2	12-21
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	6-1
Away Fav	3-1	1-2	0-2	1-3	1-2	2-1	3-1	11-12
Away Dog	1-0	0-2	2-1	2-0	3-0	2-1	1-2	11-6
Favorite	4-6	2-6	1-6	3-4	2-5	5-3	6-3	23-33
Dog	1-0	1-2	3-1	4-0	3-1	3-1	2-2	17-7
Grass	1-1	1-2	1-2	6-2	4-5	6-3	6-5	25-20
Artificial	4-5	2-6	3-5	1-2	1-1	2-1	2-0	15-20
vs Conf	5-3	3-5	3-5	6-2	4-4	6-3	7-2	34-24
vs Non-Conf	0-3	0-3	1-2	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-3	6-16
Off SU Win	4-5	1-4	2-5	4-2	1-2	7-2	6-3	25-23
Off SU Loss	1-0	2-3	1-2	3-1	4-3	1-1	2-1	14-11

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Brown	303	1880	39	1841	18	6.1
Bobby Purify	**132**	**783**	**44**	**739**	**3**	**5.6**
Brian Calhoun	**76**	**337**	**23**	**314**	**0**	**4.1**
Brandon Drumm	11	128	0	128	4	11.6
Robert Hodge	73	237	149	88	2	1.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Robert Hodge	258	137	53.1	1609	13	9
Craig Ochs	42	21	50.0	327	2	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Derek McCoy	**41**	**643**	**15.7**	**7**	**75**
Bobby Purify	**21**	**224**	**10.7**	**1**	**36**
D.J. Hackett	**18**	**211**	**11.7**	**4**	**31**
John Donahoe	**14**	**171**	**12.2**	**0**	**45**
Brandon Drumm	20	161	8.1	0	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Mark Mariscal	67	3186	47.6	68	42.1	2	18

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Pat Brougham	44-47	3-5	2-9	6-10	0-2	11-26	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Medford Moorer	**120**	**1**	**6**	**10**	**4**
Donald Strickland	117	1	4	14	2
Drew Wahlroos	93	0	3	3	1
Kory Mossoni	88	4	9	0	2
Marques Harris	**74**	**4**	**10**	**0**	**1**
Clyde Surrell	**71**	**3**	**4**	**3**	**1**
J.J. Billingsley	**69**	**1**	**7**	**0**	**0**
Tyler Brayton	66	7	4	4	0
Phil Jackson	**55**	**0**	**1**	**9**	**3**
Sam Wilder	**42**	**5**	**5**	**0**	**0**
Sean Tufts	**42**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Gabe Nyenhuis	**40**	**4**	**8**	**5**	**0**
† Oklahoma	33	0	3	12	1
Brian Iwuh	**29**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jeremy Bloom	**23**	**344**	**14.9**	**2**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Roderick Sneed	20	517	25.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Holiday	-6	Washington	33-21	W
98	Aloha	+5'	Oregon	51-43	W
99	Insight.com	-7'	Boston College	62-28	W
01	Fiesta	-3	Oregon	16-38	L
02	Alamo	-7	Wisconsin (OT)	28-31	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

COLORADO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	28.4	19	233	5.0	142	51.6	13.2	+7	2002	8	23.2	20	170	4.3	196	56.1	15.8
9*	31.7	22	215	4.6	212	58.7	13.4	-2	2001	8	24.5	19	130	3.9	238	54.5	15.1
6	22.9	21	122	3.3	240	58.4	15.8	+5	2000	5	25.8	23	175	4.1	247	59.4	16.3
8*	33.8	23	168	4.0	266	59.9	12.8	+5	1999	6	25.9	17	165	4.3	175	48.1	13.1
4	25.2	18	128	3.1	204	56.0	18.2	+6	1998	6	21.1	18	142	3.5	174	48.6	17.3
6	27.3	20	136	4.1	232	53.4	13.5	-1	1997	7	26.8	19	203	4.1	148	53.3	13.1

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
† Colorado St	19	48-170	3.5	14-27	199	1	17	38-152	4.0	11-24	168	3	-2
San Diego St	20	46-265	5.8	9-22	136	2	24	23-42	1.8	39-59	359	4	+1
USC	4	35-37	1.1	2-13	24	4	22	41-181	4.4	22-31	244	0	-1
at UCLA	27	51-325	6.4	12-23	146	2	20	28-62	2.2	22-36	222	3	+1
Kansas St	15	43-194	4.5	13-20	289	0	15	44-320	7.3	5-14	83	1	0
at Kansas	21	48-427	8.9	12-20	119	1	22	47-209	4.4	17-34	241	2	+1
Baylor	22	53-270	5.1	13-19	125	4	15	34-72	2.1	20-36	179	4	+2
Texas Tech	14	41-162	4.0	9-23	116	1	26	30-91	3.0	36-65	268	3	+3
at Oklahoma	19	41-204	5.0	18-37	174	0	12	45-200	4.4	10-23	105	1	-2
at Missouri	29	66-372	5.6	17-27	203	1	20	37-150	4.1	16-30	209	6	0
Iowa St	28	51-331	6.5	17-29	187	0	27	38-207	5.4	24-35	265	1	+2
at Nebraska	21	53-253	4.8	12-23	122	1	18	46-215	4.7	6-17	119	3	+1
† Oklahoma	9	32-126	3.9	6-15	67	3	25	56-287	5.1	14-25	114	0	0
† Wisconsin	13	44-123	2.8	9-18	77	0	21	51-193	3.8	12-24	163	1	+1
TOTALS	261	652-3259	5.0	163-316	1984	20	284	558-2381	4.3	254-453	2739	32	+7
AVERAGES	18.6	47-233	5.0	12-23	142	1.4	20.3	40-170	4.3	18-32	196	2.3	0.5

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado St	+3'	42-14	W
Fresno St	-21	29-21	L
Utah St	-24	25-6	L
Baylor	-15'	18-16	L
at Oklahoma	-4	27-25	L
Kansas St	+14'	9-16	W
Texas Tech	-5	19-17	L
at Kansas	-7	17-33	L
at Missouri	+5	14-38	L
Iowa St	-16'	37-8	W
at Nebraska	+20	14-16	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado St	-13	14-41	L
San Jose St	-24	63-35	W
Kansas	-16	51-17	W
at Washington	-3'	24-31	L
Missouri	-12	46-39 OT	L
at Texas Tech	-5	10-31	L
at Iowa St	+3	16-12	W
Oklahoma	+4'	38-24	W
at Kansas St	+16	14-20	W
at Baylor	-21'	37-0	W
Nebraska	+14'	30-33 OT	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado St	-4'	24-28	L
at USC	+7	14-17	W
Washington	-4'	14-17	L
Kansas St	+6'	21-44	L
at Texas A&M	+8	26-19	W
Texas	-1	14-28	L
at Kansas	-1'	15-23	L
Oklahoma St	-11	37-21	W
at Missouri	-6'	28-18	W
Iowa St	-5'	27-35	L
at Nebraska	+26'	32-34	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Fresno St	-8'	22-24	L
† Colorado St	-4	41-14	W
San Jose St	-16	51-15	W
Kansas	-25'	27-16	L
at Kansas St	+10	16-6	W
Texas A&M	-8'	31-21	W
at Texas	+11	7-41	L
at Oklahoma St	-10	22-19	L
Missouri	-13'	38-24	W
at Iowa St	-4'	40-27	W
Nebraska	+9'	62-36	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado St	-8	14-19	L
San Diego St	-22	34-14	L
USC	-3	3-40	L
at UCLA	+11'	31-17	W
Kansas St	+3'	35-31	W
at Kansas	-21	53-29	W
Baylor	-28	34-0	W
Texas Tech	-6	37-13	W
at Oklahoma	+13'	11-27	L
at Missouri	-4'	42-35 OT	W
Iowa St	-9'	41-27	W
at Nebraska	-1	28-13	W

MISSOURI TIGERS

QB Brad Smith

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Kirk Farmer (PS#69) had one start in 1999 playing in six games until he broke his leg and missed the rest of the year. He and Darius Outlaw (PS#67) split the QB duties in 2000 and 2001 and last year both returned. Gary Pinkel, however, was very impressed with his recruit rFr Brad Smith who can throw the ball 70 yards, is very mobile and is also the hardest working player on the team. Smith had a phenomenal year becoming just the second player in NCAA history to top 2,000 yards passing and 1,000 yards rushing (Woodrow Dantzler's the other). Smith accomplished this despite playing the last four and a half games with the thumb on his throwing hand taped after an injury. He threw just one interception for every 61 passes and came within 103 yards of Jeff Handy's school record for passing yards set in 1992. Pinkel says Smith developed faster than any other QB he has coached and that includes Chris Chandler, Hugh Millen, Mark Brunell and Billy Joe Hobert. He became the first Tiger freshman to start the opener and threw for 2,333 yards (53.6%) with a 15-6 ratio while rushing for 1,029 net yards (5.3). Farmer was the backup last year (63 yds) and he departs. The backups this year look to be Sonny Riccio (PS#191) and Brandon Coleman (6-4 205 rFr, PS#138). David Overstreet (PS#68) and Josh Hibbets moved to the secondary to get on the field this spring. As long as Smith stays healthy, I consider him a legitimate Heisman contender.

RUNNING BACKS - Zack Abron is 228 pounds and is nicknamed "bowling ball" for his running style and size. After rushing for 502 yards (3.6) with four starts as a rFr, he led the team in rushing in 2001 with 783 yards (5.0). Last year he lowered his body fat becoming more muscular and in eleven starts he rushed for 758 yards (4.3). He did suffer a partial tear of his PCL which caused him to miss the Kansas game and he was limited for a few games afterwards. He has a streak of 166 carries without a fumble and a 1,000 yard season would make him the Tiger career rushing leader. He has also trimmed his speed to 4.5. Damien Nash (PS#24) originally signed with the team in 2001. He injured his knee at JUCO last year but should be 100% by the fall. Last year's top signee, Mario Whitney (PS#21), redshirted and then opted to transfer. Another unexpected loss from the group is Tyrone Roberson (PS#65) who had 104 yards rushing but opted to concentrate on baseball. RB TJ Leon (285 yds) also departs so this year's top true frosh should play immediately. Also in the mix is Tim Starks (6-1 203 Sr, PS#288). This unit has an ever improving Abron and some added talent and should be more of a force in 2003.

RECEIVERS - In 2000 Justin Gage (PS#75QB) moved over from QB and adapted well, becoming the Tigers' leading receiver for three straight years and he was the team MVP in both 2000 and 2001. He leaves (#5DC of CHI) with almost every school receiving record and set the Big 12 record for career yards and receptions. He had almost double the number of rec's of the next closest receiver. WR's Thomas Omboga and Darius Outlaw should be big time WR's this year. Sean Coffey (6-5 220 So) had six receptions against Troy but the staff questioned his practice habits and he only saw three starts and 12 rec's the rest of the year. Should he work harder this year, he could have a big impact. The starting TE in 2001 had 34 rec's but last year the TE's were mostly blockers and three players combined for just 19. This year they get JUCO Victor Seasay who has imposing size at 6-6 255 but is still a solid receiver and the top crop of true frosh TE's in the country (see Top Newcomers). I list the rest of the 2 deep below and Pinkel has a lot of HT's in the group. The only loss beside Gage is TE Ben Frederickson (6 sts, 10 rec). This group could come close to last year in terms of overall talent, even with the loss of their star WR.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 Missouri's O-line allowed just six sacks while paving the way for 4.6 ypc rushing which were the kind of stats you would expect from a team that won eight or nine games (not a 4-7 team). Last year they had to replace three full-time starters and a backup who had three starts. The team allowed just 21 sacks and still paved the way for 4.5 ypc rushing. This year they figure to have one of the top O-lines in the Big 12 as all five starters return. The only losses are backup G's Wes Wilson, John Hall and Brian Heits. I list the talented 2 deep below with AJ Ricker and Robert Droege both AA candidates and some talented players in the 2nd and 3rd strings.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 Missouri allowed just 3.5 ypc rushing, their best in a long time in the rugged Big 12 conference. In Pinkel's first year the DL was very inexperienced and made up of players who were moved over from many different positions and they allowed 4.2 ypc while the team recorded just 16 sacks. Last year it appeared three starters would return to the DL but NT Cedric Harden quit. Still their best two DL's were back in Keith Wright and Antwaun Bynum. Wright went on to lead the Big 12 in tfl's (23) and Bynum recorded 10 sacks with ten more tfl's as Missouri upped its sack total to 23 while allowing 3.94 ypc. The good news on the defensive front this year is that six of the top eight are back including five players with starting experience and they get the addition of some solid players who redshirted last year. The bad news is both Bynum and Wright (#6DC of HOU) depart and they were by far the best pass rushers the team had to offer. Track AA DT Russ Bell did well after not playing football for three years, starting seven games last year and I look for improvement from him but Nicholas Tarpoff is a question mark at this time after an off-field incident. This has the makings of a decent DL but with the loss of their top two players, I call them a little weaker in 2003.

LINEBACKERS - Missouri runs a 4-4-3 but I list the WHIP here at LB and the ROV in the DB's. In 2001 James Kinney was so impressive that he took over the starting spot at the end of the season for Jamonte Robinson who was the #3 career tackler here. Kinney lived up to his potential last year as he is 233 lbs with 4.4 speed and was simply #2 in the Big 12 in tackles with 148. Last year the team had to replace four players who combined for 13 starts and 201 tackles. This year they must replace SLB Sean Doyle (12 sts, 113 tkls, 8 tfl) and WHIP Gary Anthony (3 sts, 46 tkls, 3 tfl). Jason Simpson beat out Anthony for the starting WHIP spot and is back along with Kinney. They also move Brandon Barnes who had five starts at FS into the position. The LB's are extremely deep and while I list eleven of them below, not listed are Brandon Smith (6-1 206 So) who had 17 tackles as well as Seth Harrell (5-10 219 rFr). Doyle (PS#32) will be missed but with four players back with starting experience, including their top man Kinney, I'll call this unit stronger in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - When Pinkel took over MU he had just one scholarship CB on the roster and in his first year they were basically unable to install nickel and dime coverages due to inexperience and injuries. The team finished #110 in my pass D rankings. Last year three starters returned and they appeared to be in much better shape but surprisingly only rose to #98 allowing 282.6 ypg (59.4%) with a 19-12 ratio. This year they must replace CB RJ Jones (6 sts, 32 tkls, 4 int, 6 pbu), ROV Tauras Ferguson (12 sts, 65 tkls, 9 pbu) and CB Antoine Duncan (5 sts, 42 tkls, 3 pbu). Despite the losses, I am impressed with the talent that Pinkel has compiled in this unit. I think they have five capable 1st string CB's and I list them below. Included is Terrence Curry who has missed the last two years with injury but started three games in 2000 after moving from WR and Shirdonya Mitchell who is 6 foot and is the team's fastest with 4.32 speed. ROV Dedrick Harrington is a VHT (PS#20) and it looks like JUCO Nino Williams, who was a top-notch cover CB at JC, will be the FS here if he can beat out returning starter Marcus King. Despite just two starters returning, Missouri should have one of the most improved secondaries in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Alex Pettersen (PS#48) won the kicking job at the start of the year but was 0 of 2 on FG's and missed an xp in the opener and walk-on Mike Matheny took over hitting 9 of 13 FG's with a long of 44. Those two return as do both punters (see Hardcore Fans on pg 319). The team has not had a KR for a TD in 21 years but top KR Shirdonya Mitchell (24.1) came close with an 89 yard return last season. The top PR, Marcus James, averaged a solid 13.6 and he returns along with Mitchell. The team also blocked three punts. Overall the unit went from a weakness to a strength finishing #17 in my rankings and with everyone back this unit will clearly contend for Top 10 honors.

COACHES - The coaching staff remains intact for the third straight year. Gary Pinkel came over from Toledo where he was highly successful with a record of 73-37-3 in ten years there. His OC is Dave Christensen who was his OC at Toledo for four years and the DC is Matt Eberflus who was a DB coach at Toledo from '94 to 2000 and has been with Pinkel for 12 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Gary Pinkel had just one losing season at Toledo and was 37-9-1 in the regular season in league play over his last six years there having more MAC wins and overall wins than any other school in the conference in the length of his tenure (10 years). After his first season here in which Missouri suffered through a 4-7 record, Pinkel said that the team was "one of the slowest, weakest, unquick teams in the Big 12." The Tigers had 13 returning starters last year and were one of the most improved teams in the league but only managed one more victory than the 2001 edition. The Tigers did open up 3-1 for just the 3rd time since 1983. They only lost to Oklahoma by 7 and had a 22-14 FD edge in that game. The Tigers also lost to Colorado in OT and it was the 3rd ranked opponent that they had lost to by a TD or less. They also gave up a last minute TD to Iowa St and lost by 7. Pinkel was not happy about the conditioning of the 2001 squad which was outscored in the 4Q by a 102-47 margin. Last year Missouri outscored their foes in the 2H by a 208-177 mark. The Tigers are switching from natural grass to FieldTurf this season and have been adding speed on defense with recruiting. This year's D has 6 starters back and should improve upon the 29.3 ppg they allowed last season. Offensively the story of the Big 12 last year was QB Brad Smith. Overall nine starters are back on offense including Smith so they have one of the top offenses in the league. Two things concern me about Missouri and that is that fact that last year they benefitted from +12 in turnovers (see page 310) and were also outgained by 127 ypg in league play which was the 2nd worst in the league. Missouri continues to make strides and this year I think it will show in their record and I will call for the Tigers to have their first non-losing season since 1998 and to get back to a bowl game.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB BRAD SMITH SO. 6-2 205 B12 Fr of Yr. Strong arm & mobile. 2nd in NCAA history, 2000 pass, 1,000 rush. 2333 pass (54%) 15-6 ratio, 1029 rush (5.3). Sonny Riccio (6-1 205 So).

RB ZACK ABRON SR. 5-9 228 PS#198. 4 sts, 502 yds (3.6) as rFr. 9 sts, 783 (5.0) in '01. 11 sts LY, 758 (4.3), trim to 4.5 spd. Damien Nash (5-11 213 So) **PS#24** in '01, 4.3 spd.

WR THOMSON OMBOGA JR. 6-2 189 **PS#39.** 5 sts as **true**, 15 rec (10.5). 5 sts LY (inj & susp) 21 rec (12.0). Marcus James (5-8 174 Sr) PS#139. 12 sts, 36 rec 2Y, 1277 ret yds.

WR DARIUS OUTLAW SR. 6-3 185 PS#67QB. 9 sts, 1687 pass (45%) 11-19 ratio, 676 rush in 2000 & '01. 9 sts at WR LY, 46 rec (12.0). Chris Crosby (6-3 202 So) PS#176. Jason Ray is PS#65.

WR Sean Coffey So. 6-5 220 PS#88. 3 starts as rFr, 12 rec (13.2). 6 rec vs Troy, doghouse rest of year. Greg Bracey is PS#46. Arnold Britt (6-2 182 So) PS#114QB.

TE JD McCoy Sr. 6-1 258 PS#50. 1 st, 2 rec as **true**. 5 sts, 8 rec (7.2) in '02. Victor Sesay **PS#53JC**, 4.6 spd, 38 rec LY at JC (6-6 255). DeQuincy Howard (6-4 245 rFr) PS#74.

C AJ RICKER SR. 6-4 295 **PS#61.** 11 sts as rFr, 654 snaps. 11 starts in '01, 3rd Tm Big 12. 12 sts LY, **2nd Tm Big 12**. Scott Sells (6-5 295 Sr) PS#33TE, 2L at C.

RG TONY PALMER SO. 6-2 303 PS#417. 9 sts as rFr, improved bench to 400 lbs. Joseph Gianino (6-3 300 Jr) PS#304. **7 sts** in '01, 2nd string LY. Howard Brown (6-2 291 Sr) **PS#96.**

LG CLIFF YOUNG SR. 6-2 300 PS#225. 2nd string in '01 & lettered. 8 starts in 2002 at G. Howard Brissette (6-4 304 Jr) PS#66JC & RS LY. Mike Cook (6-2 315 rFr) PS#452.

RT ROBERT DROEGE SR. 6-6 300 **PS#23.** 200 plays as rFr. 8 starts in 2001. 12 sts LY, **1st Tm Big 12**. Joel Clinger (6-6 301 rFr) PS#110. Tony Clinker (6-4 297 Jr) 1 letter.

LT SCOTT PAFFRATH JR. 6-5 290 Scout Tm as rFr. MIP OL last spring. 12 sts at LT in 2002. Steven Sanchez (6-4 305 Sr) PS#225JC, 2nd string LY. Tyler Luellen is **PS#45.**

K MICHAEL MATHENY SR. 6-2 195 Hit 9 of 13 FG here LY, long of 44. 3 of 5 from 40-49. Was at Div III Westminster in '99. Alex Pettersen (6-4 205 rFr) PS#48, 0-2 FG's LY but RS.

DE Terrell Mills Jr. 6-3 236 PS#41TE. Knee inj as rFr. L/2 sts LY, 19 tkls, 3 tfl. Nicholas Tarpoff (6-3 250 Jr) PS#118, 2 sts, 62 tkls, 5 tfl. 2Y. Brian Smith (6-3 220 rFr) PS#313.

DT ATIYYAH ELLISON JR. 6-4 290 PS#77JC. 5 sks at JC in '01. 9 sts here LY, 41 tkl, 5 QBH. CJ Mosley (6-3 289 So) PS#199OL. 5 sts as rFr, 41 tkls, 3 sks, 5 tfl. 400 bench.

DT RUSS BELL SR. 6-2 300 PS#197. 425 bench. Track & DNP for 3Y. 7 sts LY, 36 tkls, 3 sks, 5 tfl. Phil Pitts (6-1 276 Jr) PS#112, 10 tkls, 2Y. Fabian Bean (6-4 269 rFr) PS#285.

DE Zach Ville Jr. 6-2 272 PS#157JC, RS LY. Elgin Childress (6-1 241 So) PS#143, inj'd LY. Rusty Groth (6-4 270 Sr) PS#250OL. Earl Stephens (6-4 276 So) PS#89TE. Move to DL.

BLB Henry Sweat Jr. 6-0 225 PS#122. 1 st, 17 tkls LY. Brandon Barnes (6-3 220 Sr) PS#158, 5 sts at FS, 54 tkls LY. "Doc" Gooden (6-0 215 So) PS#108, 15 tkls. Lorenzo Williams is PS#54.

SLB JAMES KINNEY JR. 6-1 233 PS#98. 3 sts, 27 tkls in '01. 11 sts, #2 B12 w/148 tkls, 6 sks, 5 tfl. Emmett Morris (5-11 226 rFr) PS#73. Derrick Ming (5-11 243 So) PS#148, 4.5 spd, 380 bench.

WHIP JASON SIMPSON SO. 6-0 193 PS#238DB. 9 starts as rFr, 64 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 pbu. Marcus Guerrero-Bacon (6-2 190 rFr) PS#371. **Darnell Terrell** is **PS#25DB**. Brian Fuller (5-11 220 Jr).

CB AJ Kincade So. 5-10 182 PS#64. 4.4 spd. L/2 sts as rFr. 15 tkls. Shirdonya Mitchell (6-0 181 Sr) PS#47WR. **4.32 spd**, 406 yds LY. Terrence Curry (5-10 177 Sr) PS#75, 3 sts in 2000.

CB MICHAEL HARDEN SR. 5-11 190 4.4 spd, 38"VL, 300 bench. 4 sts in '01, 26 tkls, 1 pbu. Top DB Award in '02, 59 tkls, 2 sk, 15 pbu, added 10 lbs. Calvin Washington (6-0 192 So) PS#154WR.

ROV Dedrick Harrington rFr. 6-3 223 **PS#20WR.** All-state in football, basketball & track. Justin Scott (6-0 196 So) PS#180, 9 tkls as rFr. Quincy Wade (5-9 182 So) PS#119, 4.35 spd.

FS NINO WILLIAMS JR. 6-1 183 PS#72JC. 5 int, 73 tkl as JC CB LY. **Marcus King** (5-10 185 Jr) PS#313, 7 sts at FS in '02, 48 tkls, 4 pbu. Lee Ewigman (6-1 213 So).

P BROCK HARVEY JR. 6-1 197 PS#118QB. 42 punts, 39.5 avg in '01. Big improvement LY, 54 punts, 42.5 avg, net 36.9. Todd Gohsler (6-1 196 Sr) JUCO. 13 punts 42.2 avg here LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

DB	Darnell Terrell 6-3 205	PS#25
OL	Tyler Luellen 6-7 280	PS#45
TE	Josh Barbo 6-5 250	PS#15
WR	Greg Bracey 6-3 190	PS#46
RB	Marcus Woods 5-8 185	PS#46
WR	Jason Ray 6-2 200	PS#65
LB	Lorenzo Williams 6-2 235	PS#54
OL	Monte Wyrick 6-4 315	PS#86
DL	Zane Tomlin 6-3 280	PS#102
TE	Martin Rucker 6-5 220	PS#32
OL	Marty Raab 6-6 300	PS#101
OL	Mark Norman 6-5 280	PS#120
RB	Alex Woodley 5-11 185	PS#87
OL	Adam Spieker 6-3 290	PS#121

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Pinkel's records AT MISSOURI

9-14 Straight Up	4-1 Home Favorite
11-11 Vs The Spread	2-4 Home Dog
6-5 Off A SU Loss	0-1 Away Favorite
8-8 Vs Conference	5-5 Away Dog
	3-3 Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: **(5-7)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (16,20,2)
Lost: 17 (9,8,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 52,723

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#53

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MO	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	† Illinois *(St Louis)*	A					
Sep. 6	at Ball St	G					
Sep. 13	E Illinois	A					
Sep. 20	Mid Tennessee	A					
Sep. 27	at Kansas	A					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	Nebraska	A					
Oct. 18	at Oklahoma	G					
Oct. 25	Texas Tech (HC)	A					
Nov. 1	Iowa St	A					
Nov. 8	at Colorado	G					
Nov. 15	Texas A&M	A					
Nov. 22	at Kansas St	A					
Nov. 29							

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Missouri is 5-1 SU & ATS the last 6 vs Baylor.
Mizzou is 4-2 SU & ATS vs MAC schools the past 6 years.
Missouri has not won straight up as a home dog since 1997, 0-13.

MO is 2-7-1 SU, but 6-3-1 ATS the last 13 years vs Big 10 schools.
Mizzou is 5-10 ATS the last 15 road openers (4-1 ATS the last 5).

MO is 4-8 ATS in September road games since 1993.
Missouri is 4-2 SU & ATS vs MAC schools since 1997.

Panthers were 8-4 overall in IAA & Ohio Valley Co-champs, 5-1.
Mizzou is 3-0 SU in non-lined games since '98 outscoring opp 125-40.

When favored by 10 or more at home MO is 12-5 ATS since 1990.
Missouri is 8-3 ATS in games before Kansas the last 11.

The Tigers are 1-5 SU & 2-4 ATS their last 6 ventures to Lawrence.
MO leads the oldest rivalry west of the Mississippi 52-50-9.

Bonus: Missouri is 13-5 ATS the last 18 as a home favorite.

Tigers are 4-7 as a home dog the last 4 years.
Missouri is 6-10 ATS the last 16 vs Nebraska.

Tigers are 4-10-1 ATS L/15 vs Oklahoma in this battle of the Peace Pipe.
MO is 7-2 ATS in the game after playing Nebraska the last 9.

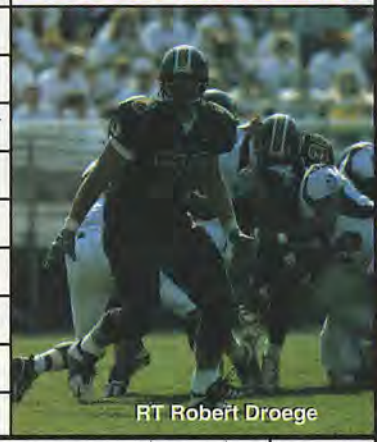
Missouri is 6-3 ATS in their 1st of B2B home games since 1996.
The favorite is 3-1 ATS in this series all time.

Tigers are 8-15 ATS vs Iowa St since 1980, 1-3 ATS the last 4.
MO is 5-8 SU, but 8-5 ATS the last 13 November home games.

Mizzou is 1-4 SU, but 4-1 ATS the last 5 visits to Boulder.
The Tigers are 10-4-1 ATS the last 15 November road games.

Missouri is 6-2 ATS their last 8 home finales.
The visitor is 3-0 ATS since 1994.

Missouri is 0-8 SU & 2-6 ATS the last 8 years vs Kansas St.
The Tigers are 7-2 ATS the last 9 road finales.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STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (68,349)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	7-4	7-4	4-7	3-8	4-7	5-7	35-43
ATS	6-5	8-3	9-1	4-7	5-5	4-6	7-5	43-32
Home Fav	1-1	3-0	3-1	2-2	1-1	1-1	3-0	14-6
Home Dog	2-2	2-1	1-0	0-2	2-1	1-2	1-2	9-10
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	4-2
Away Dog	3-2	2-2	4-0	1-2	1-3	2-3	3-2	16-14
Favorite	1-1	4-0	4-1	3-3	2-1	1-1	3-1	18-8
Dog	5-4	4-3	5-0	1-4	3-4	3-5	4-4	25-24
Grass	4-5	5-1	7-1	4-5	4-5	2-4	6-3	32-24
Artificial	2-1	3-2	2-0	0-2	1-0	2-2	1-2	11-9
vs Conf	4-4	6-2	7-1	2-6	4-4	4-4	4-4	31-25
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	2-0	2-1	1-1	0-2	3-1	12-7
Off SU Win	1-3	3-3	6-1	2-2	1-2	1-3	3-2	17-16
Off SU Loss	5-1	4-0	2-0	2-4	4-3	3-2	3-3	23-13

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
80	Liberty	-4'	Purdue	25-28	L
81	Tangerine	+3	S Mississippi	19-17	W
83	Holiday	+2'	BYU	17-21	L
97	Holiday	+3'	Colorado St	24-35	L
98	Insight.com	-3'	W Virginia	34-31	L

MISSOURI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	30.0	20	184	4.5	203	53.7	12.9	+12	2002	7	29.3	24	168	3.9	283	59.4	15.4
8*	21.8	20	167	4.6	172	47.0	15.6	-1	2001	6	30.0	21	199	4.2	200	64.9	13.3
7*	23.2	18	154	3.8	197	46.9	15.1	-5	2000	7	31.6	21	159	3.5	208	52.7	11.6
4	20.4	20	160	3.5	178	46.8	16.6	-9	1999	5	33.7	17	153	4.1	197	54.4	10.4
6*	27.8	20	229	4.6	119	48.2	12.5	+8	1998	7	19.7	19	150	3.8	178	59.2	16.7
8*	30.7	22	257	5.1	141	48.4	13.0	+2	1997	6	32.6	21	204	4.8	202	52.7	12.5

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brad Smith	193	1179	150	1029	7	5.3
Zack Abron	176	799	41	758	15	4.3
T.J. Leon	62	300	15	285	4	4.6
Tyrone Roberson	27	111	7	104	1	3.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Brad Smith	366	196	53.6	2333	15	6
Kirk Farmer	11	5	45.5	63	1	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Justin Gage	82	1075	13.1	9	62	
Darius Outlaw	46	552	12.0	3	55	
Thomson Omboga	21	253	12.0	1	33	
Sean Coffey	12	159	13.2	0	35	
Ben Fredrickson	10	119	11.9	1	41	
Marcus James	9	91	10.1	0	24	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Brock Harvey	54	2295	42.5	69	–	0	11

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Mike Matheny	40-42	4-5	2-3	3-5	0-0	9-13	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
James Kinney	148	6	5	3	1
Sean Doyle	113	2	6	2	2
Keith Wright	91	6	17	0	0
Antwaun Bynum	69	10	10	4	0
Tauras Ferguson	65	2	6	9	2
Jason Simpson	64	0	2	2	0
Michael Harden	59	0	0	15	2
Brandon Barnes	54	0	1	1	1
Marcus King	48	0	0	4	0
Gary Anthony	46	1	2	1	0
Antoine Duncan	42	0	0	3	0
C.J. Mosley	41	3	5	1	0
Atiyyah Ellison	41	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marcus James	24	327	13.6	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Shirdonya Mitchell	16	385	24.1	0
Tyrone Roberson	11	224	20.4	0

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
† Illinois	23	54-285	5.3	15-26	152	0	18	34-67	2.0	18-42	246	4	+1
Ball St	21	37-221	6.0	16-32	216	0	18	45-164	3.6	18-25	150	2	+5
at Bowling Green	23	30-55	1.8	28-50	334	3	29	50-202	4.0	18-33	375	2	0
Troy St	27	52-277	5.3	19-36	218	0	18	28-69	2.5	18-31	231	3	+4
Oklahoma	22	44-271	6.2	19-39	178	2	14	30-126	4.2	21-33	317	2	-3
at Nebraska	11	30-97	3.2	14-29	123	4	20	62-325	5.2	4-12	34	2	+1
at Texas Tech	23	31-139	4.5	21-33	306	2	38	29-88	3.0	50-71	518	4	+1
Kansas	20	48-267	5.6	12-21	158	0	23	37-124	3.4	20-44	252	1	+1
at Iowa St	18	36-118	3.3	24-35	247	1	28	39-177	4.5	31-47	425	0	0
Colorado	20	37-150	4.1	16-30	209	5	29	66-372	5.6	17-27	203	1	0
at Texas A&M	24	63-259	4.1	13-25	171	4	21	31-36	1.2	26-41	350	1	+1
Kansas St	7	32-65	2.0	7-24	126	0	27	60-263	4.4	12-20	290	1	+1
TOTALS	239	494-2204	4.5	204-380	2438	21	283	511-2013	3.9	253-426	3391	23	+12
AVERAGES	19.9	41-184	4.5	17-32	203	1.8	23.6	43-168	3.9	21-36	283	1.9	1.0

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Bowling Green	-25	37-0	W
Kansas	-17	41-23	W
at Ohio St	+24'	14-35	W
Northwestern St	NL	35-14	–
at Iowa St	-7	35-19	W
Oklahoma	-16'	20-6	L
at Nebraska	+19'	13-20	W
at Texas Tech	+1'	28-26	W
Colorado	-5	38-14	W
at Texas A&M	+6	14-17	W
Kansas St	+13	25-31	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UAB	-22	31-28	L
W Michigan	-12'	48-34	W
Nebraska	+17	10-40	L
at Memphis	-2'	27-17	W
at Colorado	+12	39-46 OT	W
Iowa St	-7'	21-24	L
at Kansas	-8	0-21	L
Texas Tech	-1	34-7	W
at Oklahoma	+11	0-37	L
Texas A&M	+7	14-51	L
at Kansas St	+26	0-66	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Illinois	NL	50-20	–
at Clemson	+17'	9-62	L
Michigan St	+9'	10-13	W
at Nebraska	+32	24-42	W
Oklahoma St	-3	24-10	W
Kansas	-6'	17-38	L
at Texas	+23	12-46	L
at Iowa St	+10	20-39	L
Colorado	+6'	18-28	L
at Baylor	-12	47-22	W
Kansas St	+22	24-28	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Bowling Green	-13	13-20	L
SW Texas St	NL	40-6	–
Nebraska	+24'	3-36	L
at Oklahoma St	+6'	41-38	W
Iowa St	+2'	14-20	L
at Kansas	+1	38-34	W
Texas	+21'	16-35	W
at Colorado	+13'	24-38	L
Baylor	-15	41-24	W
at Kansas St	+20	3-24	L
at Michigan St	+7'	7-55	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Illinois	+7'	33-20	W
Ball St	-14	41-6	W
at Bowling Green	-3'	28-51	L
Troy St	-12	44-7	W
Oklahoma	+13	24-31	W
at Nebraska	+8	13-24	L
at Texas Tech	+6'	38-52	L
Kansas	-21	36-12	W
at Iowa St	+9	35-42	W
Colorado	+4'	35-42 OT	L
at Texas A&M	+9'	33-27 2OT	W
Kansas St	+15	0-38	L

IOWA ST CYCLONES

DT Jordan Carstens

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 the Cyclones had to replace Sage Rosenfels (#4DC of WAS). He was a prototype QB with NFL size, mobility and arm strength and threw for 2,606 yards in 2000. Seneca Wallace (PS#19JC) gave the offense an entirely different dimension with his 4.49 speed and pasing touch. In his first year he threw for 2,328 yards (61.7%) with an 11-9 ratio while rushing for 691 yards and was the Big 12 Newcomer of the Year. Last year when Iowa St got off to a 6-1 start he was a bona fide Heisman contender. For the season he threw for 3,245 yards (55.1%) with a 15-18 ratio while rushing for 676 yards. He was clearly one of the most talented offensive players in the NCAA last year and will be missed (#4DC of SEA). Cris Love saw some action in the bowl game and played in four games last year as the backup. In two years he has thrown 38 passes (57.9%) with a 2-3 ratio while rushing for 8 yards. He does have an outstanding arm and size (6-5 214) but is not as mobile (4.77 spd) as Wallace. Waye Terry (6-3 207 Jr) threw for 2,249 yards (55.3%) and 28 TD's with 410 yards rushing at JUCO in 2001 and redshirted here last year. He broke his thumb in spring but is expected to return 100% in August. Austin Flynn (PS#34) and Kyle Van Winkle (6-6 185 rFr) round out the mix. Flynn is the highest rated recruit and most closely resembles Wallace of the 3 main contenders. He split the snaps with Love in the spring. This unit goes from being the focal point of the offense to inexperienced in 2003.

RUNNING BACKS - Dan McCarney has done an excellent job developing RB's with Troy Davis getting a couple of 2,000 yard seasons and his brother Darrin rushing for 3,763 yards in his career. They had a 1,000 yard rusher in all seven of his years here prior to last year and led the Big 12 in rushing four times (yes Nebraska is still in the Big 12). ISU has lost fumbles just six times in 2,402 RB touches. Last year the 1,000 yard streak ended due to inexperience and injuries at the RB position and overall inexperience on the offensive front. Hiawatha Rutland who benches 390 and has 4.5 speed, was the front runner at RB coming out of the spring. JaMaine Billups (PS#43) moved to SS in August. Mike Wagner (PS#57) had an impressive August and won the starting job vs Florida St but Rutland would rush for 93 yards in the game. It appeared that Rutland was on his way to one of those 1,000 yard seasons as in the first four games he had 403 yards but an ankle injury slowed him down and Wagner became the feature back and led the team in rushing in five of the next six games. For the season Rutland finished with 614 yards (3.8) while Wagner had 542 (3.5). Brian Thompson (5-7 190 So) led the team in rushing vs Kansas St and finished with 305 yards (3.7). All three are back but there is a possibility that Rutland could move to SS much like Billups did last season although he was the #1 TB out of spring. I expect the feature back this year to be Stevie Hicks Jr (PS#35) who was the Offensive Scout Team MVP last year. He is a good combination of size (210 lbs) and speed. When the team uses a FB, Ryan Kock (6-4 242 rFr), Derek Walters (5-10 235 Sr) and Scott Stanley (6-2 205 rFr) are there. This group is far more experienced and has added talent and I look for Hicks to top the magical 1,000 yard barrier this season.

RECEIVERS - Coming into last season even though the team had to replace two starters and two of their top three receivers, McCarney said "It's the best group of receivers we've had since I've been here." Lane Danielsen has proven to be one of the best walk-ons of all-time as he led the team in receiving in each of the last two seasons. Danielsen is 6-0 192 yet possesses sneaky 4.3 speed and broke the school's single season receiving record (Tracy Henderson 1983 1,051) with 1,073 yards (17.0). The only loss is TE Kyle Knock (11 rec, 7.5). I list the rest of the 2 deep below. The TE is a question mark but the WR's are solid. If McCarney liked last year's group he should really love this one as it's even more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - As mentioned in the RB writeup, Iowa St has had some impressive rushing numbers here throughout the years. In 2000 they averaged 4.9 ypc rushing and allowed a minuscule 7 sacks, second fewest in the NCAA. They had to replace three starters in 2001 and the numbers dropped to 4.2 ypc rushing while allowing 18 sacks. Last year they once again had to replace three starters as well as two backups so just five of the top ten returned. Projected starting RG Luke Vander Sanden broke his ankle in August and returned to play two games but then broke his leg vs Nebraska. Starting LG Dwayne Johnson developed back problems and would lose his starting spot after five games. This year the only losses are C Zach Butler (14 sts, 2nd Tm B12, 2 yr st'r) and Johnson (5 sts). Four players return who started nine or more games last year and Vander Sanden is also back. They also get the addition of rFr Seth Zehr (PS#97) and huge true frosh Aaron Brant (PS#62) who was in for the spring. Overall the Cyclones' 2002 O-line paved the way for just 3.66 ypc rushing, their lowest total in four years and allowed 19 sacks. This year's O-line should put up much better numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - It is taking McCarney a long time to build a formidable D-line. The team yielded 5.7 ypc rushing in his first two years and in 2001 allowed 4.6 ypc rushing (its 2nd best total in his tenure) with 21 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups due to graduation but much was expected of JUCO Federico Samuel who unfortunately DNQ. Overall the team had its best defensive rushing numbers in the McCarney era allowing 174.6 ypg (4.2) while recording 31 sacks. This year the only loss from up front is DE Beau Coleman (PS#44JC, 14 sts, 80 tkls, 4 sks). Four players return with starting experience and I list the 3 deep below. McCarney predicted a big year for VHT DE Tyson Smith (PS#26) and he simply recorded 104 tackles with 6 sacks. This unit is so deep that not listed below are Landon Schrage (6-4 223 So), Wade Boehm (6-3 260 So) and Klayton Shoals (6-3 270 rFr). True frosh Nick Leaders started the last nine games at NG with 75 tackles and five sacks. DT Jordan Carstens won the top DL award with 103 tackles and 13 tfl. With all three of the top linemen back, this unit looks like the best in McCarney's nine years and could finally hold the opposition to under 4.0 ypc for the first time.

LINEBACKERS - Iowa St had a veteran LB corps last year having to replace just one starter and one backup due to graduation returning two players who were named HM Big 12 in 2001 in Jeremy Loyd and Matt Word. This year that very productive tandem departs. Word led the team in tackles with 139 and Jeremy Loyd had 103 tackles and 13 tfl. Four of the top six LB's return and Joe Woodley has split time at FB and LB the last two years and will be a full-time LB this season. SLB Chris Whitaker has six career starts and Woodley has seven so the new starters have experience and I list the rest of the 3 deep below. This unit is less experienced but looks like a decent group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 the Cyclones finished #62 in my pass D rankings with 19 interceptions, the most since they snagged 22 in 1976. Last year they only had to replace one starter. Returning starting CB Harold Clewis lost his starting job to Ellis Hobbs and both are back again. The only loss this year is short but speedy CB Atif Austin (14 sts, 52 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu). This unit has been known for its lack of height and the CB's are still on the short side so they moved SS Anthony Forrest (6-0 192) to one CB spot. Heading into last year McCarney said Forrest "may be the best all around DB on the team." The Cyclones finished #58 allowing 184.3 ypg (56.8%) with a 16-10 ratio. McCarney says this is the best secondary in his tenure.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2001 Iowa St ranked #68 in my special teams rankings and had basically everyone return last year. Tony Yelk (PS#9), who struggled as the kicker in 2001 hitting just 10 of 23 FG's was limited to long FG's last year attempting three. Adam Benike (PS#110JC) took over the duties and had a fine year hitting 17 of 23 FG's with a long of 48 and in fact his 93 points scored set a school record. Yelk handled the punting duties but had two punts blocked in three games and Troy Blankenship (PS#48) took over. Yelk returns but will probably be backup to both again. Michael Wagner led the team in PR's in 2001 (10.4) but relinquished those duties to Todd Miller (9.8). Lance Young (21.1) took over the KR duties providing a huge upgrade. Surprisingly ISU's highest average on KR's the last three years has been just 17.8 so clearly this area needs work. I look for them to move up in the rankings (#73 LY) with basically everyone back.

COACHES - ISU did a great job sticking with Dan McCarney despite having five straight losing seasons to open his tenure here. He has rewarded them with three consecutive non-losing seasons and bowl bids and was given a $300,000 raise in his latest contract extension through 2010. OC Steve Brickey (2nd year) was the QB coach here in '01 and OC at N Texas from '98-'99. DC John Skladany has been here since 1997.

PHIL'S FORECAST

After going 13-42 in his first 55 games, Dan McCarney is now 23-15 in his last 38. To put that into perspective ISU won just 27 games in the '90's. They have been to three straight bowl games but have seen the record drop some from 9-3 in 2000 to 7-5 in 2001 and 7-7 last year. They have beaten Iowa for five straight years which has really helped in state recruiting. Last year for the first time in their 97 meetings with Nebraska they were rated higher than the Huskers in the polls and their 30 game losing streak to ranked foes ended when they thrashed them 36-14. They got as high as #9 in the polls when they stood 6-1 but had just 60 yards in the game against the Sooners and were 1-6 afterwards. Offensively the big loss for the Cyclones is, of course, QB Seneca Wallace, and he will be impossible to replace. While there is talent on that side of the ball, it will be difficult to match last year's 28.9 ppg. McCarney's defenses have made great strides as in his first year they ranked #108 in my overall defense rankings but have been #44 and #48 the last two years. They have 7 starters back on defense and will allow less than the 28.3 ppg they allowed last season. Last year they faced a killer schedule down the stretch which was part of the reason for their poor finish, as they took on the top four teams in the Big 12 on the road in a five week span. This year they do not have such a brutal slate but do draw Oklahoma and Texas as well as Tech from the Big 12 South. The non-conf slate is manageable so this team does have a shot at getting to a fourth straight bowl game.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Austin Flynn rFr. 6-1 186 **PS#34**. Mobile, good arm, strong. **Cris Love** (6-5 214 Jr) PS#250, 243 yds (58%) 2-3 ratio. **Waye Terry** (6-3 207 Jr) 2249 pass, 28 TD's at JC.

RB STEVIE HICKS rFR. 6-2 210 **PS#35**. Scout Tm MVP LY. **Mike Wagner** (5-7 188 Sr) PS#57. 1055 yds (3.7) 8 sts, 3Y. Hiawatha Rutland (6-0 202 Sr) 772 yds (4.1) 7 sts, 3Y.

WR LANE DANIELSEN SR. 6-0 192 4.3 spd. 410 bench. 12 sts, 54 rec (13.9) in '01. 14 sts LY, 63 rec (17.0). Co-Off MVP. Todd Blythe PS#42. David Banks-Bursey (5-8 172 Sr) 6 rec (13.7).

WR JACK WHITVER SR. 5-10 183 8 sts in '01, 25 rec (13.5). 14 sts LY, 52 rec (13.2). Lance Young (6-0 181 Sr) PS#123. 3 sts LY, 43 rec (16.4). TJ Klith (5-8 198 So) PS#130RB.

WR JAMAUL MONTGOMERY SR. 6-0 197 PS#205. 20 rec (9.7) in '01. 11 sts LY, 36 rec (13.5). Todd Miller (5-8- 175 Jr) PS#156RB. 465 ret yds LY. Jon Davis (6-3 191 rFr) PS#339.

TE James Wright III 6-3 258 PS#79JUCO. 7 rec at JC LY, in for spring. Kenny Segin (6-4 255 Jr) 2 rec in '02, 11 games. Brett Kellogg (6-2 252 Jr) PS#100LB, 7 gms.

C Luke Vander Sanden Jr. 6-2 305 PS#136DL. 2nd string in 2001. Projected starter in '02 but inj'd. Matt Bockes (6-0 284 Sr) 24 games at LS 2Y. Dan Frank (6-4 325 Jr).

RG SETH ZEHR rFR. 6-5 271 PS#97DL. Added 31 lbs in RS year. Aaron Brant (6-7 307 Fr) **PS#62**, in for spring. #1 RG out of spg. John Tjaden (6-7 285 Fr) is PS#74.

LG BOB MONTGOMERY SR. 6-2 306 2nd string as rFr. 12 sts in '01 at LG. 14 sts in '02, **2nd Team Big 12**. **Collin Menard** (6-3 302 Sr) PS#79JUCO. **Last 9 sts** LY, 13 games.

RT CALE STUBBE JR. 6-3 302 PS#361LB. 4 tkls, 3 games in '01 until inj. 14 sts at RT LY, +15 lbs. Kory Pence (6-4 311 So) 10 gms as true. Cory Wierson (6-5 298 rFr) PS#151.

LT CASEY SHELTON SR. 6-5 295 PS#40DL. 2 tkls, 11 gms '99 & 2000. 2nd string OL in '01 & 1L. 14 sts at LT LY. Johannes Egbers (6-2 282 So) 2nd string & lettered LY. +26 lbs.

K ADAM BENIKE SR. 5-10 230 PS#110JC. 50 yd FG at JUCO in '01. Hit 17 of 23 here LY, long of 48, 3 of 6 40+. Tony Yelk (6-0 201 Jr) PS#9. 11 of 26 FG's, L/47 2 years.

DE TYSON SMITH SR. 6-2 242 **PS#26LB**. 12 sts in '01, 63 tkls, 3 tfl, 14 sts LY, 104 tkls, 6 sks, 5 tfl. Cephus Johnson (6-2 245 So) PS#196. 9 tkls LY. Korey Smith (6-4 232 rFr) PS#90.

DT JORDAN CARSTENS SR. 6-5 303 12 sts in '01. 89 tkls, 3 sks. 14 sts LY, **2nd Tm B12**. Top DL Award, 103 tkls, 13 tfl, 27 QBH. Shaheed Richardson (6-4 267 Sr) 7.5 sks, 18 tfl in '01 at JC.

DT NICK LEADERS SO. 6-2 290 PS#172OL. L/9 sts as **true**, 75 tkls, 5 sks, 4 tfl. Brent Nelson (6-3 290 Jr) 3 tkls, wrestler. Andy Leaders (6-2 271 Jr) PS#186LB. 1 tkl, ACL LY.

DE Tim TeBrink Jr. 6-3 284 PS#169DL. 12 tkls in '01. 5 sts at NG LY. 49 tkls, 3.5 tfl, +12 lbs. Beau Klaffke (6-3 262 rFr) PS#123LB. Rashad Rasberry (6-3 243 So) PS#131TE.

SLB Chris Whitaker Sr. 5-10 232 PS#235. 3 sts as true, 32 tkls, 2 sks. 3 sts, 40 tkls, 4 tfl in 2000. 33 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Nik Moser (6-0 196 So) PS#161, 2 tkls. Moved to SLB in spg.

MLB BRANDON BROWN JR. 5-10 229 PS#181. 16 tkls as true. 14 sts in '02, 137 tkls, 6 sks, 1 int. Kyle Smith (6-2 227 rFr) PS#93DL. Boyd Viers (6-1 223 So) PS#283. ACL in '02.

WLB Joe Woodley Sr. 5-10 227 PS#126. 5 sts as rFr at FB, 19 yds in '00. 2 sts, 7 yds in '01. 17 tkls LY. Jimmy Morris II (6-2 220 rFr) PS#90, 7 tkls as true. Matthew Robertson (6-1 224 rFr).

CB ELLIS HOBBS JR. 5-7 183 PS#147RB. 17 tkls as true. 14 sts LY, 51 tkls, 2 int, 12 pbu. Harold Clewis (5-8 193 Sr) PS#275. 9 sts in '01, 34 tkls. 14 tkls LY. Henry Poullard PS#170.

CB Anthony Forrest Jr. 6-0 192 54 tkls, 1 int in '01. 6 sts at SS in '02, 74 tkls, 1 int, 8 pbu. Johnny Smith (5-11 170 Sr) 3 sts in '01. 42 tkls, 1 int, 3Y. Bryan Ollie (5-8 178 Sr).

SS JaMAINE BILLUPS SR. 5-9 202 **PS#43DB**. RB as true, 8 games. 172 yards in 2001. 8 starts last year, 97 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu, **3rd Tm B12**. Caleb Berg (6-1 192 Fr) PS#79.

FS STEVE PARIS SO. 6-1 193 PS#251. 1 st as rFr. 12 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. **Marc Timmons** (5-8 162 Sr) 2 sts, 4 int. 12 pbu, 58 tkls in 2000. 2 int, 83 tkls in '01. **13 sts**, 36 tkls, 1 int LY.

P TROY BLANKENSHIP SO. 6-0 196 PS#48. Took over punter duties in second half LY. 20 punts, 40.8 avg. Tony Yelk PS#9, 48 punts in '01, 44.1 avg. 46 punts LY, 42.3 avg.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

WR	Todd Blythe 6-5 200 PS#42
OL	Aaron Brant 6-7 307 PS#62
OL	John Tjaden 6-7 285 PS#74
OL	Brandon Cook 6-6 335 PS#75
WR	Milan Moses 6-2 195 PS#64
QB	Bret Meyer 6-3 190 PS#69
DB	Caleb Berg 6-1 192 PS#79
LB	Taylor Schrage 6-2 200 PS#112
DB	DeAndre Jackson 6-0 180 PS#112
OL	Tom Schmeling 6-4 285 PS#142
K	Josh Griebahn 5-8 188 PS#18
QB	Nate Mechaelsen 6-3 190 PS#102
TE	James Wright 6-3 258 PS#79JC
DL	Jason Berryman 6-2 230 PS#175

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IOWA ST CYCLONES

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#41

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ISU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	N Iowa	G						Cyclones are 6-7 ATS (but 5-0 ATS L5Y) in lined road openers. Iowa St is 3-6 their last 9 November home games. ISU is 1-12 ATS in the 1st of back-to-back away games since 1990.
Sep. 6	Ohio U	G						N Iowa Panthers are a DIAA powerhouse in the Gateway Conf, but 5-6 LY. Iowa St is 5-2 SU vs the Panthers since 1987.
Sep. 13	Iowa	G						The Cyclones are 7-2 ATS as double digit favorites since 1998. Iowa St is 9-3 ATS their last 12 tries as a home favorite.
Sep. 20								ISU is 7-3 ATS the last 10 lined games before a bye. Cyclones are 5-0 SU & ATS the last 5 years vs rival Iowa. Bonus: ISU is 6-0 SU & ATS as an away favorite since 1999.
Sep. 27	at N Illinois	A						Pending 9/6: Iowa St is 10-1 SU & 6-3 ATS vs current MAC foes since '81. The Cyclones are 2-10-1 ATS on artificial turf since 1997.
Oct. 4	Oklahoma	G						Iowa St is 1-10 SU, but 8-3 ATS in their last 11 vs Oklahoma. Cyclones are 21-14 ATS as home dogs since 1992, but are 4-8 ATS L5Y.
Oct. 11	at Texas Tech	A						Last time ISU visited Jones SBC Stadium they lost 28-16 as 2' pt dogs. ISU is 11-9-1 ATS on the Big 12 road since 1995.
Oct. 18	Texas (HC)	G						Cyclones are 0-4 SU, but 3-1 ATS vs the Longhorns. Iowa St is 8-3 ATS in their last 11 Homecoming games.
Oct. 25	at Nebraska	A						ISU is 2-13 SU & 5-9-1 ATS vs the Huskers since 1988. In McCarney's 4 trips to NU his tm has been outscored 170-14 in the 1H.
Nov. 1	at Missouri	A						Iowa St is 15-8 ATS the last 23 series meetings vs the Tigers. Cyclones are 2-7-1 ATS in November road games the last 6 years.
Nov. 8	Kansas St	G						ISU is 0-8 SU & 3-5 ATS vs the Wildcats the last 8 meetings. Iowa St is 2-6 ATS the last 8 trips to Manhattan.
Nov. 15	Colorado	G						The dog is 8-4 ATS in this series (CU was favored in 11 of those gms). Iowa St is 9-3 ATS in their last 12 home finales.
Nov. 22	at Kansas	A						The visitor is only 2-9-1 ATS in this series. Cyclones are 5-1-1 ATS their last game of the season the last 7 years.
Nov. 29								

DAN McCARNEY (Career 36-57)
9th Year at Iowa State

McCarney's records AT IOWA ST

36-57	Straight Up	13-7	Home Favorite
43-41-1	Vs The Spread	13-11	Home Dog
21-26-1	Off A SU Loss	6-1	Away Favorite
31-31-1	Vs Conference	10-22-1	Away Dog
		12-10	Vs Non-Conf

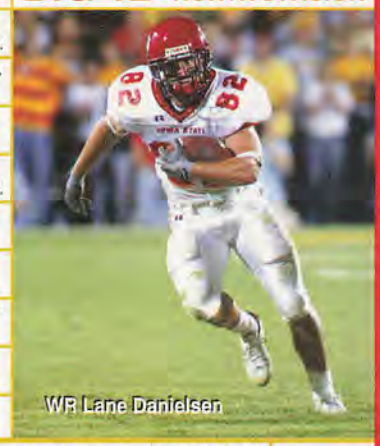
2002 RECORD: (7-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (19,20,3)
Lost: 15 (8,7,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 43,961

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION


WR Lane Danielsen

STADIUM: JACK TRICE STADIUM (45,814)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	1-10	3-8	4-7	8-3	7-4	7-6	32-47
ATS	7-3	3-8	4-7	5-4-1	7-4	7-3	7-5	40-34-1
Home Fav	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-1	3-1	2-0	4-2	12-6
Home Dog	4-0	3-1	1-3	2-1	0-2	1-2	0-0	11-9
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-0	2-0	0-0	6-1
Away Dog	2-2	0-6	2-3	1-2-1	1-1	1-1	3-3	10-18-1
Favorite	1-1	0-1	1-1	2-1	6-1	4-0	4-2	18-7
Dog	6-2	3-7	3-6	3-3-1	1-3	2-3	3-3	21-27-1
Grass	5-1	3-5	4-5	5-2	6-3	6-2	7-4	36-22
Artificial	2-2	0-3	0-2	0-2-1	1-1	1-1	0-1	4-12-1
vs Conf	6-2	3-5	2-6	3-4-1	5-3	5-3	4-4	28-27-1
vs Non-Conf	1-1	0-3	2-1	2-0	2-1	2-0	3-1	12-7
Off SU Win	2-0	0-1	1-1	3-1	4-3	5-1	4-2	19-9
Off SU Loss	4-3	3-6	3-5	2-3-1	3-0	2-2	2-3	19-22-1

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Hiawatha Rutland	160	678	64	614	6	3.8
Michael Wagner	153	570	28	542	7	3.5
Seneca Wallace	123	676	239	437	8	3.6
Brian Thompson	83	325	20	305	4	3.7
Lane Danielsen	15	148	25	123	3	8.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Seneca Wallace	443	244	55.1	3245	15	18
Cris Love	10	5	50.0	62	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Lane Danielsen	63	1073	17.0	3	60
Lance Young	43	704	16.4	6	50
Jack Whitver	52	685	13.2	0	42
Jamaul Montgomery	36	485	13.5	5	47

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Tony Yelk	46	1945	42.3	64	–	2	9
Troy Blankenship	20	816	40.8	54	–	2	8

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Adam Benike	46-48	6-7	8-10	3-6	0-0	17-23	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Matt Word	139	2	6	5	0
Brandon Brown	137	6	1	1	1
Tyson Smith	104	6	5	1	0
Jeremy Loyd	103	5.5	7	7	1
Jordan Carstens	103	5	8	3	0
JaMaine Billups	97	0	2	1	1
Beau Coleman	80	4	1	0	0
Nick Leaders	75	5	4	0	0
Anthony Forrest	74	1	0	8	1
Atif Austin	52	0	0	6	1
Eillis Hobbs	51	0	0	12	2
Tim TeBrink	49	1.5	2	0	0
Marc Timmons	36	0	0	2	1
Chris Whitaker	33	1	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Todd Miller	37	363	9.8	2

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lance Young	28	590	21.1	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
77	Peach	-2'	NC State	14-24	L
78	All-American	+6'	Texas A&M	12-28	L
00	Insight.com	+2	Pittsburgh	37-29	W
01	Independence	+6	Alabama	13-14	W
02	Humanitarian	+12	Boise St	16-34	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

IOWA ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	28.9	20	145	3.7	236	55.1	13.2	-1	2002	7	28.3	20	175	4.2	184	56.8	12.7
5	25.8	22	182	4.2	209	60.6	15.2	+13	2001	3	20.4	19	191	4.6	149	56.3	16.7
7*	28.6	21	196	4.9	223	52.9	14.7	+5	2000	7	26.8	22	192	4.4	221	49.9	15.4
6	22.5	20	200	4.5	174	53.9	16.7	-10	1999	9	24.7	19	203	4.9	149	53.4	14.2
6*	20.1	19	130	3.6	207	50.1	16.8	-9	1998	8	29.8	21	228	4.8	180	54.8	13.7
6	19.5	18	93	2.6	208	47.7	15.5	-12	1997	8	44.8	21	247	5.4	192	62.8	9.8

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
† Florida St	23	38 - 130	3.4	22 - 33	313	2	22	43 - 239	5.6	17 - 25	210	3	-1
Kansas	25	53 - 277	5.2	16 - 25	234	3	14	33 - 69	2.1	10 - 32	81	4	+2
Tenn Tech	16	43 - 223	5.2	14 - 22	253	1	14	33 - 51	1.5	17 - 34	154	2	+2
at Iowa	22	39 - 85	2.2	23 - 37	361	1	21	42 - 222	5.3	12 - 21	178	3	+2
Troy St	17	35 - 68	1.9	17 - 25	295	1	19	38 - 118	3.1	17 - 36	195	2	0
Nebraska	23	52 - 192	3.7	19 - 32	220	0	10	30 - 81	2.7	12 - 29	192	2	+2
Texas Tech	19	46 - 228	5.0	15 - 22	148	1	23	30 - 189	6.3	37 - 51	272	0	+4
at Oklahoma	5	23 - 17	0.7	4 - 22	43	2	25	66 - 199	3.0	14 - 24	168	4	-2
at Texas	21	33 - 58	1.8	19 - 40	227	1	25	56 - 245	4.4	16 - 23	141	4	+2
Missouri	28	39 - 177	4.5	31 - 47	425	0	18	36 - 118	3.3	24 - 35	247	1	0
at Kansas St	15	39 - 71	1.8	12 - 28	178	2	20	47 - 223	4.7	12 - 17	162	2	-6
at Colorado	27	38 - 207	5.4	24 - 35	265	1	28	51 - 331	6.5	17 - 29	187	0	-2
UConn	20	35 - 152	4.3	19 - 44	216	3	24	39 - 202	5.2	20 - 38	233	2	-3
† Boise St	17	41 - 145	3.5	15 - 42	130	1	19	40 - 157	3.9	17 - 32	160	2	-1
TOTALS	278	554 - 2030	3.7	250 - 454	3308	19	282	584 - 2444	4.2	242 - 426	2580	31	-1
AVERAGES	19.9	40 - 145	3.7	18 - 32	236	1.4	20.1	42 - 175	4.2	17 - 30	184	2.2	-0.1

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
TCU	-4'	21-31	L
at Iowa	+28	27-9	W
Ball St	-11	38-0	W
Texas Tech	+6	24-31	L
at Texas	+14	33-54	L
Missouri	+7	19-35	L
at Kansas St	+34	7-52	L
at Oklahoma	+7	14-17	W
Nebraska	+26	7-42	L
at Colorado	+16'	8-37	L
Kansas	+2'	23-20	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana St	NL	33-7	–
Iowa	-4	17-10	W
at UNLV	-3'	24-0	W
Kansas St	+15	28-35	W
at Nebraska	+29'	14-49	L
at Missouri	+7'	24-21	W
Colorado	-3	12-16	L
Texas	+10'	41-44	W
at Texas Tech	+2'	16-28	L
Oklahoma	+7	10-31	L
at Kansas	+3	28-31	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio U	-13'	25-15	L
UNLV	-11'	37-22	W
at Iowa	-3	24-14	W
at Baylor	-13'	31-17	W
Nebraska	+15'	27-49	L
at Oklahoma St	-6	33-26	W
Texas A&M	+3	7-30	L
Missouri	-10	39-20	W
at Kansas St	+19	10-56	L
at Colorado	+5'	35-27	W
Kansas	-8'	38-17	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Iowa	NL	45-0	–
at Ohio U	E	31-28	W
Baylor	-15	41-0	W
at Nebraska	+23'	14-48	L
at Missouri	-2'	20-14	W
Oklahoma St	-8'	28-14	W
at Texas A&M	+6	21-24	W
Kansas St	+6	3-42	L
Colorado	+4'	27-40	L
at Kansas	-9'	49-7	W
Iowa	+4	17-14	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Florida St	+22	31-38	W
Kansas	-21	45-3	W
Tenn Tech	NL	58-6	–
at Iowa	+3'	36-31	W
Troy St	-17	42-12	W
Nebraska	-1	36-14	W
Texas Tech	-6'	31-17	W
at Oklahoma	+8'	3-49	L
at Texas	+12'	10-21	W
Missouri	-9	42-35	L
at Kansas St	+13'	7-58	L
at Colorado	+9'	27-41	L
UConn	-17	20-37	L

KANSAS JAYHAWKS

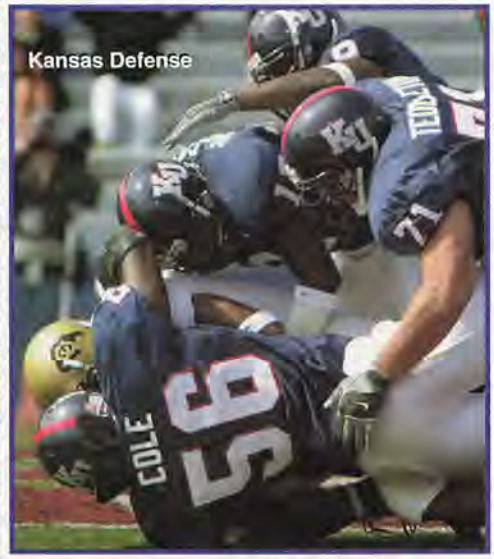
POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Zach Dyer (PS#82) got in 12 passes in 2000 and then split the job with Mario Kinsey in 2001 throwing for just 460 yards (48.3%) with a 3-4 ratio. Last spring JUCO QB Bill Whittemore had some arm problems and Dyer was the #1 QB. Dyer is physically impressive with a 325 bench and 4.6 speed. Kansas had just 52 yards at the half in their opener and Whittemore came in for the 2H and gave the team a spark. He would take over the starting QB job and handled every snap in the next six games. Whittemore had a huge game against Tulsa with 177 yards rushing and 218 passing and vs Baylor had 325 total yards. Against Colorado three of his first four passes were intercepted and he also fumbled but he still finished with 338 yards offense. He was the team's leading rusher after the Texas A&M game in both yards and attempts. Dyer moved to DB and ended up a starter at FS. Whittemore was banged up after being sacked seven times vs A&M and then was lost for the rest of the season vs Missouri (See Hardcore Fans). Whittemore still set a school record with 22 combined TD's as he threw for 1,666 yards (49.5%) with an 11-6 ratio while having 749 gross yards rushing and 11 rushing TD's. He could be this year's Seneca Wallace in the Big 12. Third stringer Brian Luke is also back and while he completed just 36.2%, it was with little practice and vs some tough defenses. He is 6-6 220 and has impressive size and a powerful arm. Joe Hogan (6-2 185 rFr) is also in the mix as is JUCO John Nielsen who is 6-3 with a strong arm. As long as Whittemore can stay healthy this unit should be a lot stronger.

RUNNING BACKS - Kansas returned its leading rusher in Reggie Duncan last year. Clark Green, a powerful RB, caught Mangino's eye in the spring. The team also signed Canadian Jon Cornish and you know that Canadians are not as highly rated coming out of HS but he had also been recruited by USC, Wash St and Ore St. Unfortunately he suffered through an injury plagued year and redshirted. Duncan started the opener but then was bothered by nagging injuries and he only had 72 yards (2.3). Green emerged down the stretch and his 160 yards in the season finale gave him 813 (4.1). Mangino said early last year that he had trouble making reads, preferring simply to run over people. Once he learned the offense, he became a better runner. He also set a school record for a RB with 37 rec's (11.0). Duncan left the team for the final two games and applied for the NFL draft. Harold McClendon (PS#140) has 80 yards rushing the last two years and Jerome Kemp (5-11 200 rFr) was PS#158. When the team uses a FB they go to Austine Nwabuisi (6-0 235 Jr) and Brandon Watkins (6-2 245 Jr). This unit looks stronger.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace its top two receivers and then lost projected starter Harrison Hill in August. They also moved TE David Hurst to OG. The team's program was dropped passes (8 vs Texas A&M). Byron Gasaway led with 39 rec's (12.6) while the #2 receiver was RB Green. Gasaway departs as does WR Marcellus Jones (8 sts, 29 rec) and WR Barry Goodrich (1 st, 5 rec). They get some interesting additions this year. Gary Heaggans (PS#25) transferred from Purdue last season and his brother, Greg Heaggans (PS#36) didn't have much of an impact as a WR (1 rec) but should have a bigger one this year. Also Leo Bookman could make his mark as he has 4.1% body fat and is the NCAA 200m champion. Bookman moved over from DB midseason last year. Dominic Roux was PS#68. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Lyonel Anderson could flourish in the Mangino scheme that saw Trent Smith lead all TE's in the NCAA in rec's at Oklahoma. This group is vastly improved in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Jayhawks averaged 2.9 ypc rushing while allowing 26 sacks. Last season they had to replace three starters and two backups and then a full-time returning starter was lost prior to the season due to injury so they had basically just one starter back. They did move TE David Hurst to G and he started the last eight games after staring six at TE in 2001. The OL paved the way for 3.2 ypc rushing while they yielded 33 sacks. This year the losses are heavy once again. Gone are LT Justin Sands (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), LG Hurst (8 sts), LG John Harvey (4 sts), RG Tony Damiani (12 sts) and C Greg Nicks (12 sts). They also had to replace their OL coach who abruptly quit after the second game of the season. The lone returning full-time starter, Tony Coker, was having back problems in the spring which may limit his playing time. They do move in TE Adrian Jones (5 sts) to OT and I project him as a starter. I list the rest of the 3 deep below and it includes a couple of JUCO's who will not enroll until August. The line figures to lack continuity, especially early on but overall appears to be in about the same shape as last year's front.



DEFENSIVE LINE - The Jayhawks allowed 4.9 ypc rushing while recording 28 sacks in 2001. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 20 starts including a 4th round DC. Overall the team allowed 5.8 ypc rushing while the D recorded just 23 sacks. This year they must replace DE Charlie Dennis (12 sts, 33 tkls, 4 tfl), DT Brock Teddleton (4 sts, 17 tkls, 6 tfl) and DT Brandon Lacey (4 tkls, 1 sk). Four players do return with starting experience and they have three VHT's in the group listed below. When August rolls around, a good portion of this year's large JUCO signing class will report. Not listed below is DE Kyle Knighton (6-3 250 rFr) and Andy Coffman (6-5 240 Sr, JC LY). I look for significant improvement in the defensive numbers this year.

LINEBACKERS - The Jayhawks had to replace their #1 tackler and their all-time leader in sacks last year. Projected starting OLB Banks Floodman was then hurt in the opener (8 tkls in 1H!) and missed the rest of the year. Nick Reid (PS#60QB) got in six starts and 62 tackles. He was moved to safety for the spring but could move back to LB. This year the losses are just as heavy as among the departing are MLB Greg Cole (12 sts, #1 tkl'r, 21 tfl), WLB Leo Etienne (12 sts, 96 tkls, 6 tfl) and Reid who is at DB. They bring in two VHT JUCO's in John McCoy (PS#33) and Gabe Toomey who was PS#20 out of HS, and was his JUCO conference's Defensive POY. Floodman also returns as does Glenn Robinson who had 5 starts. I list the 2 deep below. This group is just about as experienced as last season and even though Cole's 21 tfl set a single season school record, this unit could be improved if the JC's pan out.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Jayhawks finished a surprising #46 in my pass D rankings in 2001 but last year had to replace 3 starters and two backups. They fell to #107 in my pass D rankings allowing 216.2 ypg (55.3%) with a 27-12 ratio. This year they must replace FS Johnny McCoy (11 sts, 70 tkls, 1 int), SS Jake Letourneau (6 sts, 48 tkls) and FS Matt Jordan (1 st, 8 tkls). The unit got a solid addition at the end of last season when backup QB Zach Dyer moved to FS and started 3 of the final four games recording double digit tackles in each. While both starting CB's return, they add some JUCO's who will contend for time and during the spring LB Nick Reid was moved to SS. Not listed below are Bobby Birhiray (6-0 195 Sr, 10 tkls, 2 sts), Johnnie Watkins (5-8 175 Jr, PS#82), Santana Lane (6-0 170 So, PS#140), Jonathan Lamb (6-2 190 rFr) and Dan Coke (5-11 215 Sr) who had one start with 74 yards at RB in 2001. This unit is more experienced, has added talent and should be much stronger.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In the last two years of the Terry Allen regime, Kansas finished just #106 and #95 in my special teams rankings. They did get the super addition of K Johnny Beck in 2001 and he set an NCAA frosh record with a 59 yard FG hitting 14 of 20 as a true frosh. Interestingly, in the opener vs Iowa St, Mangino did not allow Beck to kick a 49 yard FG with the wind at his back. Beck talked about that in the press afterwards, which Mangino did not appreciate. The next week he passed up a 52 yarder vs UNLV. Beck began the year in reasonable form and was on the preseason Groza list but he suffered a miserable stretch with 8 straight misses at one point and numerous missed xp's. Chris Tyrrell replaced Beck on KO's vs SW Missouri St. He should have a much better year. Curtis Ansel beat out Tyrrell for the punting job and averaged a solid 42.2 with a net of 35.2 and was one of 10 finalists for the Ray Guy Award. Remuise Johnson was the top PR (6.5) and Greg Heaggans (PS#36) averaged 24.7 on KR's. He had 195 yards in KR's against SW Missouri St which broke John Hadl's school record set in 1959. Overall the unit finished #98 in my special teams rankings when you include the kicker and I think they will make significant improvements in 2003.

COACHES - Mark Mangino enters his second season as head man here after being the OC and OL coach at Oklahoma for three seasons. Prior to that he spent eight years at Kansas St as an assistant. His OC is Nick Quartaro who was the asst head coach at Iowa St from 1998 to 2001. The DC is Bill Young who held that spot with Ohio St, Oklahoma and USC from 1988 to 2000.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Mark Mangino inherited a Kansas team that was outgained by an average of 219.5 ypg in Big 12 play in 2001 and outscored by 27.1 ppg. It was a team that had the fewest amount of returning starters in the league. I basically called for a winless Big 12 season and the Jayhawks achieved just that. They were not only 0-8 in Big 12 play (their first winless conference record since 1987), but they were dominated being outgained by 198.9 ypg and 31.9 ppg in league play. Last year Mangino weeded out a lot of the bad apples so the team was very shy depth-wise. Kansas has just 11 returning starters which ties them for lowest in the Big 12 and he has gone the JUCO route for a quick fix. QB Bill Whittmore is exciting and had he not been injured, the Jayhawks would have been more competitive down the stretch last year. If he stays healthy, they should easily top last year's 20.7 ppg. It won't be very difficult to improve on defense as they allowed 42.3 ppg and the JUCO all-star team that they will field on that side of the ball can only improve upon those numbers. They have a lot of distance to make up on the rest of the Big 12 so their much needed $8 million strength and conditioning center which opens this year is a very valuable asset. They draw Baylor from the Big 12 South and host Missouri and Iowa St so they actually have a shot at movin' on up and will easily top last year's two win total.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB BILL WHITTEMORE SR. 6-0 205 PS#80JC. B12 Off Newcomer of Yr in '02. 1666 yds pass (49.5%) 11-6 ratio, 749 rush in 8 sts. Brian Luke (6-6 220 So) 214 pass, 48 rush LY.

FB CLARK GREEN SO. 5-11 205 PS#284. Power back. 11 sts as rFr, 813 yds (4.1), 37 rec (11.0). Harold McClendon (5-9 200 Sr) PS#140. 80 yds 2Y. Jon Cornish (6-0 200 rFr).

WR Gary Heaggans Jr. 6-2 200 **PS#25**. 3 rec at **Purdue** in 2001. Dominic Roux (5-11 175 rFr) PS#68. 4.4 spd. Leo Bookman (6-1 210 Jr) NCAA 200m track champ.

WR MARK SIMMONS SO. 5-11 175 PS#296. 1 start as **true**, 23 rec (9.0). **Derick Mills** (5-7 165 Sr), 4.4 speed. 2 starts, 16 rec (16.8) in '01. **8 sts**, 22 rec (10.3) in 2002.

WR GREG HEAGGANS SO. 6-0 185 PS#36QB. 28 KR (24.7) as rFr. **Brandon Rideau** (6-4 190 Jr) **10 starts**, 27 rec (11.4) in '02. Charles Gordon (5-11 165 rFr) PS#330.

TE Lyonel Anderson Jr. 6-3 235 PS#122JUCO. In for spring. Denver Latimore (6-2 250 Sr) PS#156. Kevin Long (6-5 235 Jr) **PS#17QB**. Derek Fine (6-3 220 Fr) PS#63.

C Joe Vaughn Jr. 6-1 280 PS#64JC. #1 C in for spg. 2nd Tm NJCAA LY. David Ochoa (6-4 250 rFr) PS#422OL. Nick McCaslin (6-2 285 Jr). Zack Hood (6-4 255 Fr).

RG Richard Estrella Jr. 6-4 285 PS#107JUCO. Not in until August. Justin Henry (6-4 285 So) PS#216LB. 2 sts at RG in 2002, 8 games. Chris Roberts (6-1 285 rFr).

LG Johnny Urrutia Jr. 6-3 323 PS#100JC. Not in til August. JC Conf OL of Yr LY. Travis Dambach (6-4 260 rFr) PS#297. Played in one game but still redshirted as a true.

RT TONY COKER JR. 6-5 320 **PS#98**. JC. 9 sts at RT LY. Back inj in spring. Danny Lewis (6-4 295 Sr) **PS#91JC**. Broke ankle & redshirted in '01. Letter w/1 st, 9 gms LY.

LT Adrian Jones Sr. 6-5 260 PS#91TE. 1 start, 7 rec (9.7) in 2001. 5 sts in 2002, 14 rec (10.0), 400 bench. Moved to OT in spring. Bob Whitaker (6-5 325 rFr) **PS#93OL**.

K JOHNNY BECK JR. 6-1 215 PS#35K. 14 of 20 FG's as true. HM Big 12. Hit 59 yd FG & 9 of 12 from 40+. 7 of 17 FG's in 2002, long of 42. 1 of 7 from 40+, 3 misses 50+.

DE Cory Kipp Sr. 6-4 280 **PS#36LB** in '99. 4.6 spd, 13 sks at JC. 1 st, 6 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Monroe Weekley (6-4 256 Jr) **PS#38LB** in 2000. 4.65 spd. JC. Zach Mims (6-3 235 Jr) PS#254JC.

DT TRAVIS WATKINS JR. 6-4 295 **PS#62OL**. 10 sts in '01, 38 tkl, 2 sks. 12 sts LY, 38 tkl, 4 pbu, 400 bench. Tony Strickland (6-4 275 Sr) PS#225. 9 tkl in '01. Sid Bachmann (6-2 270 Sr) JC LY.

DT TIM ALLEN SO. 6-1 260 PS#184DL. 7 sts as rFr, 19 tkls, 2 tfl. Phil Tuihalamaka (6-3 323 Jr) PS#303JC, 5.5 sks LY. Roy Teng (6-0 280 Jr) PS#402JC in 2002.

DE DAVID McMILLAN JR. 6-3 240 PS#199. 1 st, 27 tkls as rFr. 12 sts in '02. 55 tkls, 3 sks, 6 tfl, 12 QBH. Chuck Jones (6-4 275 Jr) PS#248JC. Reggie Curry (6-2 245 Sr) PS#275JC.

SLB Banks Floodman So. 6-3 230 PS#100DB. 2 sts as **true**, 41 tkls, 4 tfl. 1 st, 8 tkls in 1H LY, inj'd & RS. Brandon Perkins (6-1 220 So) 8 tkls, 1 tfl as true. Anthony Brown (5-10 210 So) **PS#32**.

MLB John McCoy Jr. 6-3 250 **PS#33JC**. 45 tfl, 114 tkls LY at JC. 4.56 spd, 525 bench. 710 squat. Glenn Robinson (6-3 235 Sr) PS#101. 5 sts, 4 sks LY. Brandon Watkins (6-2 245 Jr).

WLB Gabe Toomey So. 6-4 235 **PS#20LB** & orig at Oklahoma. **PS#30JUCO**. Kevin Kane (6-1 220 So) PS#93LB. 27 tkls, 2 tfl as true. Greg Tyree (6-0 245 Jr) PS#141.

CB MARCUS HICKS JR. 5-10 173 PS#399JC, 35 pbu LY. Not in for spring. **Donnie Amadi** (5-10 180 So) **10 sts** LY, 41 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu. Ken Thompson (5-11 180 Fr) in for spring.

CB REMUISE JOHNSON SR. 5-8 170 PS#160JC. 11 sts here LY, 40 tkls, **6 int**, 9 pbu, **HM B12**. Shelton Simmons (5-11 175 Jr) PS#447JC. Ronnie Amadi (5-11 185 So) 11 tkls as rFr.

SS NICK REID SO. 6-4 220 PS#60QB. 6 sts at LB as **true**. 62 tkls, 6 sks, 2 pbu, 4 QBH. Markeith Childress (5-11 200 Jr) PS#249JC. Santana Lane is PS#140DB.

FS Zach Dyer Sr. 6-2 210 PS#82QB. 4 sts at QB in '01, 547 ttl yds. 2 sts at QB, 3 at SS LY. 48 tkls, 1 pbu, 332 ttl yds. Tony Stubbs (5-10 200 Jr) PS#231RB. 2 sts, 24 tkls LY.

P CURTIS ANSEL SR. 6-0 210 25 punts in 2001, 37.9 avg. 82 punts in '02, 42.2 avg & net of 35.2. Chris Tyrrell (5-11 235 Jr) PS#37K, 53 punts in 2001, 40.5 avg. 4 of L/6 KO's.

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

LB	Gabe Toomey	6-4 235 PS#30JC
LB	John McCoy	6-3 250 PS#33JC
QB	Adam Barmann	6-4 210 PS#66
OL	Joe Vaughn	6-1 280 PS#64JC
LB	Bruce Ringwood	6-1 205 PS#102
DB	John Randle	6-0 175 PS#105
LB	Brandon McAnderson	6-0 220 PS#114
K	Scott Webb	5-11 180 PS#20
DB	Mark Brown	6-3 185 PS#144
OL	Johnny Urrutia	6-3 323 PS#100JC
OL	Richard Estrella	6-4 285 PS#107JC
DL	Cesar Rodriguez	6-7 253 PS#186
WR	Lyonel Anderson	6-3 235 PS#122JC
DL	Reid Kirby	6-4 290 PS#196

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score KU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
								The Jayhawks are 0-4 ATS vs Texas & 1-3 ATS vs Texas Tech. Kansas is 7-0 the last 7 vs non-lined foes outscoring them 357-86. Jayhawks are 2-5 ATS in 1st of 2+ home games the last 7.
Aug. 30	Northwestern	A						Kansas is 15-8 SU & 10-5 ATS in home openers since 1980. KU has not battled a Big 10 tm S/'94 & this is their 1st meeting ever w/NU.
Sep. 6	UNLV	A						The Jayhawks are 1-5 ATS in the 2nd game of a 2+ home gm stand L/6. KU is 12-6 SU & 8-10 ATS at home in lined Sept gms, but 1-4 SU & 0-5 ATS L/5.
Sep. 13	at Wyoming	G						Kansas is 1-2 SU but 2-1 ATS vs Mountain West teams. The Jayhawks are 7-13-3 SU & 9-14 ATS the last 23 road openers.
Sep. 20	Jacksonville St	A						Jacksonville St Gamecocks will begin play in the IAA Ohio Valley Conf TY. Jack St was 5-6 last year & lost 51-13 to Miss St in their only Div IA game.
Sep. 27	Missouri	A						KU is 3-4 SU & ATS the last 7 vs Missouri including 0-2 SU & ATS L/2. Kansas is 3-7 ATS in games before a bye since 1992
Oct. 4								
Oct. 11	at Colorado	G						Kansas is 2-5 SU & 2-4 ATS in games following Missouri since 1985. The visitor is 9-5 ATS the last 14 but 2-4 ATS the last 6.
Oct. 18	Baylor (HC)	A						Kansas is 0-10 SU & ATS at home vs Big 12 opponents the last 10 gms. The HT is 3-0 SU & 2-1 ATS since these 2 teams joined the Big 12.
Oct. 25	at Kansas St	A						Pending 10/11: KU is 3-24 SU & 6-21 ATS away L/27 vs Big 12 foes. Kansas has lost the last 9 SU & ATS vs KSU by an avg score of 45-9.
Nov. 1	at Texas A&M	G						Kansas is 3-17 SU & 6-14 ATS away on grass the last 20. Jayhawks are 0-3 SU but 2-1 ATS vs Texas A&M.
Nov. 8	Nebraska	A						KU is 1-18 SU & 2-17 ATS as November home dogs the last 19. Kansas is 0-21 SU & 4-17 ATS vs Nebraska the last 21.
Nov. 15	at Oklahoma St	A						The Jayhawks are 1-10 ATS the last 11 road finales. Kansas is 1-6 ATS the last 7 meetings with Oklahoma St.
Nov. 22	Iowa St	A						The Jayhawks are 3-7-1 their last 11 home finales. KU is 1-5-1 ATS L/7 vs the Cyclones, but lead the series 43-33-6 SU all-time.
Nov. 29								

MARK MANGINO (Career 2-10)

2nd Year at Kansas

Mangino's records AT KANSAS

2-10	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
3-8	Vs The Spread	0-5	Home Dog
2-6	Off A SU Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
1-7	Vs Conference	2-3	Away Dog
		2-1	Vs Non-Conf

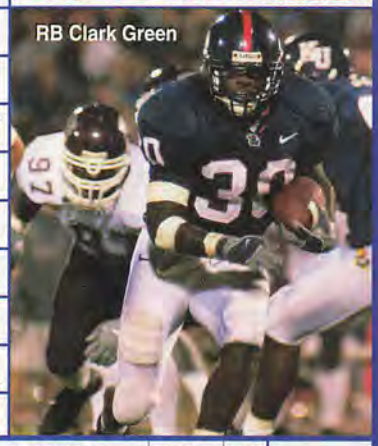
2002 RECORD: **(2-10)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (15,22,3)
Lost: 21 (13,8,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 36,083

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION


RB Clark Green

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (50,250)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	5-6	4-7	5-7	4-7	3-8	2-10	27-52
ATS	3-8	5-6	2-8	5-5-1	3-7	3-7	3-8	24-49-1
Home Fav	1-1	3-1	0-1	2-1-1	0-2	1-1	0-0	7-7-1
Home Dog	0-3	2-0	2-2	2-0	1-2	0-4	0-5	7-16
Away Fav	2-3	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	3-6
Away Dog	0-1	0-5	0-3	1-4	2-2	2-2	2-3	7-20
Favorite	3-4	3-1	0-3	2-1-1	0-3	1-1	1-0	10-13-1
Dog	0-4	2-5	2-5	3-4	3-4	2-6	2-8	14-36
Grass	2-3	0-1	0-4	1-2	2-2	1-1	2-2	8-15
Artificial	1-5	5-5	2-4	4-3-1	1-5	2-6	1-6	16-34-1
vs Conf	1-7	4-4	2-6	4-3-1	3-5	2-6	1-7	17-38-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	0-2	1-2	0-2	1-1	2-1	7-11
Off SU Win	1-3	1-4	1-3	1-3	2-1	0-2	1-1	7-17
Off SU Loss	1-5	3-2	1-4	4-1-1	1-5	3-5	2-6	15-28-1

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Clark Green	197	883	70	813	4	4.1
Bill Whittemore	137	749	200	549	11	4.0
Reggie Duncan	32	85	13	72	1	2.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Bill Whittemore	305	151	49.5	1666	11	6
Zach Dyer	47	23	48.9	259	1	1
Brian Luke	47	17	36.2	214	0	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Byron Gasaway	39	490	12.6	5	50
Clark Green	37	408	11.0	0	31
Marcellus Jones	29	368	12.7	4	37
Brandon Rideau	27	307	11.4	0	39
Derick Mills	22	226	10.3	1	38
Mark Simmons	23	208	9.0	2	18

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Curtis Ansel	82	3459	42.2	83	36.2	0	24

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Johnny Beck	23-27	3-3	3-7	1-4	0-3	7-17	42

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Greg Cole	106	4	17	0	1
Leo Etienne	96	2	4	3	0
Johnny McCoy	70	0	2	2	1
Nick Reid	62	6	0	2	0
David McMillan	55	3	6	1	1
Jake LeTourneau	48	0	0	0	1
Zach Dyer	48	0	0	1	0
Remuise Johnson	40	0	0	9	6
Donnie Amadi	41	0	0	6	1
Travis Watkins	38	0	2	4	0
Charlie Dennis	33	2	2	1	0
Kevin Kane	27	0	2	0	0
Tony Stubbs	24	0	0	0	0
Tim Allen	19	0	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Remuise Johnson	19	124	6.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Greg Heaggans	28	691	24.7	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
73	Liberty	NL	NC State	18-31	–
75	Sun	NL	Pittsburgh	19-33	–
81	All American	+6'	Mississippi St	0-10	L
92	Aloha	+3	BYU	23-20	W
95	Aloha	+5	UCLA	51-30	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

KANSAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	20.7	20	126	3.2	191	46.5	15.3	-9	2002	4	42.3	22	256	5.8	216	55.3	11.2
6	16.5	15	117	2.9	153	44.7	16.3	-8	2001	6	36.2	23	237	4.9	190	53.1	11.8
8*	23.7	19	157	3.7	184	45.2	14.4	-6	2000	7	32.6	21	198	4.4	203	57.9	12.3
8*	24.5	18	171	4.0	162	51.9	13.6	+1	1999	5	29.5	19	150	3.8	233	57.2	13.0
10*	25.5	18	149	3.8	171	49.3	12.6	-2	1998	4	31.0	20	236	4.6	152	51.5	12.5
3*	16.1	13	115	3.1	125	44.7	14.9	-3	1997	8	25.4	19	204	4.1	155	55.1	14.2

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Iowa St	14	33-69	2.1	10-32	81	4	25	53-277	5.2	16-25	234	3	-2
at UNLV	21	34-69	2.0	22-42	225	6	23	47-291	6.2	12-24	144	0	0
SW Missouri St	23	49-202	4.1	10-18	112	1	16	41-168	4.1	12-28	127	2	-1
Bowling Green	21	34-89	2.6	18-41	188	4	21	47-350	7.4	8-21	153	1	-1
at Tulsa	27	50-257	5.1	21-36	266	2	21	32-216	6.8	19-31	236	3	+2
at Baylor	19	30-116	3.9	23-42	246	3	22	38-100	2.6	23-34	379	7	+2
Colorado	22	47-209	4.4	17-34	241	2	21	48-427	8.9	12-20	119	1	-1
Texas A&M	20	32-86	2.7	22-46	203	5	24	35-138	3.9	20-37	428	2	+1
at Missouri	23	37-124	3.4	20-44	252	1	20	48-267	5.6	12-21	158	0	-1
Kansas St	10	34-41	1.2	9-27	74	3	22	60-337	5.6	9-15	157	1	-6
at Nebraska	12	36-71	2.0	10-31	153	1	19	56-352	6.3	5-15	62	2	-2
Oklahoma St	28	56-182	3.3	18-37	245	1	24	28-152	5.4	19-31	397	1	0
TOTALS	240	472-1515	3.2	200-430	2286	33	258	533-3075	5.8	167-302	2594	23	-9
AVERAGES	20.0	39-126	3.2	17-36	191	2.8	21.5	44-256	5.8	14-25	216	1.9	-0.8

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma St	+8'	28-38	L
at Missouri	+17	23-41	L
Illinois St	NL	63-21	–
at UAB	-7	39-37 4OT	L
Texas A&M	+13	21-24	W
at Baylor	+6	24-31	L
at Nebraska	+34	0-41	L
Colorado	+7	33-17	W
Kansas St	+27	6-54	L
N Texas	-15	23-14	L
at Iowa St	-2'	20-23	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Notre Dame	+17	13-48	L
CS Northridge	NL	71-14	–
at Colorado	+16	17-51	L
San Diego St	-1	13-41	L
SMU	-8	27-9	W
at Kansas St	+29	9-50	L
at Texas A&M	+31'	17-34	W
Missouri	+8	21-0	W
Nebraska	+32	17-24	W
Baylor	-14	45-10	W
at Oklahoma St	+7	13-45	L
Iowa St	-3	31-28	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at SMU	-4	17-31	L
UAB	-9	23-20	L
S Illinois	NL	42-0	–
at Oklahoma	+24'	16-34	W
Kansas St	+23'	13-52	L
at Missouri	+6'	38-17	W
Colorado	+1'	23-15	W
Texas Tech	-3	39-45	L
at Nebraska	+31	17-56	L
Texas	+11'	16-51	L
at Iowa St	+8'	17-38	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Missouri St	NL	24-10	–
UCLA	+13	17-41	L
at Colorado	+25'	16-27	W
at Texas Tech	+13'	34-31 2OT	W
Oklahoma	+21'	10-38	L
Missouri	-1	34-38	L
at Kansas St	+21	6-40	L
Nebraska	+30	7-51	L
at Texas	+34'	0-59	L
Iowa St	+9'	7-49	L
Wyoming	-4	27-14	W

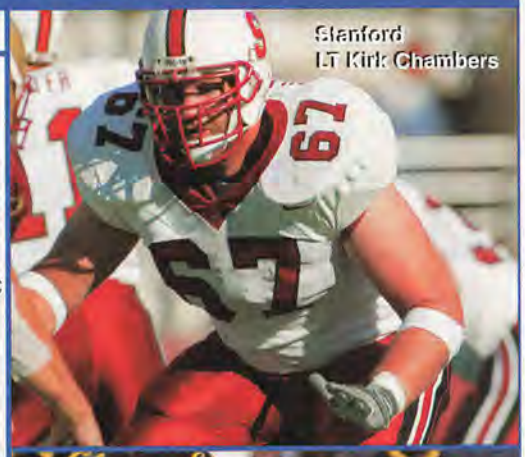
2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa St	+21	3-45	L
at UNLV	+14	20-31	W
SW Missouri St	NL	44-24	–
Bowling Green	+10'	16-39	L
at Tulsa	-4	43-33	W
at Baylor	+4	32-35	W
Colorado	+21	29-53	L
Texas A&M	+23	22-47	L
at Missouri	+21	12-36	L
Kansas St	+33	0-64	L
at Nebraska	+36	7-45	L
Oklahoma St	+23	20-55	L

PAC 10 CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 PAC 10 TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Cody Pickett, Wash	Andrew Walter, Ariz St	Derek Anderson, Oreg St	Chris Lewis, Stanford
RB	Jermaine Green, Wash St	Clarence Farmer, Arizona	Mike Karney, Ariz St	Tyler Ebell, UCLA
RB	Steven Jackson, Oreg St	WR James Newson, Oreg St	Craig Bragg, UCLA	Luke Powell, Stanford
WR	Mike Williams, USC	Devard Darling, Wash St	Charles Frederick, Wash	Daryl Lightfoot, Ariz St
WR	Reggie Williams, Wash	Keary Colbert, USC	Tab Perry, UCLA	Samie Parker, Oregon
TE	Alex Holmes, USC	Tim Euhus, Oreg St	Troy Bienemann, Wash St	Brett Pierce, Stanford
C	Todd Bachert, Wash	Keoki Fraser, Arizona	Tony Aguilar, Ariz St	Dan Weaver, Oregon
G	Eyoseph Efseaff, UCLA	Joey Forster, Oregon	Aaron Butler, Wash	Lenny Vandermade, USC
G	Kanan Sanchez, Oreg St	Steven Vieira, UCLA	Drew Hodgdon, Ariz St	Fred Matua, USC
T	Winston Justice, USC	Kirk Chambers, Stanford	Calvin Armstrong, Wash St	Nick Newton, Wash
T	Jacob Rogers, USC	Khalif Barnes, Wash	Mark Wilson, Cal	Josh Parrish, Wash St
DL	Kenechi Udeze, USC	D.D. Acholonu, Wash St	Dave Ball, UCLA	Manase Hopoi, Wash
DL	Haloti Ngata, Oregon	Jeremey Williams, Wash St	Mike Patterson, USC	Dwan Edwards, Oreg St
DL	Shaun Cody, USC	Rodney Leisle, UCLA	Igor Olshansky, Oregon	Terry Johnson, Wash
DL	Bill Swancutt, Oreg St	Omar Nazel, USC	Julian Jenkins, Stanford	Isaac Brown, Wash St
LB	Spencer Havner, UCLA	Kevin Mitchell, Oregon	Melvin Simmons, USC	Justin Burks, Ariz St
LB	Richard Seigler, Oreg St	Marquis Cooper, Wash	Greg Carothers, Wash	Justin London, UCLA
LB	Matt Grootegoed, USC	Joe Siofele, Arizona	Brandon Chillar, UCLA	Michael Craven, Stanford
CB	Michael Jolivette, Arizona	Marcell Allmond, USC	William Buchanon, USC	Jason David, Wash St
CB	Matt Ware, UCLA	Derrick Johnson, Wash	R.J. Oliver, Ariz St	Steven Moore, Oregon
SS	Jarrad Page, UCLA	Riccardo Stewart, Ariz St	Jason Leach, USC	Virgil Williams, Wash St
FS	Jason Shivers, Ariz St	Mitch Meeuwsen, Oreg St	Keith Lewis, Oregon	Ben Emanuel, UCLA
K	Jared Siegel, Oregon	Kirk Yliniemi, Oreg St	Drew Dunning, Wash St	Ryan Killeen, USC
P	Tom Malone, USC	Tim Parker, Ariz St	Kyle Basler, Wash St	Carl Tobey, Oreg St
KR	Tab Perry, UCLA	Brandon Catanese, Oreg St	Roc Alexander, Wash	Hakim Hill, Ariz St
PR	Tyler Ebell, UCLA	Charles Frederick, Wash	Craig Bragg, UCLA	Luke Powell, Stanford


Stanford
LT Kirk Chambers

California
LT Mark Wilson

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 PAC 10 FORECAST

1. WASHINGTON - UW was 7-1 at one point in 2001 but then went 5-8 in their next 13 games and their 4-4 start last year was their worst after 8 games since 1977. They did have 4 tough losses in that stretch as they outfirstdowned Cal, USC, Ariz St and UCLA by a combined 97-60. That gave them great value down the stretch and I used them as my College POY when they were a shocking home underdog to Oregon St and then the next week as my Underdog POW when they knocked off #23 Oregon on the road. They also handed Wash St their only conference defeat on the year. This year the Huskies have a much more veteran squad and have a senior QB which generally tends to prevail in Pac 10 play (see PAC 10 notes below). They also get the key conf game (USC) at home and that game should determine the Pac 10 Title.

2. USC - Last year I pegged the Trojans for 1st place in the Pac 10 and they were indeed the best team in the conference. During the season, USC outscored foes by an average of 17 ppg and outgained them by 126.2 ypg, the best marks in the league. In their last 3 games they waxed ranked foes UCLA, Notre Dame and Iowa by a combined 134-51. While they were whipping Iowa, Wash St, the team that represented the Pac 10 in the Rose Bowl, was busy getting thumped by Oklahoma. This year the Trojans have six starters back on both offense and defense and have my #3 rated offense and #1 rated defense in the league. They are clearly capable of winning the Pac 10 for a second straight year and the majority of my sets of power ratings call them the most talented team in the league. Probably the key game of the Pac 10 season is October 25th when they travel to Seattle.

3. UCLA - The Bruins lose 14 lettermen from last year's squad which is the lowest amount in the Pac 10. Last season they would have had a higher finish if not for losing their starting QB after 7 starts. They have a top-notch O-line and receiving corps, solid RB's and two VHT QB's who both have experience. The Bruins have my #3 rated D and teams #3 through #7 are all very tough to call so I'll go with the best defense of the four and side with the Bruins for 3rd.

4. OREGON ST - The Beavers went from 11-1 in 2000 to 5-6 in 2001 but rebounded last year with an 8-5 record. They return 15 starters and QB Derek Anderson was at his best in the final two games last season and should be much stronger with a year's experience. He has a great supporting cast and I rate OSU as having the second best offense in the league. They usually come out with a top-notch D and have six starters back on that side of the ball from a defense that I rated #10 in the country last year but must replace outstanding CB Dennis Weathersby. As mentioned, teams 3 through 7 are too close to call but with OSU being so tough at home, it should be an upper half finish for the Beavers in the Pac 10 this year.

5. ARIZONA ST - The Sun Devils were very good to me at the end of last season winning many key games including my Bowl Play of the Year when they almost upset Kansas St. The have a veteran QB in Andrew Walter who should pilot an explosive offense. This is the 3rd year for Koetter's 4-2-5 scheme and while they do have 7 starters back on defense, having to replace Terrell Suggs is a tall order. ASU proved capable of beating anyone, anywhere. Teams 3 through 7 are very close but ASU is the only one with the same coach as last year which is a clear plus in terms of continuity. Not only do I project this team to finish in the upper half of the Pac 10, since they avoid Washington and host USC, I rate them a darkhorse contender for the Pac 10.

6. WASHINGTON ST - The last time the Cougars were in a Rose Bowl was 1997 and the next three years they finished in last place in the Pac 10. I don't quite expect a collapse like that even with the loss of HC Mike Price. WSU was a dominating team last year outgaining league foes by an average of 115 ypg and lose just 18 lettermen from that squad. They have my #4 rated D in the league which makes them dangerous. Last year Wazzou had a Rose Bowl friendly schedule where the contenders all journeyed to Pullman. This year WSU must travel to Oregon, USC and Washington in league play. Every time the Cougars have had 13 or more starters back the last 14 years, they have made it to a bowl game. I expect this WSU contingent, despite the loss of Price and Gesser, to continue that trend. With teams 3 through 7 very close in conference play, I can easily see them finishing higher in the standings.

7. OREGON - In 2001 the Ducks came into the season ranked in the AP poll for the first time ever. They finished the year with their first ever 11 win season and just missed out on playing in the BCS title game. That season they benefitted from +16 in turnovers but last year had just 12 starters returning and had to replace QB Joey Harrington. The Ducks were still a trendy first place pick in many preseason magazines but I pegged them for fifth. The Ducks started out 6-0 and were ranked #6 in the NCAA and considered a National Title contender by some in the media. While they did record 9 straight winning seasons, the team collapsed down the stretch. UO has just 14 starters back this year. My biggest question for the Ducks this year is at RB. If Bellotti goes out and signs a top-notch JUCO RB over the summer UO has a good shot at moving back to the upper half of the standings. This team is more experienced than last year and should be stronger which gives them a good shot at getting their 10th straight winning season.

8. CALIFORNIA - Cal had the biggest turnaround in the NCAA last year going from 1-10 to 7-5 but I have some disturbing facts for Bears' fans. First of all, Cal benefitted from +18 turnovers last year (see page 310) and despite going 4-4 in PAC 10 play were actually outgained an average of 65.2 ypg. More troubling news is the fact that Cal loses more lettermen than any other team in the league (23) which is 37% of their overall lettermen while returning just 8 starters, the fewest in the league. Teams will be better prepared for Cal this season and this looks like a rebuilding year.

9. STANFORD - Stanford got drilled worse than any other team in the league last year finishing tied for last at 1-7 and were being outgained by a league worst 119.1 ypg and outscored by 19.7 ppg. This year they have just 11 starters back which is the second fewest in the league and the 20 lettermen lost are the third most. The schedule maker also did them no favors by having them avoid Arizona this year which means they play all of the upper teams in Pac 10 play. Despite the graduation losses, this team should be stronger in Teevens' second year but may it not show much in the standings.

10. ARIZONA - At the end of last year the Arizona players tried a mutiny against Coach Mackovic but the next week rose up and beat Cal to grab its only win in Pac 10 play and the 1-7 finish was their worst ever since joining the league in 1978. Overall Arizona was outgained by an average of 117.5 ypg so there is a lot of ground for the Wildcats to make up. They also only have 13 starters returning which is the third lowest amount in the league and have to break in a new QB. While the 2003 Arizona team should remain healthier than last year, and be more competitive, I will once again call for them to finish in the cellar this year.

Pac 10 Notes: The conference champ had a senior QB for the fifth straight year and the runner-up had one as well. In the Pac 10 a senior QB will generally lead his team to the Rose Bowl and it's happened nine of the last eleven years. Since 1991 no team has won the Pac 10 without at least a 4th year QB. Pac 10 teams with a senior QB this year are Washington, Wash St and possibly Oregon. The Pac 10 has an image of being a passing conference. They lived up to that billing last year with no team topping 150 ypg on the ground. The league did land its first Heisman Trophy winner since 1981. The Pac 10 had just 1 offense in the top 15 last year but had two defenses in the top 11 of the NCAA. While the Pac 10 roared to a 30-10 non conf record (2nd best) they were just 7-8 vs BCS non conf foes in the regular season (4th best). While SEVEN Pac 10 teams went to bowls, including a pair to the BCS, only 2 won and 5 came up losers in the postseason (now 4-8 in bowls last two years). Since 1936 only 1 Pac 10 team has finished #1 and that was USC in 1962, 1967 and 1972. After having 4 Top 25 finishers in 2001 the league had only 2 last season. USC has 8 members on my preseason 1st team Pac 10 and UCLA is next with 6.

2002 PAC 10 vs PAC 10 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
2	USC	37.4	1	449.1	2	133.1	5	3.3	5	316.0	3	64.0	1	12.0	2	10	2	17	1
15	Wash St	35.6	2	458.9	1	146.6	2	4.0	2	312.3	4	58.8	2	12.9	6	20	8	17	1
19	Oregon St	26.4	8	377.6	5	148.9	1	4.0	3	228.8	9	40.0	10	14.3	8	16	5	20	3
22	Washington	29.0	6	392.4	4	56.1	9	1.6	9	336.3	2	57.9	3	13.5	7	15	4	27	7
28	California	32.0	4	348.9	8	102.1	7	3.1	6	246.8	7	53.2	7	10.9	1	8	1	21	4
31	Arizona St	32.1	3	402.5	3	59.1	8	1.8	8	343.4	1	57.5	4	12.5	3	22	10	31	9
39	UCLA	29.0	6	369.3	7	120.8	6	3.0	7	248.5	6	56.1	6	12.7	5	19	6	23	6
42	Oregon	29.6	5	372.8	6	139.3	3	4.1	1	233.5	8	51.2	8	12.6	4	14	3	21	4
71	Stanford	16.0	10	286.4	10	135.1	4	3.5	4	151.3	10	49.8	9	17.9	10	19	6	28	8
89	Arizona	17.9	9	304.0	9	13.1	10	0.5	10	290.9	5	57.3	5	17.0	9	20	8	43	10

2002 PAC 10 vs PAC 10 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
3	USC	20.4	1	322.9	2	69.8	2	2.5	3	253.1	4	52.7	4	15.8	1	22	2	31	3
10	Oregon St	22.5	2	310.6	1	83.6	3	2.4	2	227.0	1	50.2	1	13.8	4	17	4	18	8
22	UCLA	29.0	4	363.3	6	122.3	7	3.4	7	241.0	3	51.2	2	12.5	7	10	9	28	4
25	Wash St	23.5	3	343.9	3	59.4	1	1.9	1	284.5	8	55.6	6	14.6	2	17	4	37	1
27	Washington	29.1	5	361.9	5	98.4	5	2.8	5	263.5	5	52.9	5	12.4	8	19	3	19	7
37	Arizona St	30.5	7	361.4	4	128.1	8	3.6	10	233.3	2	51.3	3	11.8	9	25	1	26	5
42	California	29.8	6	414.1	8	92.3	4	2.7	4	321.9	9	59.0	8	13.9	3	9	10	34	2
53	Stanford	35.8	10	405.5	7	129.8	9	3.6	9	275.8	7	56.2	7	11.3	10	14	6	17	10
63	Arizona	31.3	8	421.5	9	156.6	10	3.6	8	264.9	6	60.3	10	13.5	6	12	7	18	8
66	Oregon	33.3	9	456.8	10	114.1	6	3.0	6	342.6	10	59.2	9	13.7	5	12	7	20	6

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2002 PAC 10 STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Washington St	7	1	285	188	10	3	431	296
USC	7	1	299	163	11	2	465	240
Arizona St	5	3	257	244	8	6	452	407
UCLA	4	4	232	232	8	5	387	326
Oregon St	4	4	211	180	8	5	414	267
California	4	4	256	238	7	5	427	318
Washington	4	4	232	233	7	6	398	342
Oregon	3	5	237	266	7	6	417	362
Arizona	1	7	143	250	4	8	227	310
Stanford	1	7	128	286	2	9	225	377

Coach of the Year: Jeff Tedford, California

2001 PAC 10 STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Oregon	7	1	281	181	10	1	374	240
Stanford	6	2	312	266	9	2	408	315
Wash St	6	2	257	187	9	2	387	242
Washington	6	2	227	237	8	3	310	323
USC	5	3	249	150	6	5	292	197
UCLA	4	4	243	185	7	4	317	225
Oregon St	3	5	191	183	5	6	287	259
Arizona	2	6	223	317	5	6	320	377
Arizona St	1	7	220	312	4	7	374	361
California	0	8	148	333	1	10	201	431

Coach of the Year: Mike Price, Washington St

2000 PAC 10 STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Oregon St	7	1	275	161	10	1	359	203
Washington	7	1	258	183	10	1	353	246
Oregon	7	1	215	172	9	2	316	219
Stanford	4	4	193	210	5	6	261	294
Arizona St	3	5	229	235	6	5	296	272
UCLA	3	5	251	282	6	5	333	347
Arizona	3	5	203	204	5	6	254	237
USC	2	6	208	256	5	7	309	337
Wash St	2	6	167	260	4	7	281	354
California	2	6	204	240	3	8	246	295

Coach of the Year: Dennis Erickson, Oregon St

UCLA WR Craig Bragg

2002 PAC 10 LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Carson Palmer, USC	489	309	63.2	10	3942	8.1	33	149.1
Jason Gesser, Wash St	402	236	58.7	13	3408	8.5	28	146.4
Andrew Walter, Ariz St	**483**	**274**	**56.7**	**15**	**3877**	**8.0**	**28**	**137.1**
Jason Johnson, Arizona	410	239	58.3	13	3327	8.1	16	133.0
Cody Pickett, Wash	**612**	**365**	**59.6**	**14**	**4458**	**7.3**	**28**	**131.4**
Jason Fife, Oregon	**367**	**190**	**51.8**	**10**	**2752**	**7.5**	**24**	**130.9**
Kyle Boller, CAL	421	225	53.4	10	2815	6.7	28	126.8
Derek Anderson, OSU	**449**	**211**	**47.0**	**13**	**3313**	**7.4**	**25**	**121.6**
Kyle Matter, Stanford	**214**	**116**	**54.2**	**10**	**1219**	**5.7**	**8**	**105.0**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Bobby Wade, Arizona	12	93	1389	8	115.8	7.8	14.9
Reggie Williams, Wash	**13**	**94**	**1454**	**11**	**111.8**	**7.2**	**15.5**
Shaun McDonald, Ariz St	14	87	1405	13	100.4	6.2	16.1
James Newson, OSU	**13**	**74**	**1284**	**12**	**98.8**	**5.7**	**17.4**
Mike Williams, USC	**13**	**81**	**1265**	**14**	**97.3**	**6.2**	**15.6**
Keary Colbert, USC	**13**	**71**	**1029**	**5**	**79.2**	**5.5**	**14.5**
Jerome Riley, Wash St	12	57	939	7	78.2	4.8	16.5
Andrae Thurman, Arizona	**12**	**61**	**915**	**3**	**76.2**	**5.1**	**15.0**
Craig Bragg, UCLA	**13**	**55**	**889**	**8**	**68.4**	**4.2**	**16.2**
Devard Darling, Wash St	**13**	**54**	**800**	**11**	**61.5**	**4.2**	**14.8**

RUSHING

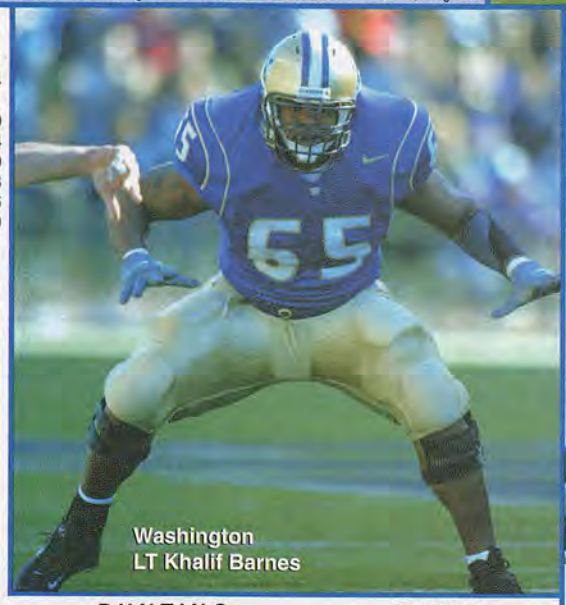
	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Steven Jackson, OSU	**13**	**319**	**1690**	**5.3**	**15**	**130.0**
Onterrio Smith, Oregon	10	244	1141	4.7	12	114.1
Joe Igber, CAL	12	241	1130	4.7	7	94.2
Tyler Ebell, UCLA	**13**	**234**	**994**	**4.2**	**10**	**76.5**
Jermaine Green, Wash St	**13**	**150**	**829**	**5.5**	**9**	**63.8**
Sultan McCullough, USC	13	179	814	4.5	8	62.6
Rich Alexis, Wash	**11**	**202**	**688**	**3.4**	**10**	**62.5**
Justin Fargas, USC	12	161	715	4.4	7	59.6
Kerry Carter, Stanford	10	149	524	3.5	2	52.4
Cornell Canidate, Ariz St	**11**	**130**	**493**	**3.8**	**7**	**44.8**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Cody Pickett, Wash	**13**	**86**	**(-185)**	**612**	**4458**	**4273**	**328.7**
Carson Palmer, USC	13	50	(-122)	489	3942	3820	293.8
Andrew Walter, Ariz St	**14**	**56**	**(-216)**	**483**	**3877**	**3661**	**261.5**
Jason Gesser, Wash St	13	54	(-116)	402	3408	3292	253.2
Jason Johnson, Arizona	12	60	(-373)	410	3327	2954	246.2
Derek Anderson, OSU	**13**	**45**	**(-231)**	**449**	**3313**	**3082**	**237.1**
Kyle Boller, CAL	12	72	(-83)	421	2815	2732	227.7
Jason Fife, Oregon	**13**	**76**	**67**	**367**	**2752**	**2819**	**216.8**
Steven Jackson, OSU	**13**	**319**	**1690**	**0**	**0**	**1690**	**130.0**
Kyle Matter, Stanford	**10**	**68**	**64**	**214**	**1219**	**1283**	**128.3**

TFL

	NO	YDS
Terrell Suggs, Ariz St	31.5	203
Tully Banta-Cain, CAL	22.0	126
Rien Long, Wash St	21.5	108
Bill Swancutt, OSU	**21.0**	**113**
Nick Barnett, OSU	20.5	72
Manase Hopoi, Wash	**17.0**	**52**
Matt Grootegoed, USC	**16.5**	**81**
Kenechi Udeze, USC	**16.0**	**65**
Mason Unck, Ariz St	14.5	50
Eric Manning, OSU	14.0	48


Washington
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PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Tim Parker, Ariz St	**14**	**79**	**3372**	**42.7**
Jose Arroyo, Oregon	13	77	3250	42.2
Tom Malone, USC	**13**	**62**	**2609**	**42.1**
Nate Fikse, UCLA	13	71	2975	41.9
Kyle Basler, Wash St	**13**	**50**	**2053**	**41.1**
Carl Tobey, OSU	**13**	**74**	**2981**	**40.3**
Eric Johnson, Stanford	**11**	**58**	**2306**	**39.8**
Tyler Fredrickson, CAL	**12**	**62**	**2450**	**39.5**
Derek McLaughlin, Wash	12	57	2194	38.5
Danny Baugher, Arizona	**11**	**38**	**1434**	**37.7**

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Terrell Suggs, Ariz St	24.0	171
Tully Banta-Cain, CAL	13.0	100
Rien Long, Wash St	13.0	85
Bill Swancutt, OSU	**12.5**	**92**
Tom Canada, CAL	12.0	99
Dave Ball, UCLA	**11.0**	**90**
Isaac Brown, Wash St	**8.0**	**56**
Matt Grootegoed, USC	**8.0**	**54**
Kenechi Udeze, USC	**7.5**	**45**
Fred Shavies, Wash St	7.0	55

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Craig Bragg, UCLA	**16**	**256**	**1**	**16.0**
Keenan Howry, Oregon	32	458	2	14.3
Bobby Wade, Arizona	16	224	0	14.0
Jemeel Powell, CAL	32	389	2	12.2
Tyler Ebell, UCLA	**24**	**273**	**0**	**11.4**
Marcus Trufant, Wash St	38	402	0	10.6
Terrell Roberts, OSU	18	174	0	9.7
Charles Frederick, Wash	**18**	**146**	**0**	**8.1**
Luke Powell, Stanford	**19**	**154**	**0**	**8.1**
Aric Williams, OSU	**24**	**183**	**0**	**7.6**

FIELD GOALS

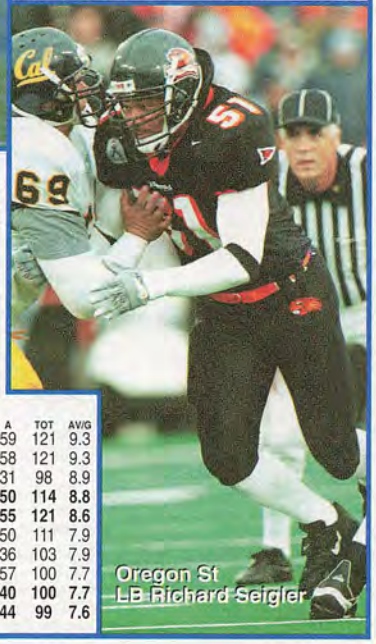
	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Kirk Yliniemi, OSU	**12**	**15**	**16**	**93.8**	**50**
Nate Fikse, UCLA	13	12	13	92.3	51
Jared Siegel, Oregon	**13**	**20**	**24**	**83.3**	**59**
Mark-Christian Jensen, CAL	12	19	27	70.4	51
Mike Barth, Ariz St	14	23	33	69.7	50
Ryan Killeen, USC	**13**	**16**	**23**	**69.6**	**48**
Drew Dunning, Wash St	**13**	**22**	**33**	**66.7**	**48**
John Anderson, Wash	13	22	34	64.7	52
Michael Sgroi, Stanford	**11**	**9**	**15**	**60.0**	**45**
Chris Griffith, UCLA	10	8	14	57.1	46

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
LaShaun Ward, CAL	28	809	1	28.9
Sammy Moore, Wash St	**11**	**282**	**1**	**25.6**
Tab Perry, UCLA	**25**	**626**	**0**	**25.0**
Hakim Hill, Ariz St	**32**	**701**	**0**	**21.9**
Allan Amundson, Oregon	27	590	0	21.9
Charles Frederick, Wash	**30**	**601**	**0**	**20.0**
Ryan Wells, Stanford	36	715	0	19.9
Bobby Wade, Arizona	17	332	0	19.5

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Nick Barnett, OSU	13	62	59	121	9.3
David Moretti, Oregon	13	63	58	121	9.3
Lance Briggs, Arizona	11	67	31	98	8.9
Kevin Mitchell, Oregon	**13**	**64**	**50**	**114**	**8.8**
Jason Shivers, Ariz St	**14**	**66**	**55**	**121**	**8.6**
Mason Unck, Ariz St	14	61	50	111	7.9
Marcus Reese, UCLA	13	67	36	103	7.9
Ben Mahdavi, Wash	13	43	57	100	7.7
Marquis Cooper, Wash	**13**	**60**	**40**	**100**	**7.7**
Richard Seigler, OSU	**13**	**55**	**44**	**99**	**7.6**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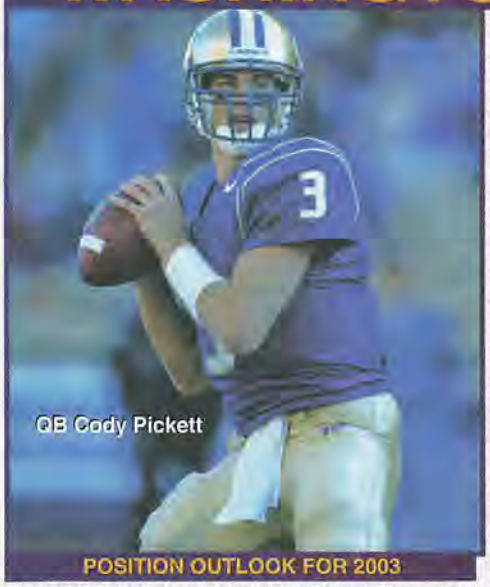

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Cody Pickett (PS#47) has 4.65 speed and in his first year as a starter threw for 2,696 yards (55.2%). (See Hardcore Fans pg 319). He struggled with a 12-16 ratio, playing with a separated throwing shoulder which he suffered in the fourth game. In HS he was a rodeo calf roper and proved to the team how tough he is by playing through the pain. Taylor Barton (PS#16) had 647 yards (51.2%) with a 5-2 ratio as the backup in 2001 and last year both returned. Pickett opened 2002 by setting a school record with 7 straight 300 yard games including 350 yards vs USC. Washington has had four 400 yard games in its history and Pickett has had three of them. He also set the Pac 10 single season passing record (4,458) which was held by Ryan Leaf (3,637) and set many others (See Hardcore Fans). Pickett completed 59.6% with a 28-14 ratio last year. This year his QB coach, Steve Axman, departs to become the OC at UCLA as does Pickett's backup Barton who had just 8 pass attempts last year. Casey Paus (PS#14) did not see action last year. Isaiah Stanback (6-3 190 rFr) was PS#11 and was the star of the "scout bowl" played prior to the Purdue game. He also worked at WR this spring but will be kept in the mix at QB. Felix Sweetman (6-2 240 rFr) was PS#258. While Pickett is back for his senior season and should have a huge year, it will be extremely difficult to top last year's record breaking numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - After having six 1,000 yard rushers from 1989 to 1996 this team has not had any the last six seasons. In 2000 Rich Alexis (PS#114) led the team in rushing with 816 (6.4) and is an excellent option TB. However, they did not run the option in 2001 and he had just 397 yards (3.1). Willie Hurst led the team with 744 (4.8). Last season they did have to replace Hurst but the running game was a significant weakness on the offense as the TEAM failed to top 1,000 yards rushing for the first time since 1939 despite the fact that they played 13 games. TB's Braxton Cleman and Alexis were banged up most of the season. Alexis was in for just one play against Cal and fumbled but managed eight starts and has 4.47 speed. He led the team with 688 yards (3.4) and 10 TD's. Cleman rushed for 228 yards (3.1) and set a UW single game record with 15 rec's vs USC and is the only loss from this group. Chris Singleton (PS#96) managed 224 yards (3.5) and the team, despite the injuries, was able to redshirt Kenny James (PS#23) and Shelton Sampson (5-11 175, PS#45). The top two FB's are VHT's and I list the them below. With the top guy back, last year's pitiful production, and the top-notch talent added, this group should be vastly improved in 2003.

RECEIVERS - The Huskies had one of the top receiving corps in the country last season led by Reggie Williams who at 6-4 220 with outstanding size and speed naturally draws Randy Moss comparisons. They do have some big losses this year as departing are WR Paul Arnold (11 sts, 37 rec, PS#3), TE Kevin Ware (PS#15, 13 sts, 42 rec), WR Patrick Reddick (4 sts, 54 rec), WR Wilbur Hooks (14 rec) and WR Eddie Jackson (16 rec). Their star is back as is Charles Frederick (PS#5) who has had some off field problems and was almost kicked off of the team but was the team's second leading receiver in terms of yards. Williams was Mr. November last year with 35 rec's in their last 3 regular season games. Those two make a dominating duo and the team adds TE Jon Lyon who had 29 rec's (16.0) at JUCO last year. I list the 4 HT TE candidates below. Not listed below are TE Jason Benn (6-5 240 rFr, PS#36), WR Matt Griffith (6-2 200 Jr, PS#124QB) and this year's outstanding crop of true frosh. This is one of the Pac 10's best receiving corps but they must replace some top-notch depth.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Washington's Rose Bowl year the front wall paved the way for 216 ypg and a solid 4.8 ypc rushing despite the fact that the RB corps was banged up. The unit was also senior dominated and allowed just 25 sacks. An inexperienced O-line in 2001 only paved the way for 3.1 ypc rushing while allowing 26 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter but SG Elliott Zajac missed half of the season with an injury. While the pass blocking was solid last year (5.9%) sacks, they averaged just 2.11 ypc rushing, a surprisingly sharp dropoff. This year the only losses are SG Zajac (7 sts, 2 yr st'r) and backup William Kava. Six players return with starting experience including Dan Dicks (PS#15), Zajac's replacement. Three of the players on the front wall are three year starters and this is one of the Pac 10's better O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Huskies allowed 4.1 ypc rushing in 2001 which was their weakest total since 1988. Last year they had to replace two starters including a 2nd round DC. Surprisingly the defense allowed just 98 ypg rushing (2.8) which was the lowest total since their National Championship year in 1991. The team also raised their sack total from 20 in 2001 to 36. This year not only do six of the top eight return but they get some outstanding additions in four HT rFr including a couple of VHT's in Stanley Daniels (PS#32) and Donny Mateaki (PS#25). This is a very deep group with six VHT's and 2 near-VHT's and it is even more experienced than last year. The only losses from the two deep this year are DE Kai Ellis (13 sts, 51 tkls, 7 sks, 2nd Tm P10) and DE Anthony Kelley (11 tkls, 5 sks). I list a 2 deep below and not even listed is Jordan Reffett (6-6 250 Fr, PS#115). This has the makings of one of the best defensive fronts in the Pac 10.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Huskies returned Ben Mahdavi, their leading tackler in 2001. Marquis Cooper, who was not 100% at the start of the year tied Mahdavi for the team lead in tackles in 2002 with 100 despite starting just 11 games. Cooper has 4.4 speed and was the team's Defensive co-MVP. This year the unit must replace two starters in ILB Mahdavi (13 sts, 100 tkls, 11 tfl, HM P10) and OLB Jafar Williams (12 sts, 54 tkls, 5 tfl, HM P10). Four of the top six are back and they get some interesting additions. Cory Jones (PS#50) is a Notre Dame transfer that I list at one spot while Greg Carothers started 12 games at SS last year. They also add VHT rFr Scott White (PS#21). Basically this unit has more experience and should be at least as strong as last year's unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Huskies' DB's were injury plagued last year (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). Overall, they surprisingly moved up to #31 in my pass D rankings. While yielding 259.5 ypg they gave up just 55.8% completions with a 23-16 ratio taking on the toughest slate of opposing QB's of any team in the country. This year the only losses are SS Greg Carothers (12 sts) who moves to OLB and Nate Robinson (6 sts) who left the team to concentrate on basketball (13 ppg). I list a 2 deep below that includes 7 players with starting experience and CB's Alexander and Derrick Johnson are a pair of six footers with great speed. The unit is so deep that not listed below are Sam Cunningham (6-0 180 Jr, PS#125, 1 st) who had 10 tackles in 2002 and Kim Taylor (6-0 190 rFr, PS#154). This looks to be one of the top secondaries in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Huskies ranked only #93, #69, #69 and #81 in Neuheisel's first 4 years. This year the Huskies have two significant losses. Gone are K John Anderson (PS#9) who hit 22 of 34 FG's breaking a school record for attempts. He also set a UW record with a 56 yard FG vs UCLA in his frosh season and leaves as UW's #2 in career FG's made. Also gone is P Derek McLaughlin (PS#16) who is going on a two year Mormon Mission after having a net of 34.3 last year. I list their replacements below. Their top returnman, Charles Frederick, is back after leading the team in both PR's (8.1) and KR's (20.0). Derrick Johnson avg 24.3 per KR in '00 and Roc Alexander avg 28.3 on KR's in '01. While I don't think Washington will slip too much in the special teams rankings and may even improve should Frederick have a stronger season (he avg 14.4 on PR's in 2001), the effectiveness of the new kicker and punter will greatly influence where UW finishes in the rankings this year.

COACHES - Rick Neuheisel has gotten in some trouble over his recruiting practices in the past few years which has caused him to be banned from home visits. He has compiled an impressive 33-16 record here at Washington including a Rose Bowl victory which earned him a six year contract extension. OC Keith Gilbertson enters his third year at that position and he was the head coach at Cal from 1992 to 1994 and OC with the Seattle Seahawks from 1996 to 1998. DC Tim Hundley is back and the team added Phil Snow who was UCLA's and Arizona St's DC in recent years. Snow will coach DB's and be a co-DC so this staff is experienced.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Washington has had 26 consecutive non-losing years, the third best streak among all schools and they've finished either 1st or 2nd in the Pac in 18 of the last 26 years including winning or sharing a Pac 10 title 8 times. In 2000 Washington defeated Sugar Bowl champ Miami, Fiesta Bowl champ Oregon St, won the Rose Bowl and were clearly one of the top teams in the country with a veteran unit. In 2001 they had to replace 26 lettermen which was the most in the Pac 10 and the team overcame five 4Q deficits and won 7 games by a TD or less and were very fortunate to finish at 8-4. Despite being 6-2 in the Pac 10 that year they were outscored 237-227 by league foes. Neuheisel is now 23-9 in league play and 24 of his 33 total wins have been of the come-from-behind variety. The 2001 team was 7-1 at one point but finished the year 8-4 then last year Washington started out 4-5 which was their worst record after nine games since 1977. Washington threw the ball 621 times last year which was the third most of any school in the country but would like to achieve better offensive balance this season. UW had 3 tough losses (see Hardcore Fans) which gave them great value down the stretch and I used the Huskies as my 2002 College POY at home against Oregon St where they prevailed 41-29. They were also the Underdog POW in Power Sweep the next week when they upended #23 ranked Oregon and then handed #3 ranked Wash St its only league loss. This year UW returns 52 lettermen and 16 starters which is the most in the Pac 10. They have tough road trips to UCLA and Oregon St but host USC and Wash St, so UW should finish at or near the top once again. Interestingly, the Pac 10 is usually won by a team with a senior QB and UW is just one of 3 teams in the league that fit the bill. I will call for UW to definitely improve upon their 7 overall wins last season and make them my pick to win the Pac 10 Title.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CODY PICKETT SR. 6-4 215 PS#47. 11 sts, 2696 yds (55%), 12-16 ratio, 280 rush in '01. 13 sts LY, **P10 rec 4458 yds** (60%), 28-14 ratio, 154 rush. Casey Paus (6-5 215 So) **PS#14.**

RB RICH ALEXIS SR. 6-0 220 816 yds (6.4) in '00. 8 sts LY, 688 yds (3.4). Chris Singleton (6-0 195 Jr) PS#96. 2 starts, 224 yds. **Kenny James** (5-10 200 rFr) **PS#23.**

FB ZACH TUIASOSOPO JR. 6-2 245 PS#34LB. 4 sts as rFr at LB, 44 tkls, 4 tfl, 5 sts at FB LY, 84 ttl yds. Ty Eriks (6-2 235 So) **PS#27.** 2nd string LY. Adam Seery (6-2 215 Sr) PS#192QB.

WR REGGIE WILLIAMS JR. 6-4 220 **PS#3.** 11 sts in '01, 60 rec (17.3) as true. 12 sts LY, 94 rec, **1st Tm P10.** Jordan Slye (6-5 190 rFr) PS#93QB. Moved from DB. Quintin Daniels is **PS#26.**

WR Charles Frederick Jr. 6-0 180 **PS#5.** 2 sts in '02, 45 rec (14.5). 1239 ret yds in 2 yrs. Justin Robbins (6-0 185 Jr) 10 sts, 23 rec in '01. Inj'd LY. Craig Chambers is **PS#18.**

TE Jon Lyon Jr. 6-6 250 **PS#27JC.** Joe Toledo (6-6 290 So) **PS#41OL.** 5 starts, 3 rec last year. Ben Bandel (6-7 270 rFr) PS#53. Andy Heater (6-3 265 So) PS#37.

C TODD BACHERT SR. 6-4 310 PS#120. 12 sts at ST in '01. 13 sts at C LY. Rimington candidate. Clay Walker (6-4 270 rFr) PS#86. Brad Vanneman (6-3 295 So) PS#79.

SG Dan Dicks Jr. 6-6 315 **PS#15.** 2nd string in '01. 6 sts at SG LY. Robin Meadow (6-6 290 So) **PS#44.** Scout Tm POY in '01. 2 sts, 6 gms LY. Jason Simonson (6-4 315 Sr).

WG AARON BUTLER JR. 6-4 320 **PS#80OL.** 10 gms, 1 st in '01, 12 sts LY. Tusi Sa'au (6-2 290 So) PS#141DL. NG in '01. 2nd string LY. Chad Macklin (6-8 265 Fr) PS#97.

ST NICK NEWTON SR. 6-5 330 2nd string as rFr. 11 sts at WG in '01. 12 sts in '02 (11 at ST), **HM Pac 10. Francisco Tipoti** (6-5 320 Sr) **PS#9JUCO.** 3rd string in 2002.

WT KHALIF BARNES JR. 6-5 300 420 bench, 4.8 spd. NFL potential. 12 sts as rFr. 13 sts at WT in '02, 1 rec. Ryan Brooks (6-6 300 Jr) PS#120. 2nd string and has 2 letters.

K Michael Braunstein Fr. 5-8 170 **PS#4.** Hit 21 of 30 FG's in HS with long of 54, 71 of 74 on xp's. Sean Douglas is PS#45. Evan Knudson (6-0 180 Jr) 45 yd FG in spg.

DE Donny Mateaki rFr. 6-5 265 **PS#25.** Brandon Ala (6-3 225 rFr) PS#137LB. Dan Milsten (6-5 265 rFr) PS#83. Wilson Afoa (6-3 260) PS#187. 51 tkls as a senior in HS.

DT JOSH MILLER JR. 6-3 270 PS#78. 13 sts, 33 tkls, 7 tfl LY. Jerome Stevens (6-3 285 Sr), 8 sts in '01, 22 tkls. 2 sts LY, 23 tkls, 5 tfl. Stanley Daniels (6-4 320 rFr) **PS#32OL.**

DT TERRY JOHNSON SR. 6-4 265 **PS#39.** Neuheisel says "astonishing athlete". 11 sts, 25 tkls, 5 sks LY. Tui Alailefaleula (6-4 295 Jr) **PS#23.** 5 tkls LY. Junior Coffin (6-3 280 Jr) PS#61.

DE MANASE HOPOI JR. 6-4 255 **PS#37LB.** PQ in '01, Scout MVP. 13 sts LY, 38 tkls, 7 sks, 10 tfl. Mike Mapu (6-3 280 Jr) **PS#9JC** in for spg. Graham Lasee (6-5 250 So) PS#375.

OLB GREG CAROTHERS SR. 6-2 230 PS#122WR. 12 sts @SS in '01, 81 tkl, 5 tfl. 12 sts @SS LY, 84 tkl, 8 tfl. Tyler Krambrink (6-1 210 Sr) 25 tkl in '00. Domynic Shaw (5-11 215 Sr) PS#69DB.

ILB MARQUIS COOPER SR. 6-4 210 PS#112. 4.4 spd. 11 sts LY, 100 tkls (#1), 13 tfl, **HM P10.** Joseph Lobendahn (5-10 225 Jr) PS#86. 2 sts, 23 tkls. **Scott White** (6-2 235 rFr) **PS#21** LY.

ILB Cory Jones So. 6-1 215 PS#50RB. Notre Dame trans. Tim Galloway (6-2 235 Jr) PS#102. 22 tkls, 4 tfl in 2001. 26 tkls, 2 tfl in 2002. Tahj Bomar (6-2 212 Fr) **PS#25LB.**

CB ROC ALEXANDER SR. 6-0 185 PS#123 **4.24 speed.** 4 sts, 29 tkls, 4 int, 11 pbu in 2001. 5 starts (until inj) in 2002. Chris Massey (5-11 170 Sr) 15 sts, 75 tkls the last 3 years.

CB DERRICK JOHNSON JR. 6-0 185 **4.37 spd.** 13 sts LY, **2nd Tm Pac 10,** 56 tkls, 5 int, 10 pbu. Matt Fountaine (5-11 180 rFr) PS#90RB. Kim Taylor (6-0 190 rFr) PS#154. PQ LY.

SS Evan Benjamin So. 6-0 205 **PS#54.** 3 sts in '02, 46 tkls, 1 int. James Sims (6-1 195 So) PS#61DB. 5 sts in '02, 35 tkls, 3 pbu, track team. BJ Newberry (6-0 200 Jr) 4 tkls LY.

FS JIMMY NEWELL JR. 6-1 195 **PS#34DB.** 11 tkls as true. 4 sts LY, 26 tkls, 1 pbu. Owen Biddle (5-10 190 Sr) 8 sts, 73 tkls, 2 int, 3 years. CJ Wallace (6-0 195 Fr) PS#188RB.

P Sean Douglas Fr. 6-1 195 PS#45K. He avg'd 41.6 on 37 punts, 10 inside 10 yd line as senior in HS. Michael Braunstein is PS#4. 41.4 avg in HS. Garth Erickson (6-1 160 Sr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

WR	Craig Chambers 6-5 190 PS#18	
LB	Tahj Bomar 6-2 212 PS#25	
WR	Quintin Daniels 6-0 171 PS#26	
WR	Corey Williams 6-3 185 PS#37	
DB	Derrick Bradley 5-9 180 PS#47	
K	Michael Braunstein 5-8 170 PS#4	
WR	Bobby Whithorne 6-1 175 PS#58	
DL	Mike Mapu 6-3 280 PS#9JC	
WR	Charles Smith 6-1 175 PS#61	
LB	Robert Lewis 6-5 215 PS#50	
TE	Casey Tyler 6-6 265 PS#27	
DB	Kyle Trew 6-2 215 PS#62	
TE	Jon Lyon 6-6 250 PS#27JC	
OL	Chad Macklin 6-8 265 PS#97	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UW	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	at Ohio St	G						Rick Neuheisel is 5-0 as a home dog since arriving in Seattle. Washington is 3-7-1 ATS the week before playing Washington St. The Huskies are 10-4-1 their last 15 season openers.
Sep. 6	Indiana	A						Washington is 3-7-1 ATS their last 11 on grass. The home team is 4-0 SU & ATS since 1986 in this matchup.
Sep. 13								UW is 13-3 SU vs the Big 10 since 1980, outscoring them 432-214. Washington is 16-1 SU their last 17 home openers, 7-3 ATS the last 10.
Sep. 20	Idaho	A						UW is 32-2-2 SU all time vs Idaho (1st game was in 1900). Neuheisel is 6-13-1 ATS at Husky Stadium as a home favorite.
Sep. 27	Stanford	A						Washington is 17-2 SU & 13-5-1 ATS vs Stanford since 1980. Huskies are 2-6-1 ATS in their last 9 conference openers.
Oct. 4	at UCLA	G						UW is 1-5 SU & 0-5-1 ATS their last 6 vs UCLA (0-3 SU & ATS last 3 away). When a fav in conf road openers, UW is 7-2 ATS & when not 1-4-1 ATS S/'88.
Oct. 11	Nevada	A						Huskies are 3-10 ATS under Neuheisel as a fav of 9 or more. Coming into 2003, UW was 8-3 ATS their last 11 vs non-conference foes.
Oct. 18	at Oregon St	A						The visitor is 6-3 ATS the L/9 in this matchup. UW is 24-2 SU vs OSU S/'75, outscoring them by an avg of 35-15 ppg.
Oct. 25	USC	A						Washington is 3-7 ATS in their last 10 showdowns with the Trojans. The dog is 12-4-1 ATS in the Washington/USC series.
Nov. 1	Oregon	A						Washington is 6-3-1 ATS the last 10 November games. The home team is 2-5 ATS the last 7 meetings.
Nov. 8	at Arizona	G						Washington is 4-1 SU, but 1-4 ATS their last 5 matchups vs Arizona. The visitor has covered the last 6 ATS.
Nov. 15	at California	G						Washington is just 2-6 ATS the last 8 vs California. UW is 3-8 ATS in their last 11 road finales.
Nov. 22	Washington St	A						Washington is 22-7 SU their last 29 series meetings with Wash St. Huskies are 3-6 ATS in the battle for the Apple Cup, but 3-0 ATS L/3.
Nov. 29								

RICK NEUHEISEL (Career 66-30)

5th Year at Washington

Neuheisel's records AT WASHINGTON

33-16 Straight Up
20-23-2 Vs The Spread
4-8 Off A SU Loss
12-18-2 Vs Conference
6-13-1 Home Favorite
5-0 Home Dog
3-4-1 Away Favorite
6-6 Away Dog
8-5 Vs Non-Conf

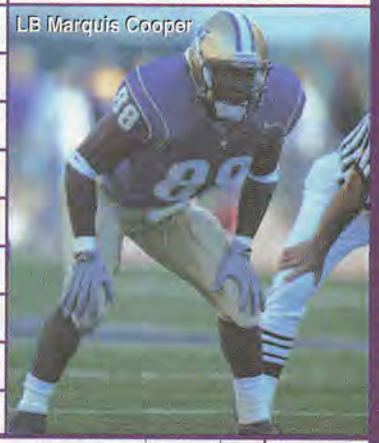
2002 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (26,26,0)
Lost: 17 (10,5,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 71,435

PAC 10


LB Marquis Cooper

STADIUM: HUSKY STADIUM (72,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	7-4	6-5	7-4	10-1	8-3	7-5	54-24
ATS	8-2-1	6-5	4-7	6-5	4-5-2	5-6	5-7	38-37-3
Home Fav	6-0	2-4	2-3	2-3	1-3-1	2-2	1-5	16-20-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-0	1-0	5-1
Away Fav	1-1	4-0	0-1	2-1	1-1-1	0-2	0-0	8-6-1
Away Dog	1-1-1	0-1	2-2	1-1	1-1	1-2	3-2	9-10-1
Favorite	7-1	6-4	2-4	4-4	2-4-2	2-4	1-5	24-26-2
Dog	1-1-1	0-1	2-3	2-1	2-1	3-2	4-2	14-11-1
Grass	1-1-1	3-1	1-1	2-2	1-1-1	1-3	1-2	10-11-2
Artificial	7-1	3-4	3-6	4-3	3-4-1	4-3	4-5	28-26-1
vs Conf	6-1-1	4-4	2-6	5-3	1-5-2	3-5	3-5	24-29-3
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	3-0	2-1	2-2	14-8
Off SU Win	6-2	5-2	1-4	4-2	3-4-2	3-5	3-3	25-22-2
Off SU Loss	2-0	0-3	2-3	2-2	0-1	1-1	1-4	8-14

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Rich Alexis	**202**	**735**	**47**	**688**	**10**	**3.4**
Braxton Cleman	74	257	29	228	1	3.1
Chris Singleton	**64**	**237**	**13**	**224**	**1**	**3.5**
Cody Pickett	**86**	**154**	**339**	**-185**	**3**	**-2.2**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Cody Pickett	**612**	**365**	**59.6**	**4458**	**28**	**14**
Taylor Barton	8	7	87.5	43	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Reggie Williams	**94**	**1454**	**15.5**	**11**	**89**	
Charles Frederick	**45**	**651**	**14.5**	**2**	**74**	
Patrick Reddick	54	583	10.8	4	35	
Paul Arnold	37	517	14.0	5	66	
Kevin Ware	42	463	11.0	5	39	
Rich Alexis	**27**	**266**	**9.9**	**0**	**34**	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Derek McLaughlin	57	2194	38.5	80	34.3	0	15
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
John Anderson	42-44	7-10	8-10	4-7	3-7	22-34	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Marquis Cooper	**100**	**3**	**10**	**2**	**1**
Ben Mahdavi	100	2	9	3	1
Greg Carothers	**84**	**1**	**7**	**2**	**0**
Derrick Johnson	**56**	**0**	**1**	**10**	**5**
Jafar Williams	54	2	3	0	0
Kai Ellis	51	7	4	5	1
Evan Benjamin	**46**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**
Manase Hopoi	**38**	**7**	**10**	**1**	**0**
James Sims	**35**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**
Nate Robinson	34	0	2	6	2
Josh Miller	**33**	**2**	**5**	**1**	**0**
Jimmy Newell	**26**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Tim Galloway	**26**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Terry Johnson	**25**	**5**	**4**	**1**	**1**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Charles Frederick	**18**	**146**	**8.1**	**0**	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Charles Frederick	**30**	**601**	**20.0**	**0**	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Oahu	+3'	Air Force	25-45	L
99	Holiday	+10'	Kansas St	20-24	W
00	Rose	-1'	Purdue	34-27	W
01	Holiday	+13	Texas	43-47	W
02	Sun	-3	Purdue	24-34	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

WASHINGTON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	30.6	25	74	2.1	346	59.9	13.7	+1	2002	5	26.3	18	98	2.8	259	55.8	13.6
4	29.4	21	115	3.1	281	54.4	13.4	-2	2001	5	30.8	21	159	4.1	241	58.6	13.0
8*	32.3	22	216	4.8	192	54.2	12.7	-3	2000	7	22.5	18	136	3.8	214	48.6	15.5
5	27.6	21	180	4.2	206	57.9	14.0	-2	1999	6	25.2	20	139	3.9	246	53.8	15.4
4*	25.3	19	134	3.7	227	53.7	14.3	-8	1998	5	28.6	20	140	3.5	271	54.4	14.4
7*	35.0	19	173	4.5	247	59.5	12.0	+6	1997	8	21.6	18	113	3.0	229	52.4	15.8

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Michigan	18	34-81	2.4	28-45	318	2	20	36-150	4.2	22-39	268	2	0
San Jose St	27	37-152	4.1	22-35	347	2	13	33-35	1.1	21-36	236	4	0
Wyoming	36	37-113	3.1	37-48	436	1	16	31-86	2.8	20-31	169	8	-3
Idaho	30	45-129	2.9	32-45	438	3	24	25-95	3.8	22-40	309	2	+1
California	26	28-42	1.5	35-59	399	5	17	42-125	3.0	13-24	266	1	-2
Arizona	24	38-82	2.2	25-35	345	2	26	29-24	0.8	29-41	443	5	+1
at USC	18	19-(-5)	-0.3	38-65	361	3	16	34-74	2.2	21-34	348	1	0
at Arizona St	21	38-42	1.1	18-37	210	8	14	37-45	1.2	18-28	184	3	-1
UCLA	31	32-69	2.2	29-60	429	4	13	37-127	3.4	13-27	189	1	-4
Oregon St	17	36-37	1.0	22-43	262	1	20	39-158	4.1	16-44	262	0	+5
at Oregon	27	49-163	3.3	26-37	316	0	14	25-130	5.2	10-33	170	2	+1
at Wash St	26	37-19	0.5	35-58	368	4	19	39-104	2.7	19-32	246	6	+4
† Purdue	23	24-44	1.8	25-54	272	2	24	40-117	2.9	25-37	283	1	-1
TOTALS	324	454-968	2.1	372-621	4501	37	236	447-1270	2.8	249-446	3373	36	+1
AVERAGES	24.9	35-74	2.1	29-48	346	2.8	18.2	34-98	2.8	19-34	259	2.8	0.1

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arizona St	+6	42-38	W
BYU	-9'	20-10	W
at Nebraska	+13'	7-55	L
Arizona	-2	28-31	L
Utah St	-21	53-12	W
California	-9	21-13	L
Oregon St	-16'	35-34	L
at USC	+6	10-33	L
at Oregon	+6'	22-27	W
UCLA	+6'	24-36	L
at Wash St	-9'	16-9	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	+3'	28-35	L
Air Force	-4	21-31	L
Colorado	+3'	31-24	W
Oregon	-2'	34-20	W
at Oregon St	-2'	47-21	W
Arizona St	-10	7-28	L
at California	-3	31-27	W
Stanford	-3	35-30	W
at Arizona	+5'	33-25	W
at UCLA	-8'	20-23 OT	L
Wash St	-14	24-14	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Idaho	-22	44-20	W
Miami, Fl	+3	34-29	W
at Colorado	+4'	17-14	W
at Oregon	+2	16-23	L
Oregon St	-9'	33-30	L
at Arizona St	-6	21-15	T
California	-16	36-24	L
at Stanford	-7	31-28	L
Arizona	-7	35-32	L
UCLA	-7	35-28	T
at Wash St	-8	51-3	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Michigan	-3	23-18	W
Idaho	-25'	53-3	W
at California	-15'	31-28	L
USC	-5'	27-24	L
at UCLA	+13'	13-35	L
Arizona	-16	31-28	L
at Arizona St	+3	33-31	W
Stanford	+1	42-28	W
at Oregon St	-3'	24-49	L
Wash St	+1'	26-14	W
at Miami, Fl	+25'	7-65	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan	+6	29-31	W
San Jose St	-30	34-10	L
Wyoming	-30'	38-7	W
Idaho	-30'	41-27	L
California	-11	27-34	L
Arizona	-13'	32-28	L
at USC	+7'	21-41	L
at Arizona St	+3'	16-27	L
UCLA	-3	24-34	L
Oregon St	+6	41-29	W
at Oregon	+6'	42-14	W
at Wash St	+8	29-26 3OT	W

USC TROJANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

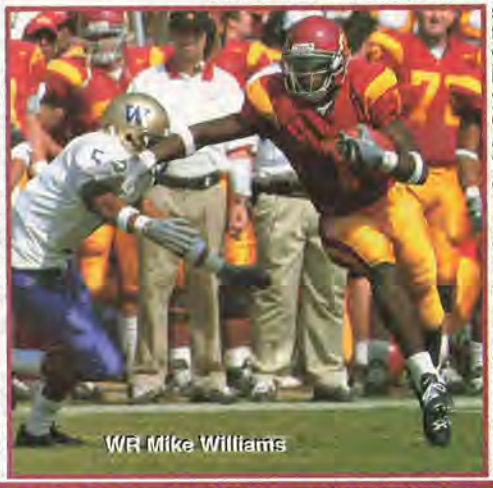
QUARTERBACKS - Carson Palmer (#1DC of CIN) was PS#7 and much was expected of him when he came out of HS. He came into last year with a career ratio of 39-39 and an overall record as a starter of just 16-16. In the second year of Norm Chow's offense Palmer flourished. After the first six games he had thrown for 1,633 yards (60.1%) with a 9-6 ratio. The final 7 games of his USC career were simply spectacular. He threw for 2,309 yards (329.9 ypg) completing 66% with an amazing 24-4 ratio. He threw for 425 yards, the most ever allowed by a Notre Dame defense and that was the key game in his becoming USC's 5th Heisman Trophy winner. He set seven Pac 10 records and leaves as the Pac 10 career record holder in total offense, breaking Steve Stenstrom's mark set back in 1994 of 10,911 yards. Matt Cassel (PS#20) battled Matt Leinart (PS#9) for the 2nd string spot all of last year. Cassel suffered a knee injury in August and had arthroscopic surgery after the season to clear it out. He appeared in ten games but threw for just four passes for 27 yards. Leinart (6-5 215 So) appeared in 3 games with 0 pass attempts. Those two will battle Brandon Hance (6-1 190 Jr) who was PS#14 and had 9 starts at Purdue in 2001 throwing for 1,529 yards (52.7%) with an 8-10 ratio while rushing for 407 yards. Also in the mix is Billy Hart (6-2 205 So, PS#33). In April, 2004's top QB recruit John David Booty (6-3 200) announced that he is skipping his senior year of HS and will enroll in the fall. Cassel and Leinart are both tall QB's (like Palmer), while Hance and Hart are shorter but more mobile. Booty is tall and mobile. I like the talent level of this group but with the loss of a four year starter who won the Heisman Trophy and was the 1st pick of the NFL draft, you don't need me to tell you that this unit is weaker in 2003.

RUNNING BACKS - This is a school known for its RB's with four Heisman Trophy winners among them in Mike Garrett, OJ Simpson, Charles White and Marcus Allen. Injuries decimated this unit in 2001 and for a good part of the season their top RB was FB Sunny Byrd who rushed for 336 yards (2.7) and naturally had a lack of breakaway speed. Last year, heading into the season, the two fastest RB's both had hamstring injuries in Sultan McCullough (the fastest player ever at USC) and Justin Fargas (210 lbs, 4.26 speed. #3DC of OAK). McCullough got healthy and was the leading rusher in each of the first 7 games finishing with 814 yards (4.5). Fargas did not get his first start until the 8th game when he rushed for 139 yards. He had three more 100 yard efforts on the year and finished with 715 yards (4.4). Unfortunately both of those players depart as does Malaefou MacKenzie (174 yds, 3.7, #7DC of JAX) and FB's Byrd (29 yds, 3.6) & Chad Pierson (3 sts, 6 rec). I list the 2 deep below and Brandon Hancock should be a solid FB as he can bench 225 lbs twenty-nine times and is a chiseled 235 lbs. Hershel Dennis (PS#10), who had 198 yards (4.0) as a true frosh, should be the starter but Carroll signed an amazing crop of true frosh TB's with THREE of the top 12 RB's!! This unit has a lot of talent, but with the loss of their top three guys, I'll call them weaker in 2003.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team returned their top two receivers and got the tremendous addition of true frosh Mike Williams. The only major loss was their starting TE. Williams did have 4 drops vs Kan St but later put together 4 straight 100 yard games including a 13 rec, 226 yard effort vs Oregon. Williams only started two games last year but was clearly the best WR leading the team with 81 rec (15.6) and snagging 14 TD's. He wore a boot for his ankle prior to Ariz St and a thigh bruise slowed him the next two games but he still finished with 1,265 yards, an NCAA frosh record. This year they must replace WR Kareem Kelly (PS#4, #6DC of NO) who had 11 starts and 46 rec (13.2) and leaves as the school's all-time leader in receptions. I do expect Keary Colbert to surpass his totals and then Williams to surpass those in the next two years. Also gone are Grant Mattos (5 rec, 15.2) and backup TE Doyal Butler (PS#25). Basically three of the top four return from this unit including two starters and while the unit may not match year's numbers due to the inexperienced QB, it looks a little stronger talent-wise, is very deep at TE and adds in TWO of the top 3 WR's out of HS this year!

OFFENSIVE LINE - This unit traditionally under-performs and USC has topped 4.0 ypc rushing just once since 1996. Norm Chow's offense relies on quick passes designed so that the OL doesn't have to hold their blocks very long. In his first year here USC surprisingly allowed 36 sacks because of the youth on the O-line. Last year all five starters returned and they ended up leading the Pac 10 with the fewest amount of sacks allowed (23). True frosh Fred Matua was supposed to start the opener but was injured and ended up redshirting. Another true frosh, Winston Justice (PS#3), became the first Trojan true frosh to start on the O-line since 1996. The team did manage just 3.64 ypc rushing but this could be one of the top units in the Pac 10 this year as almost everyone is back. The lone losses are RG Zach Wilson (11 sts, 3 yr st'r, 2nd Tm P10) and LG Derek Graf (2 sts). Five players are back who have twelve or more starts in their career as well as Matua and rFr Kyle Williams (PS#13) while also adding two of the top fifteen OL's out of HS this year. This should be the best USC O-line in quite a few years.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the team had to replace two starters and two backups but the unit was outstanding throughout the year. The front four was able to generate a solid pass rush so the Trojans did not have to blitz as much. The unit did lose its top DT, Shaun Cody (PS#1) to injury after six games but Bernard Riley filled in starting the final seven. This year they must replace NT Riley (25 tkls, 1 sk) and DE Anthony Daye (2 tkls). Van Brown is NFL All-pro LB Chad's brother and originally signed at Oregon in 1999. This group is nicknamed "The Wild Bunch II" in honor of USC's famous 1969 defensive front. They signed three of the top ten DL's out of HS this year and since Carroll likes to play true frosh, you can expect them to contend for time immediately. I list the rest of the two deep below and this clearly is one of the best D-lines in the country.


WR Mike Williams

LINEBACKERS - Last year four of the top seven LB's returned including two starters and three true frosh ended up being the backups throughout the season. This year they must replace MLB Michael Pollard (13 sts, 49 tkls, 8 tfl, HM P10, PS#29). Five of the top six are back and they add two of the top 14 LB's out of HS this year who could have an immediate impact. Another player to watch is Lofa Tatupu who was the leading tackler at Maine in 2001 and transferred to his father Mosi's alma mater last year. I list the 2 deep below and this unit has even more experience than it had heading into last season and should be equally tough.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Trojans had a veteran secondary in 2001 which finished #16 in my pass efficiency defense rankings. Last year they lost three CB's, two of whom were drafted and the other signed as a FA in the NFL. They did return their star in Troy Polamalu who was the first AA safety at USC since Mark Carrier in 1989. Overall the group finished #12 in my pass D rankings allowing 49.8%. They accomplished this despite losing projected starting CB Kevin Arbet to injury prior to the year and then starting CB Ronald Nunn to injury after 3 starts. This year the losses are heavy again with 3 full-time starters gone in CB Darrell Rideaux (PS#3, 13 sts, 46 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu), SS Polamalu (11 sts, 1st Tm AA, #1DC of PIT, Thorpe finalist), and FS DeShaun Hill (13 sts, 2nd Tm P10, 2 int, 8 pbu). I list the 2 deep below and six players have starting experience on the major college level. The battle at FS is especially intriguing. I like the make up of this group as they are just about as experienced as they were heading into last season but with the loss of Polamalu, I'll call them down a notch.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Surprisingly, with USC's success last year, the special teams unit struggled finishing just #104 in my rankings and changed FG kickers early (see Hardcore Fans). The return game was the worst in the Pac 10 with top PR Greig Carlson averaging just 6.6 and top KR Hershel Dennis (16.8). They also allowed 24.1 on KR's and were -3 in the TD/Blk category. A bright spot was P Tom Malone who had a solid 36.5 net. Kevin Arbet was the top PR in 2001 (9.0). Fortunately this year Malone returns as does everyone else and with the solid talent that USC recruits on a yearly basis, this unit can only improve in 2003.

COACHES - Pete Carroll was the DC for the NY Jets from 1990-'93 and then became their head coach in 1994. In 1997-'99 he was the head man in New England. He took over a USC team that has traditionally underachieved and led them to an 11-2 record in his second season here. He has one of the top OC's in Norm Chow who spent 27 years at BYU and also found success at NC State before coming here. Chow won the 2002 Broyles Award as the top assistant in the country and the team scored 40+ points in three straight games for the first time since 1972. Chow actually turned down the Kentucky head coaching job to stay put. Carroll coaches the defense himself.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1950 to 1989, a period that ended with three consecutive appearances in the Rose Bowl, USC had only eight seasons in which they lost at least five games. In the next twelve years they reached that five loss total NINE times and were one of the most underachieving teams in the country over the last decade. In Pete Carroll's second year they took on the nation's toughest schedule and simply beat seven teams that were ranked in the Top 25. They finished off the season as one of the most impressive teams in the country destroying UCLA, ND and Iowa by a combined 134 to 51. The team achieved its highest victory total since 1979 despite facing 11 teams that would wind up in bowls. They also got their first Heisman Trophy winner in 21 years and their fourth straight win over UCLA. This year they return six starters on both offense and defense. I actually picked USC to win the Pac 10 last year and they were the best team in the league as they outscored Pac 10 foes by 17 ppg and outgained them by 126.3 ypg, both best in the conference and finished the highest ranked of all Pac 10 teams. USC is very capable of repeating as conference champs. They have a tremendous O-line, solid talent at RB and one of the top receiving corps in the country plus four VHT QB's contending for the open spot. Defensively USC could be even stronger than last year when they had my #3 rated defense in the Pac 10. One concern is the fact that USC did finish +18 in turnovers last year (see page 310). Most of my sets of power ratings tab USC as the most talented team in the Pac 10. I think the league title will come down to the Trojan's October 25th showdown with Washington in Seattle.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Brandon Hance Jr. 6-1 190 **PS#14**. 9 sts at Purdue, 1529 yds (52.7%) 8-10 ratio, 407 rush. Matt Cassel (6-5 225 Jr) **PS#20**. 57 ttl yds, 2Y. Matt Leinart (6-5 215 So) **PS#9**.
RB Hershel Dennis So. 5-11 175 **PS#10**. Top KR as **true**. 198 rush yds (4.0) 4 rec (5.8). Reggie Bush **PS#5**. Chauncey Washington **PS#12**. LenDale White **PS#7**.
FB Brandon Hancock So. 6-1 235 **PS#19LB**. 2 sts at FB, 23ttl yds LY. Missed spg (hand). Lee Webb (5-11 240 Jr) 11 tkls at LB, 17 games 2Y. David Kirtman (6-0 225 So) PS#82.
WR Mike Williams So. 6-5 210 **Pac 10 Fr of Yr**. #1 as **true** w/81 rec (15.6), 2 starts. Steve Smith **PS#3**. Chris McFoy (6-1 185 rFr) PS#76. Greig Carlson (5-10 185 So).
WR KEARY COLBERT SR. 6-1 205 PS#35. 16 sts in 2000 & '01, 67 rec (13.8). 13 sts LY, 71 rec (14.5). **2nd Tm P10**. Whitney Lewis **PS#2**. Jason Mitchell PS#29JC, 69 rec at JC in '01.
TE ALEX HOLMES SR. 6-3 265 **PS#5**. 7 rec as true, 22 rec (7.5) in '01, 12 sts LY, 29 rec (11.0). Gregg Guenther (6-8 245 Jr) PS#30, 1 st, 7 rec LY. Dominique Byrd (6-3 250 So) **PS#3**.
C NORM KATNIK SR. 6-4 280 PS#242. 2 games as rFr. 10 sts in 2001 (4@C, 1@T, 5@G). 12 sts @ C in 2002. Kurt Katnik (6-4 255 rFr). Ryan Kalil is **PS#34**.
RG Fred Matua rFr. 6-3 305 **PS#12** was going to start as true but inj'd & RS. Kyle Williams (6-6 280 rFr) **PS#13**. John Lanza (6-3 265 rFr). Sam Baker is **PS#15**.
LG LENNY VANDERMADE SR. 6-3 275 **PS#27**. 12 starts as rFr, Frosh AA. 8 starts at C in 2001. 9 sts @ LG LY til inj. Travis Watkins (6-3 300 Jr) PS#168. Drew Radovich is PS#5.
RT WINSTON JUSTICE SO. 6-6 305 **PS#3**. 12 sts as **true**, Fr AA. 1st true OL to start here S/96. **Eric Torres** (6-5 300 Sr) PS#122. **12 sts** in '01. **7 sts** LY (5 @G, 2 @T). John Drake PS#113JC.
LT JACOB ROGERS SR. 6-6 305 PS#25TE. 11 sts in '01, **HM P10**. 12 sts at LT LY, **1st Tm P10**. Nate Steinbacher (6-5 300 Sr) PS#33. 1 gm at DT LY. Travis Draper is PS#73.
K RYAN KILLEEN JR. 5-11 210 Took over starter's job in game 3 as **true**. Hit 16 of 23 FG's with long of 48 including 4 of 6 from 40-49. Also did KO's. Tom Malone is PS#4.

DE OMAR NAZEL SR. 6-5 240 **PS#35**. 15 tkls, 3 sks in 2001. 13 sts, 38 tkls, 6.5 sks, 4 tfl, 7 pbu LY. Chris Barrett **PS#9**. Frostee Rucker (6-4 240 So) Colorado St transfer.
NT MIKE PATTERSON JR. 6-0 285 PS#140. 9 tkls, 3 sks as true. 13 sts LY, **2nd Tm P10**. 37 tkls, 5.5 sks, 6 tfl. LaJuan Ramsey (6-3 265 So) PS#122LB. Travis Tofi (6-4 235 rFr) Scout Tm MVP.
DT Shaun Cody Jr. 6-4 275 **PS#1**! 8 sts as true, 39 tkls, 5 sks. 6 starts last year until ACL, 20 tkls, 1 tfl. AJ Single (6-2 275 Jr) **PS#56**, inj'd 2 years. Sedrick Ellis **PS#8**.
DE KENECHI UDEZE JR. 6-4 280 **PS#69OL**. 10 sts as rFr, 35 tkls, 9 tfl. 13 sts LY, 44 tkls, 7.5 sks, 8 tfl, **2nd Tm Pac 10**. Van Brown (6-5 255 Jr) 1.5 sks LY. Lawrence Jackson **PS#6**.
SLB MATT GROOTEGOED JR. 5-11 205 **PS#3DB**. 7 sts as rFr, 32 tkls, 8 tfl. 13 sts LY, 81 tkls, 8 sks, 8 tfl, **1st Tm P10**. Dallas Sartz (6-5 210 So) **PS#23DB**. 8 tkls LY. Drean Rucker **PS#14**.
MLB Oscar Lua So. 6-1 245 PS#66. 13 tkls, 1 sk as rFr, torn ACL pre-bowl. Lofa Tatupu (5-11 215 So) Mosi's son, 67 tkls, 16.5 tfl at Maine in '01. Daniel Urquhart (6-2 250 Jr) PS#72JC.
WLB MELVIN SIMMONS SR. 6-1 215 PS#113. 10 sts in 2000 at Wash St. 59 tkls, 11 tfl. 13 sts here LY, 71 tkls. Thomas Williams **PS#8**. Bobby Otani (6-0 210 Jr) PS#141, 10 tkls LY.
CB William Buchanon So. 6-4 175 **PS#23WR**. Moved to CB as rFr. 3 sts, 19 tkls, 6 pbu. Kevin Arbet (5-11 190 Sr) 6 sts, 69 tkls, 4 int, 11 pbu in 2000 & 2001. Ryan Ting (5-11 180 Fr) PS#58.
CB MARCELL ALLMOND SR. 6-0 200 PS#5WR. 7 sts in '99 & 2000, 30 rec (15.4). L/7 sts at CB LY, 34 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu. Ronald Nunn (5-10 170 Jr) PS#172JC. 3 sts LY until inj. John Walker PS#77.
SS Jason Leach Jr. 5-11 210 PS#29. 8 tkls as rFr. 2 sts LY (incl bowl) 30 tkls, 4 int, 3 pbu. Mike Ross (6-0 185 So) PS#83, 8 tkls as **true**. Terrell Thomas PS#55. Desmond Reed PS#45.
FS Darnell Bing Fr. 6-2 220 **PS#4** LY. Given #20 Mike Garrett's retired jersey.
Will Poole (5-0 190 Sr) PS#64. **10 sts @ Boston Coll** in 2000, #2 tkl'r, 2 int, 8 pbu. 7 int at JC LY.
P TOM MALONE SO. 6-0 185 **PS#4**. 43.4 avg in HS & 9 inside 10. 62 punts as **true** LY, **HM Pac 10**, 42.1 avg and net of 36.5. Tommy Huff (6-1 220 Sr). Walk-on from Michigan.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

WR	Whitney Lewis 6-1 220 PS#2	QB John David Booty 6-3 200 PS#10B in 2004!!!!!
WR	Steve Smith 6-1 190 PS#3	
RB	Reggie Bush 6-0 190 PS#5	
OL	Drew Radovich 6-5 280 PS#5	
DL	Lawrence Jackson 6-5 250 PS#6	
DL	Sedrick Ellis 6-2 280 PS#8	
RB	LenDale White 6-2 225 PS#7	
DL	Chris Barrett 6-5 250 PS#9	
LB	Thomas Williams 6-3 225 PS#8	
OL	Sam Baker 6-5 315 PS#15	
RB	Chauncey Washington 6-1 205 PS#12	
LB	Drean Rucker 6-2 235 PS#14	
OL	Ryan Kalil 6-4 270 PS#34	
DL	Fili Moala 6-5 300 PS#59	

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#10

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score USC	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
								The Trojans are 10-3 ATS their last 13 November games. The visitor is 7-1 ATS the last 8 in the USC/Oregon series.
Aug. 30	at Auburn	G						Trojans are 6-3 ATS last 9 season openers, but 0-2 the last 2 years. USC is 4-3-1 SU but only 1-7 ATS vs the SEC since 1980.
Sep. 6	BYU	G						Southern California is 7-4 ATS L/11 home openers, but 0-4 ATS the L/4. USC is just 1-6 ATS at home vs non-conference opponents since 2000.
Sep. 13	Hawaii	G						Only 2nd mtg in 20+ yrs. Last mtg was a 62-7 SU stomping by USC in '99. USC is 2-5 ATS vs non-conference teams in the 2nd of 2+ home games.
Sep. 20								
Sep. 27	at California	G						Trojans are 4-9 ATS vs California last 13 meetings. USC is 5-1 SU & ATS on road grass under Pete Carroll.
Oct. 4	at Arizona St	G						Trojans are 9-4 in the 2nd of a 2+ road trip. USC is 4-1 SU & ATS their last 5 vs the Sun Devils.
Oct. 11	Stanford	G						Southern Cal is just 2-5 ATS at home vs Stanford their last 7 visits. USC is 4-9 ATS the week before Notre Dame but 3-0 the last 3 years.
Oct. 18	at Notre Dame	G						Trojans are 2-6 ATS vs non-conference teams in a Pac 10 sandwich. USC is 1-9 SU their last 10 visits to the Golden Dome, but 5-2 ATS L/7 gms.
Oct. 25	at Washington	A						Southern Cal is 14-5 ATS on artificial turf vs Pac 10 foes since 1992. The Trojans are 7-3 ATS vs the Huskies their last 10 meetings.
Nov. 1	Wash St (HC)	G						USC is 2-6 ATS their last 8 Homecoming games. Southern Cal is 2-3 SU & 1-4 ATS their last 5 vs Washington St.
Nov. 8								
Nov. 15	at Arizona	G						USC is 5-3 SU but 6-2 ATS in their final road game of the season. The favorite is 6-2 ATS the last 8 series meetings.
Nov. 22	UCLA	G						USC is 4-2 SU & 5-1 ATS the last 6 vs the Bruins. The dog is 11-3 ATS the last 14 meetings.
Dec. 6	Oregon St	G						Trojans are 17-1 SU & 14-4 ATS in this series S/'81, but 1-3 ATS last 4. USC has covered 6 of their last 7 home finales.

PETE CARROLL (Career 17-8)

3rd Year at USC

Carroll's records AT USC

17-8 Straight Up	5-5 Home Favorite
14-9 Vs The Spread	1-1 Home Dog
5-2 Off A SU Loss	5-2 Away Favorite
12-4 Vs Conference	3-1 Away Dog
	2-5 Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (24,21,4)
Lost: 22 (13,8,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 66,853

PAC 10

LT Jacob Rogers

STADIUM: LA MEMORIAL COLISEUM (92,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	6-5	8-4	6-6	5-7	6-5	10-2	47-35
ATS	4-8	6-5	9-3	4-8	3-9	6-5	8-4	40-42
Home Fav	1-3	1-3	6-1	2-4	0-5	1-3	4-2	15-21
Home Dog	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-1	0-0	4-3
Away Fav	2-3	2-0	2-0	1-2	0-2	2-1	3-1	12-9
Away Dog	0-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	3-0	2-0	1-1	9-9
Favorite	3-6	3-3	8-1	3-6	0-7	3-4	7-3	27-30
Dog	1-2	3-2	1-2	1-2	3-2	3-1	1-1	13-12
Grass	2-6	5-4	7-3	3-6	3-8	4-5	7-2	31-34
Artificial	2-2	1-1	2-0	1-2	0-1	2-0	1-2	9-8
vs Conf	2-6	4-4	6-2	1-7	2-6	6-2	6-2	27-29
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	3-1	3-1	1-3	0-3	2-2	13-13
Off SU Win	1-4	2-4	4-3	2-3	0-5	2-3	7-2	18-24
Off SU Loss	3-3	3-1	4-0	1-5	2-4	4-1	1-1	18-15

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Sultan McCullough	179	865	51	814	8	4.5
Justin Fargas	161	737	22	715	7	4.4
Hershel Dennis	**49**	**207**	**9**	**198**	**1**	**4.0**
Malaefou MacKenzie	47	190	16	174	2	3.7
Carson Palmer	50	105	227	-122	4	-2.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Carson Palmer	489	309	63.2	3942	33	10

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Mike Williams	**81**	**1265**	**15.6**	**14**	**55**
Keary Colbert	**71**	**1029**	**14.5**	**5**	**61**
Kareem Kelly	46	605	13.2	4	65
Malaefou MacKenzie	39	365	9.4	7	37
Alex Holmes	**29**	**320**	**11.0**	**2**	**26**
Justin Fargas	8	101	12.6	0	33

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Tom Malone	**62**	**2609**	**42.1**	**72**	**36.5**	**2**	**15**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ryan Killeen	**47-49**	**6-7**	**6-9**	**4-6**	**0-1**	**16-23**	**48**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Matt Grootegoed	**81**	**8**	**8**	**4**	**1**
Melvin Simmons	**71**	**2.5**	**4**	**5**	**2**
Troy Polamalu	68	3	6	4	1
DeShaun Hill	54	1	0	8	2
Mike Pollard	49	1	7	3	1
Darrell Rideaux	46	2	2	7	2
Kenechi Udeze	**44**	**7.5**	**8**	**1**	**1**
Omar Nazel	**38**	**6.5**	**4**	**7**	**1**
Mike Patterson	**37**	**5.5**	**6**	**1**	**0**
Marcell Allmond	**34**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**1**
Jason Leach	**30**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**4**
Bernard Riley	25	1	0	1	0
William Buchanon	**19**	**0**	**1**	**6**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Greig Carlson	**27**	**177**	**6.6**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Hershel Dennis	**9**	**151**	**16.8**	**0**
Justin Fargas	7	132	18.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Cotton	-6'	Texas Tech	55-14	W
95	Rose	-3	Northwestern	41-32	W
98	Sun	-16	TCU	19-28	L
01	Las Vegas	-3'	Utah	6-10	L
02	Orange	-4'	Iowa	38-17	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

USC'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	35.8	24	142	3.6	307	63.4	12.6	+18	2002	5	18.5	16	83	2.8	202	49.8	15.4
8*	24.8	15	88	2.6	227	58.6	12.7	+16	2001	6	17.3	18	155	3.9	176	54.7	19.2
6*	25.8	22	154	4.1	262	54.9	16.2	-19	2000	9	28.1	18	126	3.1	217	51.3	12.2
9*	29.0	21	145	3.6	258	56.2	13.9	+14	1999	6	23.2	20	117	3.2	256	53.7	16.1
6*	26.6	16	127	3.7	217	52.9	12.9	+11	1998	8	18.5	18	156	3.8	177	49.7	17.9
8	21.2	18	139	3.6	200	53.1	16.0	+9	1997	7	21.2	20	94	2.7	266	55.5	17.0

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Auburn	22	37-84	2.3	23-32	302	1	19	38-140	3.7	11-22	141	1	-1
at Colorado	22	41-181	4.4	22-31	244	0	4	35-37	1.1	2-13	24	4	+1
at Kansas St	16	30-90	3.0	18-46	186	2	19	48-188	3.9	13-22	159	2	+4
Oregon St	25	49-99	2.0	23-41	231	2	8	29-51	1.8	8-31	80	5	+1
at Wash St	28	32-72	2.3	32-50	381	4	26	29-201	6.9	23-44	315	1	+1
California	28	51-175	3.4	25-39	289	3	17	25-90	3.6	20-30	221	3	0
Washington	16	34-74	2.2	21-34	348	1	18	19-(-5)	-0.3	38-65	361	3	0
at Oregon	31	46-160	3.5	31-42	448	2	20	27-76	2.8	20-45	336	3	+1
at Stanford	21	29-87	3.0	23-33	327	2	19	40-78	2.0	23-35	165	7	+1
Arizona St	23	38-201	5.3	21-35	233	2	19	21-27	1.3	24-49	297	4	+3
at UCLA	20	41-197	4.8	21-34	271	1	18	33-40	1.2	19-33	250	5	+5
Notre Dame	31	38-185	4.9	32-46	425	1	4	22-39	1.8	10-29	70	3	0
† Iowa	30	49-247	5.0	21-31	303	2	18	22-119	5.4	15-36	204	2	+2
TOTALS	313	515-1852	3.6	313-494	3988	23	209	388-1081	2.8	226-454	2623	43	+18
AVERAGES	24.1	40-142	3.6	24-38	307	1.8	16.1	30-83	2.8	17-35	202	3.3	1.4

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Purdue	-7'	27-17	W
San Diego St	-19'	35-6	W
Oregon St	-14	40-20	W
at Florida St	+13	10-30	L
Arizona St	-3'	35-24	W
California	-11	31-32	L
at Wash St	-9	42-14	W
at Oregon	+7	13-17	W
Washington	-6	33-10	W
at Stanford	-10'	34-9	W
at UCLA	+5'	17-34	L
Notre Dame	-8'	10-0	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Hawaii	-26'	62-7	W
San Diego St	-24	24-21	L
at Oregon	+1'	30-33 OT	L
Oregon St	-13	37-29	L
at Arizona	+1	24-31	L
at Notre Dame	+8	24-25	W
Stanford	-7'	31-35	L
at California	-5'	7-17	L
Arizona St	-6	16-26	L
at Wash St	-8'	31-28	L
UCLA	-6'	17-7	W
LA Tech	E	45-19	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Penn St	+2	29-5	W
Colorado	-7	17-14	L
San Jose St	-23	34-24	L
at Oregon St	-6'	21-31	L
Arizona	-7	15-31	L
Oregon	+1	17-28	L
at Stanford	-5'	30-32	L
California	-8	16-28	L
at Arizona St	+3	44-38 OT	W
Wash St	-11'	27-33	L
at UCLA	+3	38-35	W
Notre Dame	+1	21-38	L

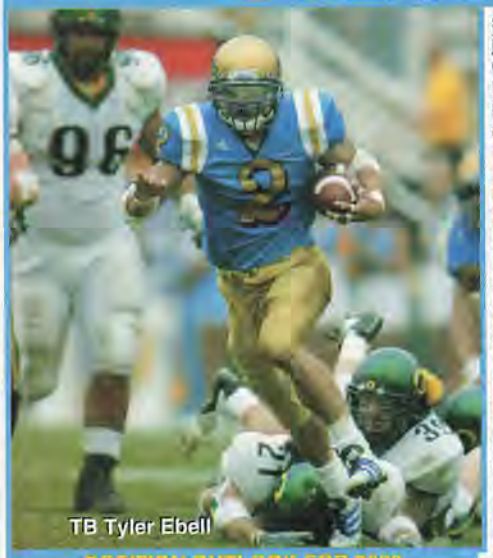
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Jose St	-15	21-10	L
Kansas St	+3	6-10	L
at Oregon	+6'	22-24	W
Stanford	-1'	16-21	L
at Washington	+5'	24-27	W
Arizona St	-2	48-17	W
at Notre Dame	-1	16-27	L
at Arizona	-6'	41-34	W
Oregon St	-6'	16-13 OT	L
at California	-13	55-14	W
UCLA	+3'	27-0	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Auburn	-7'	24-17	L
at Colorado	+3	40-3	W
at Kansas St	+2'	20-27	L
Oregon St	-3'	22-0	W
at Wash St	-3	27-30 OT	L
California	-12'	30-28	L
Washington	-7'	41-21	W
at Oregon	-1	44-33	W
at Stanford	-18'	49-17	W
Arizona St	-15'	34-13	W
at UCLA	-5'	52-21	W
Notre Dame	-11	44-13	W

UCLA BRUINS


TB Tyler Ebell

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - The Bruins have been thin depth-wise and injury prone at the QB position for the last four years. Cory Paus (PS#15) threw for 2,154 yards (56%) with a 17-9 ratio in 2000 (145.8 pass eff, tops in the Pac 10 had he played enough games to qualify). Paus, who injured his thumb early in the 2001 season, threw for 1,740 yards (52%) with an 8-8 ratio. Last year most of his backups departed. Paus, who was suspended for the season finale in 2001 and was on thin ice, managed to stay out of trouble off the field and was in firm command of the starting job last year. He threw for 1,647 yards (59.2%) with a 10-6 ratio but unfortunately fractured his ankle against Cal. He departs as #2 all-time in passing yards for UCLA. Drew Olson (PS#17) was given playing time early but then he sprained his shoulder against Cal. John Sciarra (PS#68), whose father was the QB for the Bruins in the 1976 Rose Bowl, came in for the 4Q against Cal but struggled (1 of 7, 10 yds, 2 fmbl). The next week vs Stanford it was true frosh Matt Moore (PS#19) taking off his redshirt and getting the start, and while he hit just 7 of 19 for 142 yards, the team got the win. Olson would then start the final five games. In the 2Q vs USC after Olson had just guided a 78 yard drive, Toledo caught a lot of flack for putting Moore in for the next series and he fumbled the first two snaps, losing the second. In the bowl game, Olson hurt his right thumb in the 1Q after attempting just six passes. Moore hit 9 of 16 for 80 yards. With the two VHT's now having experience, this group should improve upon last year's passing numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - DeShaun Foster was arguably the best RB in college football in 2001 and probably would have won the Heisman Trophy had he not been suspended late in the season. Last year the team came into the season planning to use five TB's to take his place with each having their own strengths. Manuel White (PS#30) won the starting FB job and then took over the starting TB job vs Oregon St but injured his hamstring and missed four games. He finished with 381 yards (4.5). Akil Harris (PS#34) is a slashing type of runner who started the first four games and rushed for 323 yards (4.0) and now has 899 rush yards in three years. Jason Harrison (5-10 194 So, PS#63DB) is the best receiver of the RB's and had 47 yards rushing and 59 receiving. Wendell Mathis (6-0 193 So) was PS#155 and has solid quickness but had just 50 yards. Tyler Ebell (PS#15) was just 170 pounds last year and was #5 on the depth chart coming out of the spring. He came off the bench vs Oregon St and rushed for 203 yards, then became the second player in UCLA history to string together six consecutive 100 yard efforts. He set a frosh rushing record (old record was 703 yards by Eric Ball in 1995) finishing with 994 yards (4.2) just six yards shy of becoming the third frosh in Pac 10 history to top 1000. The good news for Bruins fans is that basically everyone is back and they are much more experienced than 2002.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace their #2 receiver as well as a TE who was a sixth round DC but still had a very experienced unit. TE Mike Seidman (PS#1) would set a UCLA single season record for receiving yards by a TE with 631 (15.4). Unfortunately he departs this year (#3DC of CAR) as does WR Jon Dubravac (1 st, 2 rec). I list the 2 deep below and the top man and game breaker, Craig Bragg returns after leading the team with 55 receptions (16.2). His 230 yards vs Oregon was the 2nd most in school history and he has more yards receiving than any other Bruin has had in their first two years and is also a dangerous returnman. They have four VHT WR's including Tab Perry (PS#7, 35, 19.9) and Junior Taylor (PS#11, 14, 11.9). Also in the mix are WR's Idris Moss (5-11 162 rFr, PS#41DB), Garret Lepisto (6-2 197 Sr, PS#256), Jacques Lazarus (6-2 184 So, PS#109), Josh Roenicke (6-3 183 rFr, PS#249) as well as TE Blane Kezirian (6-6 241 Sr). They do have two VHT's at the TE position including another PS#1TE in Marcedes Lewis. Seidman's loss is a big one but I see capable folks waiting to take over, and this unit is one of the nation's best.

OFFENSIVE LINE - From 1999 to 2001 UCLA allowed a conference high 102 sacks. Last year they had a veteran front with four full-time starters returning although projected starting C John Ream quit the team due to medical reasons prior to the year. Despite the experience, the team went from averaging 4.1 ypc rushing to just 3.2 last year and the sacks allowed were again high with 37. This year they lose RT Mike Saffer (12 sts, 1st Tm Pac 10, 4 yr st'r, PS#3) and LT Bryce Bohlander (13 sts, 2nd Tm Pac 10, 3 yr st'r, PS#12) but they do have eight of the top ten returning and I list the 2 deep below. I like the candidates waiting to fill in at tackle and despite this unit being a little less experienced, they probably will improve upon 2002's numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - From 1998 to 2000 the Bruins allowed over 4.4 ypc rushing each season. A veteran D-line in 2001 helped shave that to just 3.3 ypc rushing while the team recorded 32 sacks. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 22 starts and then lost their top DT Rodney Leisle to injury six games into the season. DE Dave Ball had an outstanding year with 11 sacks and was voted 2nd Team Pac 10 and he returns as does Leisle and Ryan Boschetti who started the last five games after Leisle went down. This year they must replace DE Rusty Williams (13 sts, 7.5 tfl, 3 yr st'r), DT Steve Morgan (13 sts, 4 sks, 37 tkls, HM P10) and DT Sean Phillips (2 sts, 20 tkls, 2 sks, PS#3). The Bruins allowed just 3.54 ypc rushing while recording 41 sacks last year and this year's unit figures to be a little more experienced with Leisle's return.

LINEBACKERS - The Bruins had to replace the Pac 10 Defensive POY, one other starter and two other backups last year from this unit. Spencer Havner, a redshirt frosh, lived up to his VHT billing with 96 tackles, 12 tfl and 7 pbu. This year they must replace MLB Marcus Reese who was the #1 tackler, 2nd Team Pac 10 and the team's Defensive MVP. Five of the top six are back and the open MLB spot looks to be filled by Justin London (PS#16). This group has more experience than it did heading into last season and even with the loss of their top tackler, should be a more formidable unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bruins have finished among my top 50 pass defenses every year since 1997 including a #4 finish in 2001. Last year they had to replace a pair of starters including a 3rd round DC but had six of the top ten back. In the fourth game of the season they moved FS Matt Ware and his 6-3 frame back over to CB where he started as a true in 2001 and Jarrad Page (1st Tm P10, 1st Tm Fr AA) became the first true frosh safety to start at least ten games here since Kenny Easley. This year the team must replace outstanding CB Ricky Manning (4 int, 7 pbu, 1st Tm Pac 10 three times, 13 sts, #3DC of CAR) as well as CB Joe Hunter (3 sts, 18 tkls, 2 pbu). Three of four starters do return with plenty of VHT's and I list the 2 deep below. The Bruins finished #13 in my pass D rankings allowing 50.2% with a 20-17 ratio last year and should have one of the top secondaries in the NCAA this season even with the loss of their top CB.

SPECIAL TEAMS - From 1999-2001 UCLA had slipped each year going from #46 to #59 to #86 in my special teams rankings. The slip was surprising because they had 2 top-notch kickers in punter Nathan Fikse (PS#6) and K Chris Griffith (2nd Tm P10 in 2000). Griffith struggled last year hitting 8 of 14 FG's with a long of 46 and he lost his job to Fikse who simply hit his first 10 FG's and finished hitting 12 of 13 with a long of 51. Fikse, pulling double duty, did see his net punting slip a notch from 38.8 in 2001 to 36.4 but was still outstanding. Tyler Ebell was the team's top PR (11.4) but when he became the feature back, he had fewer attempts. Craig Bragg simply led the Pac 10 in PR's with 16 (16.0) and both are back. The top KR, Tab Perry finished #3 in the Pac 10 with a 25.0 average. The return game does appear in good hands but Fikse must be replaced as well as Griffith and I list the potential replacements below. There is plenty of talent and last year thanks to a solid upgrade in the return game and Fikse's punting, the team finished #22 and have a shot at coming close to those numbers again this season.

COACHES - Karl Dorrell is in his first year as head man here and was the WR coach for the Denver Broncos the last three years. He did spend seven years as an OC in the college ranks including 1999 at Washington and at Colorado from '95-'98. Dorrell was a WR at UCLA and when he completed his career he was 2nd in school history in receptions (108) and played on teams that won three Rose Bowls ('82, '83, '85). OC Steve Axman has been the QB coach at Washington the last four years and was the head coach at N Arizona from 1990 to 1997. He was also OC here in 1987 and 1988 and at Arizona from '80-'84. Larry Kerr is the new DC and he held that spot the past ten years at Colorado St.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2001 UCLA beat both Bama and Ohio St, won their first three Pac 10 games and at one point were 6-0 and ranked #4 in the country. They lost RB Foster for the 2H of the season and finished just 7-4 and did not go to a bowl. That season they outgained league foes by an average of 64.5 ypg which was the best in the Pac 10. The Bruins had just 11 returning starters last year and were equally fortunate and unfortunate. The fortunate part came in the fact that they beat Washington despite being outfirstdowned 31-13 and outgained 498-316. In the bowl they beat N Mexico despite having a 15-9 FD and 282-167 total yardage deficit. The unfortunate part came in the fact that they once again lost another key offensive player (QB Cory Paus) for the 2H half of the year and struggled without him. This year the Bruins have 14 returning starters and only lose 14 lettermen which is a Pac 10 low. This is a team that is actually 11-13 in Pac 10 play the last 3 years but should finally break onto the positive side of the ledger. Despite having a first time head coach who is breaking in new schemes on both offense and defense and non-conf road games vs both Colorado and Oklahoma, I think the Bruins will have their third consecutive winning year.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Drew Olson So. 6-2 223 **PS#17**. 5 sts as **true**, 702 yds (51%), 3-4 ratio. Matt Moore (6-4 181 So) **PS#19**. 1 st as **true**, 412 yds (53%) 2-0 ratio. John Sciarra (6-1 216 So).

TB TYLER EBELL SO. 5-9 171 **PS#15**. 8 starts as rFr, 994 yds (4.2), 2nd Tm Pac 10. Akil Harris (6-0 213 Sr) **PS#34**. 7 sts, 3 yrs, 899 yds (4.5). Maurice Drew is **PS#11**.

FB MANUEL WHITE JR. 6-3 247 **PS#30**. 1 st, 290 yds (4.6) as rFr. 7 sts LY, 381 yds (4.5), 17 rec (14.0). JD Groves (6-2 240 So) PS#81. Pat Norton (6-1 253 Jr) PS#46, 29 yds, 2Y.

WR CRAIG BRAGG JR. 6-2 189 PS#61. 29 rec (14.1) as rFr. 13 sts in '02, 55 rec (16.2), 16.0 on PR's. Ryan Smith (6-3 213 Sr) PS#127, 3 sts, 23 rec (5.0). Alex Ghabreselasse is **PS#29**.

WR TAB PERRY SR. 6-3 215 **PS#7**. 8 sts in '01, 21 rec (19.8). 11 sts LY, 35 rec (19.9). 25 KR (25.0). Junior Taylor (6-2 197 So) **PS#11**, 2 sts, 14 rec LY. Idris Moss is **PS#41**.

TE Marcedes Lewis So. 6-6 250 **PS#1**. 2 sts as **true**, 6 rec (8.5), on basketball team. **Keith Carter** (6-4 246 So) **PS#10**, 3 sts, 5 rec (6.6) as rFr. JJ Hair (6-5 241 rFr) **PS#11**.

C MIKE McCLOSKEY SO. 6-5 272 PS#281. 13 sts as rFr at C played almost every snap. 4 games with 90%+ grade. Robert Chai (6-3 277 rFr) **PS#54**. Off Scout Tm MVP.

RG STEVEN VIEIRA JR. 6-6 305 **PS#78**. 5 sts as RG as rFr. 13 sts at RG in '02, **HM Pac 10**. Shane Lehmann (6-5 297 Sr) **PS#7**. 8 games as rFr. 6 sts in '01. 5 games LY.

LG EYOSEPH EFSEAFF JR. 6-3 305 PS#167. 11 starts at LG as rFr, team high 69 KO blocks. 12 starts at LG in 2002, **2nd Tm Pac 10**. Tyson Clayton (6-2 272 Sr) 2 letters.

RT Paul Mociler Jr. 6-5 301 **PS#6**. 5 games as rFr. 1 st at LG last year, 2 letters. Robert Cleary (6-7 304 So) **PS#8**, 2 games as rFr. Elliott Vallejo (6-7 269 rFr) PS#127.

LT Ed Blanton So. 6-9 325 **PS#40**. 4 games as rFr including 1 st at RT. Matt Mosebar (6-8 294 So) PS#73OL. Nephew of Don (RAI). Alex Potasi (6-6 294 rFr) PS#78.

K Justin Medlock rFr. 6-0 193 PS#11K in 2002. Hit 4 of 6 FG's as senior in HS. 7 of 13 as a Jr & all misses from 50+. Chris Kluwe PS#1. 16 of 22 FG's in HS, long of 60.

DE Mat Ball Sr. 6-6 275 PS#70. 6 sts in '00 & '01, 26 tkls, 6.5 tfl. 18 tkls, 6 tfl LY. David Tautofi (6-2 260 Sr) PS#201JC, 2 sks LY here. Kevin Harbour (6-4 244 rFr) **PS#34**.

DT Ryan Boschetti Sr. 6-4 291 **PS#36JC**. 24 sks at JC 2Y. 5 sts here LY, 23 tkls, 4.5 tfl. CJ Niusulu (6-2 300 So) **PS#36**. 3 tkls, 2 sks as **true**, 5 games. Ryan Teofilo (6-1 300 So).

DT RODNEY LEISLE SR. 6-3 288 **PS#47**, 12 sts as rFr, 36 tkls, 4 tfl. 11 sts in '01, **2nd Tm Pac 10**, 36 tkls, 5 tfl. 6 sts LY (inj) 2 tfl. Thomas Patton (6-3 263 rFr) **PS#58**. Kevin Brown is **PS#23.**

DE DAVE BALL SR. 6-6 268 PS#69. 3 sts, 26 tkls, 4 tfl as rFr. 11 sts, 18 tkls, 4 tfl in '01. 12 sts, **2nd Tm Pac 10**, **11 sks**, 36 tkls LY. Asi Faoa (6-4 265 Sr) PS#99. 1 st, 24 tkls, 2 sks LY.

SLB BRANDON CHILLAR SR. 6-3 233 PS#74. 9 sts in '01, 42 tkls, 4.5 sks, 3 tfl. 13 sts LY, 74 tkls, 5 sks, 6 tfl. Wesley Walker (6-2 222 So) PS#87, 6 tkls as **true**. Xavier Burgess (6-2 243 rFr) PS#77.

MLB Justin London So. 6-1 235 **PS#16**. 5 tkls as true, 12 games. Dennis Link (6-2 215 Sr) PS#107. 10 tkls in '02. Tim Warfield (6-2 251 Jr) PS#54, 9 tkls, 1 tfl in 2 years.

WLB SPENCER HAVNER SO. 6-4 229 **PS#39**. 13 sts as rFr, 96 tkls, 2 sks, 10 tfl, 3 int, 7 pbu, Frosh AA. Patrick Pierre-Louis (6-0 216 Jr) PS#120JC, 97 tkls, 13 tfl at JUCO in 2001.

CB Glenn Ohaeri So. 5-9 199 **PS#22RB**. 11 tkls, 1 pbu as **true**. Jebiaus Brown (6-0 179 rFr) **PS#44**. Matt Clark (5-9 171 Jr) PS#124, 7 tkls LY. Marcus Cassel (6-0 174 So) PS#68.

CB MATT WARE JR. 6-3 201 **PS#2**. 11 sts as **true**, 5 int, 6 pbu, 32 tkls. 13 sts in '02, 51 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. Keith Short (5-10 178 Sr) **PS#59**, 53 tkls, 2 pbu, 1 tfl in 3 years.

SS JARRAD PAGE SO. 6-1 200 **PS#19**. 10 sts as **true**, 43 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu. Jibril Raymo (6-3 203 Jr) **PS#30**, 1 start in 2002, 18 tkls, 2 pbu. Joe Garcia (6-0 185 rFr) **PS#29**.

FS BEN EMANUEL II JR. 6-3 203 **PS#18**. 3 sts @ SS as rFr, 2 int. 12 sts LY (9 at FS), 58 tkls, 4 int, 5 pbu. Eric McNeal (6-2 211 rFr) **PS#6**. Kevin Brant (6-0 190 Sr) PS#50, 1 st in 3Y.

P Chris Kluwe Jr. 6-5 212 **PS#1K** in 2000. Avg 46.6 as senior in HS. 27 punts as junior and 25 FC's. 1 punt here in '01 and 1 punt LY. Justin Medlock (6-0 193 rFr) PS#11.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

RB	Maurice Drew	5-8 195 PS#11
DB	Dennis Keyes	6-2 190 PS#17
DL	Kevin Brown	6-2 285 PS#23
DL	Junior Lemau'u	6-5 240 PS#29
WR	Alex Ghabreselasse	6-3 180 PS#29
DL	Bruce Davis	6-4 220 PS#40
OL	PJ Irvin	6-4 280 PS#41
DL	Aaron Whittington	6-3 210 PS#85
WR	Joe Cowan	6-4 185 PS#66
OL	Noah Sutherland	6-5 250 PS#122
DB	Trey Brown	5-11 185 PS#103
DB	Chris Horton	6-2 190 PS#104
DL	Nikola Dragovic	6-3 270 PS#145
LB	Michael Pitre	6-1 240 PS#158

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#14

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UCLA	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30							
Sep. 6	at Colorado	G					
Sep. 13	Illinois	G					
Sep. 20	at Oklahoma	G					
Sep. 27	San Diego St	G					
Oct. 4	Washington	G					
Oct. 11	at Arizona	G					
Oct. 18	California	G					
Oct. 25	Arizona St (HC)	G					
Nov. 1	at Stanford	G					
Nov. 8	at Washington St	A					
Nov. 15	Oregon	G					
Nov. 22	at USC	G					
Nov. 29							

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

UCLA is 7-2-2 the last 11 prior to a bye.
Bruins are 25-8 SU & 24-9 ATS vs non-conference foes the last 33 games.
UCLA is 11-2 SU & 9-3-1 ATS at home in September the last 13.

UCLA is 6-11 ATS in road openers going back to 1986.
The Bruins are 4-3 SU & 5-2 ATS vs the Big 12 in their last 7 meetings.

UCLA is 3-1 SU & a perfect 4-0 ATS vs Big 10 teams at home since 1980.
Bruins are 8-1 SU & a perfect 9-0 ATS in home openers since 1994.

Pending wk 1: UCLA is 10-5 ATS the last 15 away vs non-conference foes.
The Bruins are 0-2 SU & ATS vs Oklahoma the last 2 meetings.

UCLA has won the 11 games by an avg of 26 ppg including LY's 43-7 win.
Bruins are 11-0 SU & 9-2 ATS the last 11 vs San Diego St.

UCLA is 7-8 SU but 3-10-2 ATS the last 15 at home vs Pac 10 foes.
The Bruins are 5-1 SU & 5-0-1 ATS the last 6 vs the Huskies.

Bruins are 8-16-1 ATS on the road vs Pac 10 foes, but 3-1 ATS last year.
The road team is a nice 6-2 ATS the last 8 series meetings.

UCLA is 9-6 SU but 5-9-1 ATS in games before Arizona St the last 15.
The Bruins are 4-12 ATS vs the Bears the last 16.

UCLA is 6-10-1 ATS at home prior to a 2+ game road trip.
The Bruins are 4-5 SU & 1-7-1 ATS vs Arizona St since 1991.

UCLA is 3-7 SU & 2-7-1 ATS the last 10 vs Pac 10 foes in November.
The Bruins are 9-6 SU but 3-10-2 ATS vs Stanford since 1988.

The home team is 5-1 SU & ATS the last 6 series meetings.
UCLA is 6-2 ATS in 2nd of a 2+ road games the last 8.

The Bruins are 15-8 ATS in home finales but 0-3 ATS the last 3 years.
The visitor is 9-3 ATS the last 12 matchups.

The Bruins are 2-5 SU & 1-5-1 ATS in road finales the last 7.
USC has won 4 in a row SU & ATS winning the last 2 by an avg of 29 ppg.

KARL DORRELL (Career 0-0)

1st Year at UCLA

Dorrell's records AT UCLA

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
		0-0	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (29,23,0)
Lost: 14 (6,6,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 65,396

PAC 10

LB Brandon Chillar

STADIUM: ROSE BOWL (91,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	9-2	10-1	4-7	6-5	7-4	7-5	48-30
ATS	6-5	7-4	5-6	3-8	3-6-2	6-5	6-5-1	36-39-3
Home Fav	2-1	4-1	3-2	2-2	0-4-1	3-2	1-2-1	15-14-2
Home Dog	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-1	2-0	0-0	0-2	5-4
Away Fav	1-0	1-2	2-4	0-3	0-1	2-3	4-1	10-14
Away Dog	2-3	1-1	0-0	0-2	1-1-1	1-0	1-0	6-7-1
Favorite	3-1	5-3	5-6	2-5	0-5-1	5-5	5-3-1	25-28-2
Dog	3-4	2-1	0-0	1-3	3-1-1	1-0	1-2	11-11-1
Grass	5-4	7-2	4-5	3-7	3-5-1	4-4	3-5-1	29-32-2
Artificial	1-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	0-1-1	2-1	3-0	7-7-1
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	4-4	2-6	1-5-2	3-5	3-4-1	21-32-3
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-0	1-2	1-2	2-1	3-0	3-1	15-7
Off SU Win	0-4	5-3	4-6	0-4	1-4-1	5-1	4-3	19-25-1
Off SU Loss	5-1	2-0	0-0	2-4	1-2-1	0-4	1-2-1	11-13-2

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tyler Ebell	234	1065	71	994	10	4.2
Manuel White	85	386	5	381	5	4.5
Akil Harris	80	337	14	323	3	4.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Cory Paus	184	109	59.2	1647	10	6
Drew Olson	104	53	51.0	702	3	4
Matt Moore	62	33	53.2	412	2	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Craig Bragg	55	889	16.2	8	71	
Tab Perry	35	698	19.9	1	55	
Mike Seidman	41	631	15.4	5	64	
Manuel White	17	238	14.0	2	55	
Junior Taylor	14	167	11.9	1	39	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Nate Fiske	71	2975	41.9	63	36.4	1	23

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Chris Griffith	26-27	0-2	5-6	3-6	0-0	8-14	46
Nate Fikse	17-18	6-6	3-3	2-2	1-2	12-13	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Marcus Reese	103	4	6	4	2
Spencer Havner	96	2	10	7	3
Brandon Chillar	74	5	6	2	1
Ben Emanuel II	58	0	2	5	4
Matt Ware	51	1	1	4	1
Jarrad Page	43	0	1	6	2
Ricky Manning	39	0	3	7	4
Steve Morgan	37	4	4	0	0
Dave Ball	36	11	4	1	0
Asi Faoa	24	2	1	1	0
Ryan Boschetti	23	1.5	3	2	0
Sean Phillips	20	2	0	0	0
Rodney Leisle	19	0	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tyler Ebell	24	273	11.4	0
Craig Bragg	16	256	16.0	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tab Perry	25	626	25.0	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Aloha	-5	Kansas	30-51	L
97	Cotton	-14	Texas A&M	29-23	L
98	Rose	-9	Wisconsin	31-38	L
00	Sun	+5'	Wisconsin	20-21	W
02	Las Vegas	-10'	New Mexico	27-13	W

UCLA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	29.8	18	128	3.2	230	55.6	12.0	+2	2002	5	25.1	18	130	3.5	228	50.2	14.3
7*	28.8	19	170	4.1	218	52.4	13.5	-3	2001	8	20.5	16	122	3.3	199	47.3	15.7
9*	29.4	19	100	2.6	266	54.5	12.4	+7	2000	8	30.7	21	185	4.4	218	50.5	13.1
6	20.9	18	108	2.9	219	49.1	15.6	-3	1999	8	28.3	21	190	4.5	255	53.1	15.7
7*	39.7	22	182	4.5	305	58.3	12.3	+17	1998	3	27.0	22	180	4.5	258	52.1	16.2
9*	39.8	21	166	4.0	264	59.8	10.8	+20	1997	6	20.6	20	115	3.3	237	50.0	17.1

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Colorado St	20	37-215	5.8	14-26	166	2	19	43-179	4.2	14-31	98	1	+1
at Oklahoma St	20	44-189	4.3	13-29	277	1	25	34-94	2.8	22-43	350	1	+4
Colorado	20	28-62	2.2	22-36	222	3	27	51-325	6.4	12-23	146	2	-1
at San Diego St	17	51-153	3.0	14-24	238	5	17	30-63	2.1	18-40	208	5	+5
at Oregon St	26	53-247	4.7	24-33	378	0	14	18-93	5.2	16-41	260	3	0
Oregon	20	34-100	2.9	19-33	377	4	14	41-181	4.4	14-19	202	5	-3
at California	18	39-29	0.7	16-29	197	7	10	34-40	1.2	13-30	133	2	-3
Stanford	17	46-128	2.8	7-19	142	2	16	49-166	3.4	10-22	75	6	-1
at Washington	13	37-127	3.4	13-27	189	1	31	32-69	2.2	29-60	429	4	+4
at Arizona	21	51-242	4.7	13-20	201	0	9	28-12	0.4	13-27	237	6	0
USC	18	33-40	1.2	19-33	250	5	20	41-197	4.8	21-34	271	1	-5
Washington St	18	27-53	2.0	18-36	254	4	20	41-220	5.4	17-27	321	1	-1
† New Mexico	9	39-73	1.9	12-22	94	3	15	34-45	1.3	18-35	237	4	+2
TOTALS	237	519-1658	3.2	204-367	2985	37	237	476-1684	3.5	217-432	2967	41	+2
AVERAGES	18.2	40-128	3.2	16-28	230	2.8	18.2	37-130	3.5	17-33	228	3.2	0.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Texas	-9	49-31	W
at Houston	-27'	42-24	L
Wash St	-23	49-17	W
at Arizona	-5	52-28	W
Oregon	-10'	41-38 OT	L
at California	-14	28-16	L
Stanford	-28'	28-24	L
at Oregon St	-16'	41-34	L
at Washington	-6'	36-24	W
USC	-5'	34-17	W
at Miami, Fl	-9'	45-49	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boise St	-27	38-7	W
at Ohio St	+11	20-42	L
Fresno St	-21	35-21	L
at Stanford	-1	32-42	L
at Arizona St	-1'	27-28	L
Oregon	-3'	34-29	W
California	-13	0-17	L
at Oregon St	-1	7-55	L
Arizona	+3'	7-33	L
Washington	+8'	23-20 OT	W
at USC	+6'	7-17	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Alabama	+7	35-24	W
Fresno St	-14	24-21	L
Michigan	+4'	23-20	W
at Oregon	+3'	10-29	L
Arizona St	-7	38-31	T
at California	-10'	38-46 3OT	L
Oregon St	-3	38-44	L
at Arizona	+5'	27-24	W
Stanford	-8	37-35	L
at Washington	+7	28-35	T
USC	-3	35-38	L

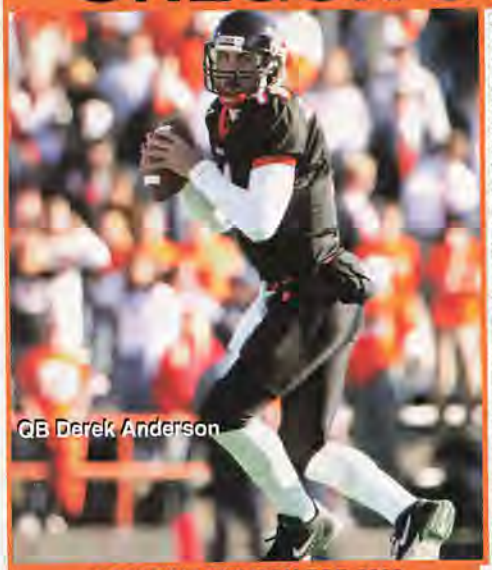
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Alabama	+2'	20-17	W
at Kansas	-13	41-17	W
Ohio St	-6'	13-6	W
at Oregon St	-3	38-7	W
Washington	-13'	35-13	W
California	-30'	56-17	W
at Stanford	-7'	28-38	L
at Wash St	-3	14-20	L
Oregon	-1	20-21	L
at USC	-3'	0-27	L
Arizona St	-10'	52-42	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Colorado St	-7	30-19	W
at Oklahoma St	-7	38-24	W
Colorado	-11'	17-31	L
at San Diego St	-15	43-7	W
at Oregon St	+4'	43-35	W
Oregon	-2'	30-31	L
at California	-3'	12-17	L
Stanford	-10	28-18	T
at Washington	-3	34-24	W
at Arizona	-11	37-7	W
USC	+5'	21-52	L
Wash St	+1'	27-48	L

OREGON ST BEAVERS


QB Derek Anderson

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Jonathan Smith, a small, thin, slow QB, guided the team to the Fiesta Bowl in 2000 and graduated after the 2001 season as the Beavers' career passing leader. VHT QB Derek Anderson (PS#6) was forced to take off his redshirt vs UCLA in 2001 and ended up throwing for 263 yards (41.5%) with a 1-3 ratio that season. Anderson appeared ready to live up to his VHT billing early in 2002 as in the first three games he threw 329 ypg (66%) with 12 TD's and zero int's. He had a streak of 119 passes without an int end against Fresno St then in the next eight games (including Fresno) completed just 38.8% for 1,637 yards (204.6 ypg) with an 8-12 ratio. Anderson did sprain his ankle with :55 left vs Washington and was hobbled down the stretch. In the final two games vs Oregon and in the bowl vs Pitt, he threw for 689 yards with a 5-1 ratio and set the school record for yards (3,313) and passing TD's (25). His backup QB was Adam Rothenfluh (6-3 198 Jr, PS#51) who was PS#151 and had 101 yards passing (55.6%) with a 1-1 ratio. Anton Clarkson (6-0 215 rFr) was PS#416. This year they signed VHT Ryan Gunderson (PS#27) as well as Danny Kalavi (6-5 215, PS#346) and Danny Southwick (6-2 200, PS#172). Southwick originally signed at BYU in 2000 but went on a two year mission and was in for the spring. The backups combined to hit just 4 of 35 passes in the spring game. Anderson is now in his second full year as a starter and should fare much better in Pac 10 play.

RUNNING BACKS - Ken Simonton left the program in 2001 as the Pac 10's #2 all-time leading rusher. The #2 rusher in 2001 was Steven Jackson (PS#35) who is a powerful 224 lb back with 4.4 speed. He was supposed to redshirt in 2001 but ended up playing as a true frosh with 390 yards (5.3). Jackson had 227 yards vs Fresno St and later set a Reser Stadium record with 239 yards vs Cal en route to breaking the school record for rushing yards in a season with 1,690 (5.3). Jackson was Oregon St's second Pac 10 rushing champ in the last three years and is a legitimate Heisman candidate contender. Dwight Wright (5-9 195 Jr) is a nice change of pace from Jackson as he has 4.37 speed and is much smaller. Wright rushed for 383 yards (4.6) and also benches 315 lbs. Josh Farrell (5-11 202 So) was PS#160 and had 59 yards rushing. Ryan Cole (6-0 218 rFr, PS#41) rushed for 2,357 yards (9.1) as a senior in high school. They add two HT frosh this year. This is an extremely deep group, and as long as Jackson stays healthy, is clearly one of the Pac 10's best RB corps.

RECEIVERS - OSU had probably their best receiving corps in school history in their Fiesta Bowl year led by two NFL DC's. In 2001 the group was extremely young consisting of 3 juniors, four soph's and six frosh. James Newson stepped to the forefront with more than twice the amount of catches as the #2 man (57, 17.0) and last year everyone returned. The group did have some dropped passes and suffered some injuries to the backups but Newson set a school record for TD's (12) and yards (1,284) breaking the record set by Vern Burke (1962). This year the only losses are WR Shawn Kintner (17, 15.2), FL Seth Trimmer (3 rec) and backup TE Jermaine Jackson. Newson had just over 2.5 times as many receptions as the #2 receiver with 74 and a solid 17.4 ypc and is a potential 1st round DC. The TE spot is in great shape as Tim Euhus (PS#29) has 49 rec's the last two years and will be pushed by Joe Newton (PS#12) who was very impressive last year while redshirting. I list the 2 deep below. Not listed at TE are Pat Loney (6-6 254 Jr, PS#42, 7 rec) and Gabe Button (6-4 233 Jr). At WR is Nate Brentand (5-11 183 Sr, 1 rec), Travis Brown (5-10 175 So, PS#104) and Mike Hass (6-1 208 So). This is a very experienced and talented group and looks even stronger in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Dennis Erickson said that OL coach Gregg Smith was the best in the business, college or pro. In 2001 OSU averaged just 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 23 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and three backups. LT Lee Davis lost his starting spot to Brian Kilkenny but both went down to injury in the fifth game although Kilkenny was able to return for the bowl. The Beavers averaged 3.85 ypc rushing while allowing 29 sacks. Prior to leaving for San Francisco, Smith said "this is the most athletic group of linemen I have seen in 30 years of coaching." The new OL coach is Jim Gilstrap. He inherits a fine unit with the only losses being LT Mike Kuykendall (13 sts, HM P10), backup RT Isaac Aronson and Davis (1 st). I list the 3 deep below and the group includes VHT rFr JC Ronnfeldt (PS#36) and VHT JUCO Brandon Lockheart (PS#18) who both redshirted last season. This has the makings of one of the top O-lines in the Pac 10 and the starters average 311 lbs per man.

DEFENSIVE LINE - When Mike Riley took over in 1997 the DL averaged just 248 lbs but has consistently gotten bigger in the last few seasons. In 2001 the team allowed 3.8 ypc rushing while recording 28 sacks. Last year they had to replace just one starter and one backup although two projected backups Henry Anderson and Dan Rothwell were both injured prior to the season and lost for the year. While the D made solid strides allowing 2.6 ypc rushing while recording 31 sacks, they must now replace perhaps their top two DL, DT Eric Manning (40 tkls, 13.5 tfl, 2 yr 1st Tm P10) as well as DT James Lee (29 tkls, 7 tfl, #5DC of GB). Bill Swancutt led the team in sacks with 11.5 while adding 9 tfl and should be one of the Pac 10's top DE's with Noah Happe recording 12 sacks the last two years at the other DE spot. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Not listed are DE's Joe Lemma (6-3 248 rFr, PS#243), Brandon Scales (6-5 213 rFr), Jeremy Weldon (6-2 259 So, 340 bench), Joe Rudulph (6-5 228 Fr) who was in for the spring as well as DT's Ben Siegert (6-4 280 rFr) and Matthis Gehring (6-1 271 rFr). Despite the loss of Manning, this unit should be just as formidable and perhaps put more pressure on opposing QB's than the 2002 version.

LINEBACKERS - The Beavers had 5 of their top six LB's returning last year but did have to replace a 3rd round DC. This year the losses are a little heavier. Gone are SLB Nick Barnett (13 sts, 1st Tm P10, #1 tkl'r, 20 tfl, #1DC of GB) and WLB Erik Tuma (13 sts, 38 tkls, 2 tfl). Four of the top six return including another 1st Tm Pac 10 player in Richard Seigler who was the #2 tackler. They do have some capable players waiting to fill in and not listed in my 3 deep below are Kevin Davidson (6-2 230 Jr) who had 22 tfl at JUCO last season, Kelly Phelps (6-2 220 rFr) and true frosh Andy Darkins (PS#69). This looks like a quality unit but is less experienced , especially with the loss of a player the caliber of Barnett.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Many times when a team has a premier shutdown CB they finish near the top of the pass D rankings but when that player leaves, they take a dramatic drop. The Beavers were fortunate to have Dennis Weathersby (#4DC of CIN) patrolling the secondary for each of the past four years. Last year they finished #2 in my pass D rankings allowing just 48.7% with a 10-20 ratio. Weathersby is not the only loss this year. Also gone are CB Terrell Roberts (13 sts, 54 tkls, 2 int, 11 pbu, 2nd Tm P10) and SS Calvin Caryle (7 sts, 47 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu). Five of the top eight are back and I expect DJ Coote, who was PS#6JC but was injured the past two years, to take one of the starting CB spots. While half of the starters return from last year's fine unit, with the loss of a player like Weathersby, I look for a significant drop in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Last year the team had its highest recent finish at just #61 in my special teams rankings (#46 including the kicker). Punter Carl Tobey improved his net punting to 34.6. There was an upset at the kicking position as Ryan Cesca, who was 1st Team Pac 10 in 2000, lost his starting job hitting just 1 of 4 FG's with a long of 51. Kirk Yliniemi missed his first FG but then simply hit a school record 15 straight FG's to end the season including an Insight Bowl record 50 yard FG vs Pitt. Cesca handled the KO's and he departs. The biggest loss in the return game is Terrell Roberts (22.8 KR's, 9.7 PR's) but they have a lot of speedy candidates to take his place and he was just #2 yardage-wise in both return areas last year. It will be tough for Yliniemi to duplicate last year's accuracy but overall it appears to be one of the better special teams units in the Pac 10 this year.

COACHES - Mike Riley began the turnaround at OSU inheriting a team filled with players recruited for the wishbone and guiding them to their first five win season in 27 years in his second year here. He left to be the head man of the San Diego Chargers. Riley brings in OC Paul Chryst who was here in that same role in 1997 & '98, before following Riley to SD and more recently has been the TE coach at Wisky. The DC is Mark Banker who was DB coach for Riley from 1997 to 2001 (including with the Chargers) and was the co-DC last year at Stanford.

PHIL'S FORECAST

When Riley came here the first time he tried to install a pro-style attack with wishbone personnel but this time inherits a far better squad. OSU had an amazing season in 2000 as it moved into the AP poll for first time since 1969, ended their 26 game losing streak to USC, and finished an astounding #4 in the final polls, their highest ever end of the season ranking (previous high was #7 in 1967). They also earned their share of the Pac 10 Title for the first time since 1957 and had the highest scoring team in school history. That was a team that was set up in 1998 and built with Mike Riley recruits. Their average winning margin in 2000 was 16.7 ppg and their success was aided by a plus 18 turnover margin and the team stayed almost completely healthy all year. *Sports Illustrated* made OSU their #1 team in the country in 2001 and they were #11 overall in the preseason poll but I did not even put them in my Top 25. The Beavers would finish just 5-6 in 2001 losing some close Pac 10 games. They were -7 in turnovers in 2001 and returned 15 starters last year so as one would expect had a turnaround. The Beavers have turned Reser Stadium into a pit for opposing teams as they are 22-3 their last 25 home games and have increased the capacity to 35,362 (still smallest in the Pac 10). The Beavers were 8-5 last season, were +8 in turnovers, and despite their 4-4 league record, outgained opponents by 67 ypg in conf play. Inexperienced QB Derek Anderson struggled early vs the Pac 10 and was also injured at midseason but should have an outstanding junior season. Steven Jackson is my 1st Tm Pac 10 RB and with a solid O-line for support, the Beavers should top last year's 31.8 ppg. This year's defense has six starters back but I have questions in the secondary where they lose outstanding CB Dennis Weathersby. In league play they have road trips to WSU, Oregon and USC but have a manageable non-conf schedule and despite losing their HC, the Beavers have a very good shot at topping last year's 8 win total and contending in Pac 10 play.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB DEREK ANDERSON JR. 6-6 227 **PS#6**. 263 yds (41%) 1-3 ratio as true. 13 sts in '02, 3313 yds (47%), 25-13 ratio. OSU record TD's & yds pass. Adam Rothenfluh (6-3 198 Jr).

RB STEVEN JACKSON JR. 6-2 224 **PS#35**. 390 yds (5.3) as true. 13 sts in '02, school rec 1690 yds (5.3), 17 rec (9.7). **1st Tm P10**. Dwight Wright (5-9 195 Jr) 383 yds (4.6).

WR KENNY FARLEY SR. 6-3 221 33 rec (26.2) at JC in 2000. 9 rec in '01 here. 4.43 spd, 13 sts, 29 rec (18.1) LY. Cole Clasen (5-9 185 Jr) 7 sts, 23 rec (10.9) as true. 23 rec (11.9) LY.

WR Jayson Boyd So. 6-4 200 PS#101. 4.39 spd. 2 sts, 10 rec (16.9) LY. Deondre Alexander (5-10 174 Jr) PS#67JC, 1201 yds @JC. Inj LY. George Gillett (6-1 214 Jr) PS#57, 14 rec (17.9) 2Y.

WR JAMES NEWSON SR. 6-1 208 PS#96. #1 in '01 w/57 rec (17.0). 13 starts LY, #1 w/74 rec (17.4) NFL potential. Josh Hawkins (6-0 186 So) PS#68. 6 rec (12.2) as true.

TE TIM EUHUS SR. 6-5 251 PS#29, 11 sts in '01, 27 rec (11.7), 13 sts in '02, 22 rec (17.5). Joe Newton (6-7 250 rFr) **PS#12**. Dan Haines (6-4 253 So) PS#63. 10 rec (14.4) ACL LY.

C MATT BROCK JR. 6-2 301 PS#177DL. 2nd string as rFr. 13 sts LY, 345 bench, 520 squat. Josh Linehan (6-4 279 rFr) PS#208. Kyle DeVan is PS#149. Both were HS wrestlers.

RG KANAN SANCHEZ JR. 6-3 344 PS#219. 8 sts in '01. 13 sts LY, 420 bench, 550 squat. Brent Bridges (6-3 299 Jr) PS#260JC LY. Matt Davis (6-5 302 Sr) PS#432, 2nd string LY.

LG DAVID LOSE SR. 6-2 317 DT as rFr. 380 bench. 7 sts at LG in '02. Jason Fyda (6-3 282 So) PS#108DL, 400 lb bench, 615 squat. JC Ronnfeldt (6-4 338 rFr) **PS#36OL**.

RT DOUG NIENHUIS JR. 6-6 299 PS#236. 2nd string as rFr. 13 starts at RT in '02, 330 bench. Brandon Lockheart (6-6 343 Jr) **PS#18JC LY**. Patrick Wu (6-3 310 Fr) PS#475.

LT Brian Kilkenny Sr. 6-5 294 2nd string in 2000 & 2001, lettered. 4 sts at LT (inj) LY, started bowl. Jake Pratt (6-6 280 So) PS#176. Adam Koets (6-6 275 rFr) PS#202DL.

K KIRK YLINIEMI SR. 6-1 194 Hit 3 of 4 FG's, long of 43 in '01. Missed first FG LY then **15 straight**, long of 50 in the bowl. Perfect 6 of 6 from 40+, 44 of 45 xp, **HM P10**.

DE NOAH HAPPE SR. 6-5 231 11 sts in '01, 7 sks, 41 tkls, 3 tfl. 4.56 spd. 300 bench. 13 sts LY, 45 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl. Dan Rothwell (6-7 258 Sr) 13 tkls, 6 tfl in '01. Knee inj LY.

DT Henry Anderson So. 6-3 288 PS#162. 370 bench. Broke arm as rFr. Alvin Smith (6-2 310 So) Tulane trans, dominant on scout tm LY. Derek Hall (6-3 266 So) 335 bench.

DT DWAN EDWARDS SR. 6-3 305 PS#148. 10 sts in '01, 31 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl, 13 sts in '02. 50 tkls, 3.5 sks, 5 tfl, 360 bench, **HM P10**. Chris Scott (6-1 295 So) 390 bench.

DE BILL SWANCUTT JR. 6-4 260 **PS#43**. 15 tkls, 3 sks as true. 13 sts, 56 tkls, 11.5 sks, 9 tfl, **HM P10**. Jayson Jean-Baptiste (6-3 238 Sr) PS#269JC, 20 tkls, 4 tfl LY. 385 bench.

SLB Seth Lacey Jr. 6-2 231 PS#71RB. 7 tkls in '01. 18 tkls, 1 pbu LY. Ryan Kanekeberg (6-3 206 Jr) PS#111QB. 3 tkls LY. Tone Taupule (6-1 180 rFr) PS#183DB.

MLB RICHARD SEIGLER SR. 6-3 239 4.6 spd, 360 bench. 12 sts, 72 tkls in 2000. 11 sts, 93 tkls, 17 tfl in '01. 13 sts LY, 99 tkls, 12 tfl. **1st Tm P10** LY. Trent Bray (6-1 229 So) PS#127, 23 tkls LY.

WLB Jonathan Pollard Jr. 6-1 232 PS#151. 4.56 spd, 23 tkls, 1 tfl in 2002. Jason Lowe (6-2 223 Sr) PS#56JC. 20 tkls in '01. RS LY. Chaz Scott (6-2 223 So) PS#74DB, 7 tkls LY.

CB Shamon Jamerson Sr. 5-11 189 PS#161WR. 13 tkls in '01. 17 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 pbu LY. Brandon Browner (6-4 193 rFr) PS#151WR. Jamaal Jackson (5-11 178 So) 4.45 spd, 2 tkls LY.

CB DJ Coote Sr. 6-1 199 PS#6JC, 8 int, 15 pbu at JC in '99. 8 tkls, 1 pbu here in '01. ACL & RS LY. Aric Williams (6-0 171 Jr) 29 tkls, 4 pbu, 2Y. Kellen Marshall PS#110RB LY.

SS LAWRENCE TURNER SR. 5-11 194 PS#185DB. 8 int at JC in '01. 12 sts here LY, 60 tkls, 4 int, 5 pbu, 4.55 spd. Harvey Whiten (6-3 214 So) 76 tkls, 6 int at JC in '01. RS here LY.

FS MITCH MEEUWSEN JR. 6-3 210 PS#69QB. 9 sts as rFr, 53 tkls, 3 int, 9 pbu, 3 tfl. 7 sts LY, 40 tkls, 5 int, 7 pbu (missed 4 w/inj). Brandon Catanese (5-11 193 Jr) 10 tkls LY. 4.33 spd.

P CARL TOBEY SR. 6-2 235 68 punts in 2001, 39.2 avg & net of 33.1. 74 punts in 2002, improved to 40.3 avg & net of 34.6, 18 inside the 20. John Millar (6-3 200 Sr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

QB	Ryan Gunderson 6-5 220 PS#27
OL	Roy Schuening 6-3 284 PS#64
RB	Charles Burnley 6-0 180 PS#64
LB	Andy Darkins 6-2 228 PS#69
RB	Lorenzo Bursey 5-9 170 PS#90
TE	Zach Hagemeister 6-4 232 PS#38
RB	Anthony Wheat 6-1 208 PS#102
OL	Kyle DeVan 6-3 275 PS#149
TE	Keith Robertson 6-3 235 PS#46
RB	Clint Polk 6-3 190 PS#167
RB	Yvenson Bernard 5-9 205 PS#175
DL	Curtis Coker 6-0 288 PS#212
DL	Naymon Frank 6-5 240 PS#236
QB	Danny Southwick 6-2 200 PS#172

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 28	Sacramento St (Thur)	A						Oregon St is 0-8 ATS in the 1st of 2 or more away games OSU is 13-28-1 ATS away in September since 1980. OSU is 10-4 ATS in November the last 5 years.
Sep. 6	at Fresno St	G						The Hornets finished 5-7 last year, 3-4 in the Big Sky Conference. Oregon St is 9-2 SU in non-lined games since 1986.
Sep. 13	New Mexico St	A						Beavers are 3-8 on grass the past 3 years. Oregon St is 2-6 ATS in their last 8 road openers.
Sep. 20	Boise St	A						Since 1987 the Beavers are 9-0 ATS in the 1st of a 2+ homestand. Oregon St is 10-1 ATS their last 11 September home games.
Sep. 27	Arizona St	A						Beavers are 9-3 ATS vs non-conference foes the last 5 years. Oregon St is 7-0 in the 2nd of a 2+ homestand since 1997.
Oct. 4	at California	G						The home team is 14-1-1 ATS in this matchup with OSU going 1-14-1 SU. Beavers are 2-8 ATS their 1st conference home game of the season.
Oct. 11								Oregon St is 9-4 ATS prior to a bye week, 0-2 ATS the last 2. OSU is 4-9-1 ATS in their first conference road game, but 3-1 the L4Y.
Oct. 18	Washington	A						The visitor is 10-4 ATS since 1987 in this series. Oregon St is 8-3 ATS the last 11 following a bye week.
Oct. 25	at Washington St	A						OSU is 1-5 SU & 2-4 ATS their last 6 visits to Pullman. The favorite is 9-2 ATS the last 11 in this series.
Nov. 1	Arizona (HC)	A						OSU is 4-0 SU & ATS L/4 gms vs UA, winning by an avg score of 34-9. The home team is 10-4 ATS the last 14 series meetings.
Nov. 8								OSU has been outscored 1050-312 with only 1 SU win in 34 yrs vs USC.
Nov. 15	Stanford	A						The Beavers are 7-3 ATS last 11 home finales. Oregon St is 9-4-1 ATS vs Stanford, 5-1 ATS the last 6 years.
Nov. 22	at Oregon	A						OSU is 12-3 ATS their last 15 vs their instate rivals. Oregon St is 2-8 ATS in November road games since 1996.
Dec. 6	at USC	G						The Beavers are 4-14 ATS the last 18 vs USC, but 3-1 ATS the last 4. Beavers are 8-4 ATS the last 12 years in their final road game.

MIKE RILEY (Career 8-14)

3rd Year at Oregon St ('97 & '98)

Riley's records AT OREGON ST

8-14	Straight Up	3-1-1	Home Favorite
11-10-1	Vs The Spread	5-3	Home Dog
7-5	Off A SU Loss	2-0	Away Favorite
7-9	Vs Conference	1-6	Away Dog
		4-1-1	Vs Non-Conf

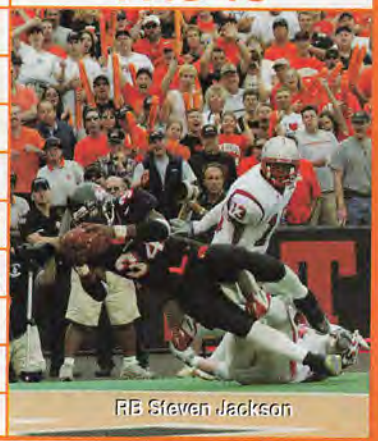
2002 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (26,22,2)
Lost: 18 (8,9,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 36,436

PAC 10



RB Steven Jackson

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STADIUM: RESER STADIUM (35,362)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	3-8	5-6	7-4	10-1	5-6	8-4	40-38
ATS	4-7	3-7-1	8-3	8-2	8-2	5-5	6-5	42-31
Home Fav	1-1	1-1-1	2-0	3-0	4-0	1-1	5-1	17-4-1
Home Dog	2-2	2-2	3-1	1-1	1-0	1-1	0-0	10-7
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-2	0-2	1-3	4-7
Away Dog	1-4	0-4	1-2	3-1	3-0	3-1	0-1	11-15
Favorite	1-1	1-1-1	4-0	4-0	4-2	1-3	6-4	21-11-1
Dog	3-6	2-6	4-3	4-2	4-0	4-2	0-1	21-20
Grass	1-2	0-3	2-2	3-0	2-2	1-3	0-3	9-15
Artificial	3-5	3-4-1	6-1	5-2	6-0	4-2	6-2	33-16-1
vs Conf	3-5	2-6	5-3	6-2	7-1	5-3	3-5	31-25
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-1-1	3-0	2-0	1-1	0-2	3-0	11-6-1
Off SU Win	0-2	1-1-1	2-2	5-1	7-2	2-2	5-2	22-12-1
Off SU Loss	4-4	2-4	5-1	2-1	1-0	3-2	1-3	18-15

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Steven Jackson	319	1797	107	1690	15	5.3
Dwight Wright	84	401	18	383	4	4.6
Josh Farrell	21	67	8	59	0	2.8
Derek Anderson	45	36	267	-231	2	-5.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Derek Anderson	449	211	47.0	3313	25	13
Adam Rothenfluh	18	10	55.6	101	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
James Newson	74	1284	17.4	12	86
Kenny Farley	29	526	18.1	3	80
Tim Euhus	22	385	17.5	1	35
Cole Clasen	23	273	11.9	1	33
Shawn Kintner	17	258	15.2	4	40
Jayson Boyd	10	169	16.9	1	41

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Carl Tobey	74	2981	40.3	63	34.6	0	18

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kirk Yliniemi	45-46	5-5	4-5	4-4	2-2	15-16	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Nick Barnett	121	6	14	7	0
Richard Seigler	99	0.5	12	0	3
Lawrence Turner	60	0	1	5	4
Bill Swancutt	56	11.5	9	1	0
Terrell Roberts	54	0	2	11	2
Dwan Edwards	50	3.5	5	1	0
Calvin Carlyle	47	0	0	8	2
Noah Happe	45	5	5	2	1
Dennis Weathersby	44	1	2	12	1
Eric Manning	40	2.5	11	1	0
Mitch Meeuwsen	40	0	1	7	5
Erik Tuma	38	0	2	5	1
James Lee	29	0	7	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Aric Williams	24	183	7.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon Catanese	9	214	23.8	0
Terrell Roberts	9	205	22.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
62	Liberty	NL	Villanova	6-0	–
64	Rose	NL	Michigan	7-34	–
99	Oahu	-9	Hawaii	17-23	L
00	Fiesta	-3'	Notre Dame	41-9	W
02	Insight	-2'	Pittsburgh	13-38	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

OREGON ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	31.8	20	149	3.9	263	47.2	12.9	+8	2002	8	20.5	18	94	2.6	199	48.7	14.3
5*	26.1	20	127	3.4	247	54.4	14.4	-7	2001	5	23.5	18	157	3.8	174	48.9	14.1
6*	33.3	21	181	4.1	233	49.9	12.4	+18	2000	7	17.7	18	87	2.5	214	49.1	17.0
6*	28.9	22	149	3.9	286	48.7	15.0	+7	1999	5	23.1	21	158	4.0	198	49.9	15.4
9*	26.0	20	116	3.5	256	47.5	14.3	-3	1998	9	26.5	22	136	3.2	255	55.0	14.8
5*	17.7	18	84	2.4	210	46.4	16.6	+6	1997	8	25.9	22	153	3.5	227	53.9	14.7

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
E Kentucky	26	45-241	5.4	17-28	359	2	17	47-102	2.2	11-23	100	1	+4
at Temple	28	32-142	4.4	33-51	286	0	18	34-113	3.3	14-35	109	3	+4
UNLV	23	42-65	1.5	23-30	396	3	15	43-160	3.7	7-16	76	3	+1
Fresno St	28	52-286	5.5	11-24	224	1	21	30-64	2.1	25-53	307	1	0
at USC	8	29-51	1.8	8-31	80	5	25	49-99	2.0	23-41	231	2	-1
UCLA	14	18-93	5.2	16-41	260	3	26	53-247	4.7	24-33	378	0	0
at Arizona St	15	31-9	0.3	16-40	224	7	14	33-55	1.7	14-34	186	2	-1
California	18	43-301	7.0	8-24	80	1	17	28-16	0.6	27-51	284	4	+1
Arizona	20	48-193	4.0	14-31	264	2	12	25-(-23)	-0.9	15-33	116	6	+2
at Washington	20	39-158	4.1	16-44	262	0	17	36-37	1.0	22-43	262	1	-5
at Stanford	21	45-228	5.1	17-41	290	0	15	32-98	3.1	13-35	177	1	+1
Oregon	24	46-158	3.4	21-38	370	2	16	28-140	5.0	14-33	182	2	+4
† Pittsburgh	20	32-8	0.3	21-45	319	3	21	41-117	2.9	13-26	183	5	-2
TOTALS	265	502-1933	3.9	221-468	3414	29	234	479-1225	2.6	222-456	2591	31	+8
AVERAGES	20.4	39-149	3.9	17-36	263	2.2	18.0	37-94	2.6	17-35	199	2.4	0.6

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nevada	-7'	48-6	W
Baylor	-7	27-17	W
at USC	+14	20-40	L
at Arizona St	+11	3-24	L
at Utah St	-3'	20-16	W
at Stanford	E	30-23	W
Arizona	+8	7-28	L
at Washington	+16'	34-35	W
California	+2	19-20	W
UCLA	+16'	34-41	W
Oregon	+9'	44-41 2OT	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nevada	+1	28-13	W
Fresno St	-3'	46-23	W
GA Southern	NL	48-41	–
at USC	+13	29-37	W
Washington	+2'	21-47	L
at Stanford	+8	17-21	W
UCLA	+1	55-7	W
at Wash St	-4'	27-13	W
California	-9	17-7	W
Arizona	-3	28-20	W
at Oregon	+6	14-25	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Washington	NL	21-19	–
at New Mexico	-9'	28-20	L
San Diego St	-16'	35-3	W
USC	+6'	31-21	W
at Washington	+9'	30-33	W
Stanford	-9	38-6	W
at UCLA	+3	44-38	W
Wash St	-13	38-9	W
at California	-6'	38-32	L
at Arizona	+1	33-9	W
Oregon	-5	23-13	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Fresno St	-3'	24-44	L
at N Mexico St	-16'	27-22	L
UCLA	+3	7-38	L
at Wash St	+11	27-34	W
Arizona	-7	38-3	W
at Arizona St	+3	24-41	L
California	-19'	19-10	L
at USC	+6'	13-16	W
Washington	+3'	49-24	W
N Arizona	NL	45-10	–
at Oregon	+10'	14-17	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Kentucky	NL	49-10	–
at Temple	-11	35-3	W
UNLV	-16	47-17	W
Fresno St	-11'	59-19	W
at USC	+3'	0-22	L
UCLA	-4'	35-43	L
at Arizona St	-3	9-13	L
California	-5'	24-13	W
Arizona	-15'	38-3	W
at Washington	-6	29-41	L
at Stanford	-12'	31-21	L
Oregon	-4'	45-24	W

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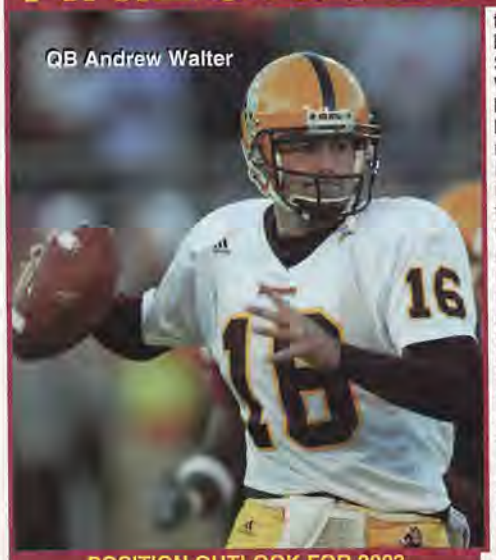
QB Andrew Walter

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Andrew Walter (PS#16) was one of three QB's who played for ASU in 2001 due to injuries. Walter had two starts and threw for 546 yards but completed just 44.4% with a 3-2 ratio and the team struggled with him at the helm. He was the only one of the three QB's to return but had his spot taken in the spring by Chad Christensen (PS#49). Also in the mix was JUCO transfer Andy Goodenough (PS#13JC). The three QB's combined to hit a paltry 10 of 46 passes in the spring game and the position looked very shaky heading into the year. Christensen, a shorter, more mobile QB (much like Jake Plummer) began the season as the starter. Christensen struggled in each of his starts and vs San Diego St Walter relieved him and led the team to victory (trailed SDSt 22-0). In Walter's first start, they blasted Stanford 65-24 as he threw for 414 yards, the first of what would be four 400 yard games for him. He easily passed Danny White's school record of 2,878 yards throwing for 3,877 (57%) with a 28-15 ratio. Included was a monster 536 yard game vs Oregon. Amazingly at the end of the season five QB's were named to the Pac 10 team down to honorable mention and Walter didn't make the list. For the season Christensen threw for 302 yards (42.2%) with a 3-0 ratio while rushing for 118. Goodenough had just 8 passes and opted to transfer. Joining the mix this year is Kellen Bradley (6-3 200 rFr, PS#74). Walter has a lot of confidence and a very strong arm and should thrive in his second full year as a starter.

RUNNING BACKS - The Sun Devils had to replace their top 2 rushers from last year including a 1,000 yard rusher and 3 RB's shared the position. Mike Williams (PS#11) began the year as the starter but lost his job after 4 games. Williams had the biggest game of the year when he had 40 carries (the second most in school history) for 162 yards and 4 TD's leading the win over Arizona in the season finale. He still only finished the season with 482 yards (3.9). The most talented RB may be soph Hakim Hill (PS#34) who rushed for 318 yards but with a disappointing 3.1 ypc. Hill is 210 pounds, but is still the third fastest player on the team. Cornell Candidate (PS#72) had 6 starts and led the team with 493 yards (3.8), the lowest amount of yardage for a leading rusher here since 1991. FB Mike Karney increased his bench to 380 pounds while decreasing his forty time to 4.56. This devastating blocker had 12 starts but just 141 yards and I list his backups below. Not listed at TB is Jermaine McKinney (5-11 217 Sr, 84 career yards), Randy Hill (6-2 199 rFr, PS#50) and Loren Wade (6-0 211 rFr, PS#43). The only loss from this group is backup FB Darrel Turner (1 yd, 1 game). With basically everyone back and some talented rFr additions, I expect much improved numbers as this group has solid talent.

RECEIVERS - The Sun Devils had their leading receiver returning last year but had to replace their #2 and #3 guys. They had three VHT's at WR but one of them, Daryl Lightfoot, missed some time early in the season due to off field problems. When Lightfoot returned, he was handed the starter's role and was #2 with 40 rec's (13.8). The star of the group was clearly Shaun McDonald (PS#27) who was one of the fastest players on the team and was one of three finalists for the Biletnikoff Award. He totalled 1,405 yards breaking Morris Owens' school record of 1,144. He left early for the NFL (#4DC of STL). Also gone are WR Justin Taplin (18, 16.6, 2 sts) and TE Mike Pinkard (14 sts, 31, 17.3). Lightfoot is back as is Derek Hagan and Skyler Fulton who were the #3 and #5 receivers. They almost took the redshirt off of promising true frosh Terry Richardson last year but Lightfoot returned in time. Richardson was the Scout Team POY and had so many impressive catches that they made highlight tapes of them. He was also the scout team QB for the Kansas St and Nebraska games. I list the TE candidates below. With the loss of two starters including their star, this unit is weaker in 2003 but is still very talented and 3 of the top 6 receivers are back.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 ASU averaged a solid 4.3 ypc rushing but the team yielded 34 sacks. Last year the losses were heavy as they had to replace four starters, all of whom were NFL DC's with one 1st rounder, two #4's and a #7. The only returning starter moved from G to T and there were no seniors in the 2 deep. As you would expect, the unit struggled as they averaged just 2.55 ypc rushing and yielded 49 sacks on the season. This year the only losses are a couple of backups who were forced to retire due to injuries in RT Richardo Carlos and RG Damien Niko (PS#22). Seven players who started last year return and including this year's true frosh, there are six VHT's listed below. Last year Chaz White became the first true frosh to start on the OL since 1979. This group is vastly more experienced than it was heading into last year, has solid talent and should be one of the most improved OL's in the country.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Sun Devils allowed 3.6 ypc rushing in 2001 and the team recorded just 28 sacks. Last year they had to replace their top three DT's but had their starting DE's back including their star. Terrell Suggs had never participated in full offseason conditioning due to injuries but did so last year and after recording ten sacks in each of his first two years, he exploded in 2002 with 24 sacks, setting Pac 10 and school records and narrowly missing out on the unofficial national record of 24.5 (Zeke Gadson, Pitt 1987). ASU's D had a lot more bite as they allowed just 3.4 ypc rushing and thanks to Suggs, had 52 sacks. VHT JUCO Matt Mason (PS#10) did not have the impact expected as he missed most of August with a concussion and appeared in just nine games. I look for a bigger contribution from of him this season. This year the team must replace Suggs (73 tkls, 24 sks, 7 tfl, #1DC of BAL), DT Khoa Nguyen (8 sts, 12 tkls, 2.5 tfl), DT Danny Masaniai (4 tkls), DT Phil Howard (1 tkl) and DT James Beal (1 tkl). I list the 3 deep below. This group has six VHT's in the mix and is very talented, but with the loss of a player like Suggs, it will clearly be weaker in 2003.

LINEBACKERS - ASU plays a 4-2-5 defense but I'll list the WS in the LB writeup. Last year all three starters returned and they had their top backup MLB returning as well. Three ILB's basically shared time all season in Mason Unck (12 sts, 111 tkls, 14 tfl, HM P10), Josh Arnobi (9 sts, 39 tkls, 7 tfl) and Solomon Bates (6 sts, 58 tkls, 16 tfl, #4DC of SEA). Unfortunately they each had their share of bumps and bruises last year and now all 3 depart as does starting WS Alfred Williams (10 sts, 51 tkls, 8.5 tfl). That makes this group a lot less experienced although they do have some talented additions. They move in starting CB Brett Hudson to the WS position and backup Joey Smith who made three starts also returns. They have two VHT JUCO's in Ishmael Thrower (PS#37JC) and Justin Burks (PS#13JC) both of whom were in for the spring. Thrower missed last year with injuries but was able to RS. They also add VHT true frosh Mark Washington. Not listed below are Sean Hinton (5-11 189 rFr), Jordan Hill (6-2 244 rFr) and Tyrone Bowers (5-10 225 Sr). I think this has the makings of a pretty good group but with the loss of all three ILB's this group looks weaker in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - ASU finished #76 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and only lost one starter to graduation last year. Unfortunately, starting CB Lamar Baker who had seven starts in 2001, was lost for the season after two games. CB Emmanuel Franklin (6 sts in 2001) missed the season due to injuries and backup Brandon Falkner was dismissed from the team over the summer. SS Riccardo Stewart was leading the team in tackles until he was injured and missed the final four games. Overall, ASU surprisingly finished at #14 in my pass D rankings allowing just 49.9% with a 28-22 ratio against one of the toughest slates of opposing QB's in the NCAA. The great news this year is that everyone returns including most of the injured players from last season and they add a top-notch JUCO recruit in Chris McKenzie (PS#37) this year. The only real loss to the unit is CB Brett Hudson who moves to WS. This unit is more experienced than it was heading into last year, has very good depth and talent and could even improve upon last year's outstanding finish.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Last year's team had to replace their punter (37.5 net in 2001) and their top KR. They brought in a JUCO in Tim Parker who filled in quite ably with a 42.7 average and a net of 36.2. The unit's weakness was a -2 in the TD/Blk category. KO man Greg Pieratt had a solid leg and when not recording touchbacks usually had a solid hang time and the team allowed just 18.9 per return. Unfortunately he departs as does starting PK Mike Barth (PS#10). Barth hit 23 of 33 FG's with a long of 50 and that even includes the NC game in which he missed all 4. His replacements are listed below. One of the top tacklers on special teams was LB Mason Unck and he also departs. Another big loss is LS Jay Breckenridge who perfectly executed 148 punt, FG and xp snaps. Top PR Daryl Lightfoot (7.2) and top KR Hakim Hill (21.9) both return. Surprisingly ASU finished just #55 in my special teams rankings and #38 when including the FG kicker. This unit loses some key players but with the history of finishes that Koetter and special teams coach Osborne have (see Hardcore Fans), they could show improvement.

COACHES - Dirk Koetter is the head coach here and has compiled a 12-13 record in 2 years after being 26-10 as the head man at Boise St the previous three years. He is his own OC and his DC is Brent Guy who was his DC at Boise and is in his 3rd year at that position here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1996 Bruce Snyder had the team contending for a National Title finishing 11-0 in the regular season but they lost to Ohio St in the Rose Bowl. In 1996-'97 the team was a combined 20-4 but in the last five years the Sun Devils are just 29-31 including 3 bowl losses. In 2001 Koetter was handicapped by the fact that QB Jeff Krohn went down to injury and the team finished just 1-7 in league play, its worst record since joining the Pac 10 in 1978. They were only outgained by 29.2 ypg in league play however. Last year they began the season with Chad Christensen at QB but were much more potent once Andrew Walter took over the offense. The team was picked to finish 9th in the Pac 10 but placed 3rd at 5-3 and had some exciting wins. The average attendance of 45,837 was ASU's lowest since 1969 and the school has actually cut ticket prices this year so they should have a better following. They almost upset a very powerful K-State team in the bowl game. ASU has 16 returning starters. The biggest loss this year is DE Terrell Suggs who was like a one-man wrecking crew at times last season. Despite playing one less game, the Sun Devils have a good shot at topping last year's 8 win total as they avoid Wash in league play and host USC. I consider them a contender in the Pac 10.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB ANDREW WALTER JR. 6-5 221 **PS#16.** 2 sts in '01, 546 yds. 10 sts LY, 3877 yds (57%), 28-15 ratio. Chad Christensen (6-3 206 So) PS#49. 4 sts, 302 yds (42%) 118 rush LY.

RB MIKE WILLIAMS SR. 6-0 205 **PS#11.** 14 sts in 3Y, 1184 yds (4.2), 26 rec. **Cornell Canidate** (5-9 197 So) 6 sts, #1 w/493 yds (3.8). **Hakim Hill** (6-0 210 So) PS#34. **1372 all-purp yds.**

FB MIKE KARNEY SR. 6-0 260 PS#120. 380 bench. 7 sts, 57 yds in 2001. 12 sts, 141 yds LY. Mike Talbot (6-2 234 So) PS#79. 34 yds LY. Joseph Aboussie (5-9 243 So).

WR Skyler Fulton Sr. 6-0 200 **PS#24DB.** Moved to WR in '01. 30 rec LY (12.3). **Derek Hagan** (6-1 192 So) PS#166. 3 sts, 32 rec (12.7). Matt Miller (6-1 166 So) PS#59.

WR DARYL LIGHTFOOT JR. 5-9 171 **PS#27**, 348 yds total off as **true**. 7 starts last year. #2 w/40 rec (13.8). **Terry Richardson** (6-0 182 rFr) **PS#38.** Moey Mutz (6-1 180 So).

TE Lee Burghgraef So. 6-5 242 PS#27. 4 sts as rFr, 1 rec. **Aaron Austin** (6-5 255 Jr) **PS#16JC** LY. Jamaal Lewis (6-4 239 rFr) PS#28. Frank Maddox (6-4 256 Sr) PS#117.

C DREW HODGDON JR. 6-3 285 PS#121. 10 gms as rFr & 1L. 14 sts LY & **HM P10.** Grayling Love (6-3 282 So) **PS#84.** 1 st LY (60 snaps vs SD St). Geoff Van Loo (6-6 258 Jr).

RG TONY AGUILAR SR. 6-3 288 **PS#14DL.** 1 gm in 2000, 7 gms in 2001. 13 sts in 2002. Adrian Ayala (6-5 306 Jr) PS#124. 2 gms as rFr. 5 sts until inj in 2002.

LG TIM FA'AITA SR. 6-1 305 **PS#61JUCO.** Started all 14 here in 2002. Mike Pollak is **PS#35.** Gino Benedetti (6-4 254 So) 0 letters. Robert Gustavis is **PS#70.**

RT REGIS CRAWFORD SR. 6-3 304 PS#131. 10 sts in '01 at RG, 14 sts @LT LY. Andrew Carnahan (6-8 285 rFr) PS#453. Zach Krula (6-7 299 rFr) PS#480. Julius Orieukwu is **PS#61.**

LT CHAZ WHITE SO. 6-4 291 First **true** Fr to start on OL here since 1979, 9 sts. Chad Rosson (6-6 288 So) PS#198. 2nd string LY. Stephen Berg (6-6 307 rFr). Inj'd LY.

K Tim Parker Sr. 6-0 192 PS#190JUCO. Hit 12 of 21 FG's at JUCO in '01, also did KO's. Jessie Ainsworth (6-3 200 Fr) PS#42TE. 9 of 15 FG, long 56 in HS last year.

DE JIMMY VERDON JR. 6-3 273 **PS#25DB.** 23 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr (+40 lbs). 14 sts in 02, 48 tkls, 4 sks, **HM Pac 10.** Kyle Caldwell is **PS#15.** Jared Wolfgramm (6-5 243 Jr) **PS#31.**

DT Matt Mason Sr. 6-4 246 **PS#10JC.** 11.5 sks at JC in '01. Not 100% LY in 9 gms, 4 tkls. Gabe Reininger (6-2 279 Jr) **PS#45JC.** 21.5 tfl at JC LY. Brett Palmer is **PS#53.**

DT SHANE JONES SR. 6-2 290 PS#191JC. L/6 sts here LY, 44 tkls, 2.5 tfl. Ali Likio (6-3 309 rFr) PS#298. Rickey Parker (6-4 260 rFr) PS#78. Josh Kirkwood (6-3 266 So) PS#389.

DE BRIAN MONTESANTO SR. 6-5 261 PS#110. 4.65 spd. 11 sts, 25 tkls in '01. 14 sts, 30 tkls, 3 sks LY. **Nick Johnson** (6-3 259 So) PS#147. 1 st, 16 tkls, 4 sks, 4.5 spd. Connor Banks (6-3 244 Jr).

LB Justin Burks Jr. 6-3 236 **PS#13JC.** In for spg. 165 tkls at JC LY. **Ishmael Thrower** (6-1 229 Jr) **PS#37JC.** 120 tkls in '01 at JC. De'Andre Johnson (6-2 232 Fr) PS#127 LY.

LB Jamar Williams So. 6-1 228 PS#160. 37 tkls, 1 sk, 3 tfl, 1 int as **true.** Mark Washington (6-3 240 Fr) **PS#31.** Barton Hammit (6-0 221 So) PS#236. 3 tkls, 1 tfl as true.

WS BRETT HUDSON SR. 6-2 216 PS#146JC. 6 int in '01 at JC. 10 sts at CB LY, 52 tkls, 4 tfl, 4 int. Joey Smith (5-11 211 So) PS#92. 3 sts as rFr, 16 tkls, 2 sks, 1 int, 2 pbu.

CB RJ OLIVER JR. 5-9 171 9 sts in '01, 50 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu, 2nd fastest on tm. 14 sts, 48 tkls, 4 int, 18 pbu, **HM P10** LY. Josh Golden (5-10 172 So) 5 sts as **true**, 33 tkls, 1.5 tfl.

CB Lamar Baker So. 5-10 196 **PS#31. 7 sts**, 40 tkls, 2 int as **true**. Inj'd LY. Chris McKenzie PS#37JC. **Emmanuel Franklin** (5-11 194 Jr) 6 sts in '01. Mike Davis (6-1 176 So).

SS RICCARDO STEWART JR. 5-10 203 PS#83WR, 3 sts, 52 tkls as rFr. 9 sts until inj in 02. **HM P10**, 83 tkls, 11 tfl, 1 int, 2 pbu. JW Lucas (6-3 207 rFr) PS#160QB. Chad Green is PS#83.

FS JASON SHIVERS JR. 6-1 193 PS#75. 4.4 spd. 9 sts as **true**, 89 tkls, 2 tfl. 14 sts LY, 121 tkls, 3 int, 9 pbu. Matt Fawley (6-1 211 So) PS#140. 4 sts, 38 tkls, 1 tfl as a true.

P TIM PARKER SR. 6-0 192 PS#190JC. 43.2 avg at JUCO in '01. 79 punts here LY. 42.7 avg & net of 36.2. **2nd Tm Pac 10.** Jessie Ainsworth 41.1 avg in high school LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

DL	Kyle Caldwell 6-3 260 PS#15
QB	Michael Affleck 6-3 228 PS#24
OL	Michael Pollak 6-5 275 PS#35
LB	Mark Washington 6-3 240 PS#31
DL	Brett Palmer 6-3 280 PS#53
OL	Julius Orieukwu 6-7 298 PS#61
QB	Sam Keller 6-4 220 PS#42
OL	Robert Gustavis 6-3 263 PS#70
LB	Justin Burks 6-3 235 PS#11JC
QB	Brent Miller 6-5 225 PS#53
DB	Chris McKenzie 5-10 185 PS#37JC
DL	Gabe Reninger 6-2 270 PS#45JC
DB	Chad Green 5-11 170 PS#87
WR	Rudy Burgess 5-11 180 PS#99

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ASU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30							
Sep. 6	N Arizona	G					
Sep. 13	Utah St	G					
Sep. 20	at Iowa	G					
Sep. 27	at Oregon St	A					
Oct. 4	USC	G					
Oct. 11	Oregon	G					
Oct. 18	at N Carolina	G					
Oct. 25	at UCLA	G					
Nov. 1	California (HC)	G					
Nov. 8	at Stanford	G					
Nov. 15	at Washington St	A					
Nov. 22							
Nov. 28	Arizona (Fri)	G					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Sun Devils are 12-6 ATS as favorites the last 3 years.
ASU is 8-1 ATS in their last 9 September home games.
Arizona St is 6-10-2 ATS in home openers the last 18.

Arizona St is 4-0 the last 4 non-lined games outscoring opp 145-33.
The Lumberjacks were 6-5 in Div IAA in 2002.

The Sun Devils are 3-0 SU & 2-0 ATS in this brief series since 1983.
ASU is 7-2 SU & ATS in lined gms at home vs non-conf foes since 1999.

Sun Devils are 4-7 ATS (0-5 L/5Y) in their last 11 away openers.
Including bowl games, Arizona St is 1-4 ATS vs the Big 10.

Arizona St is 2-7-2 ATS the last 11 Pac 10 openers.
Sun Devils are 16-1-1 SU but are 0-6 ATS in Corvallis going back to 1980.

The Trojans have taken 4 of the last 5 meetings both SU & ATS.
ASU has won their L/4 Pac 10 home openers SU & ATS by an avg 41-21.

ASU is 6-2 ATS vs Oregon their last 8 & 3-0 ATS their last 3 at home.
Since 1996 ASU/Oregon games have averaged 76 ppg.

Pending 9/20: ASU is just 1-4 ATS L/5 on the road vs non-conf teams.
Last year these 2 combined for 1135 yds of total offense.

Pending 9/27: ASU is 4-2 SU & 6-0 ATS in the 2nd of 2+ road games S/'97.
Arizona St is 7-1-1 ATS the last 9 against UCLA.

ASU is 6-4 SU but 7-2-1 ATS their last 10 Homecoming games.
Sun Devils are 7-3 ATS in the California series.

ASU is 12-5 SU & 10-7 ATS vs Stanford since 1981, but 1-4 ATS L/5.
ASU & Stanford have avg'd 73 ppg their last 5 contests.

ASU is 2-6 ATS before a bye their last 8 since 1998.
Sun Devils are 5-3-1 ATS their last 9 but 0-2 ATS L/2 vs Washington St.

ASU is 3-7 ATS in home finales going back to 1993.
Visitor has covered 10 of 11 & ASU is 4-5 SU but 6-3 ATS vs the Cats L/9 mtgs.

DIRK KOETTER (Career 38-23)

3rd Year at Arizona St

Koetter's records AT ARIZONA STATE

12-13	Straight Up	7-4	Home Favorite
12-11	Vs The Spread	1-1	Home Dog
5-5	Off A SU Loss	2-0	Away Favorite
7-9	Vs Conference	2-6	Away Dog
		5-2	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (8-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (22,18,1)
Lost: 16 (4,9,3)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 45,837

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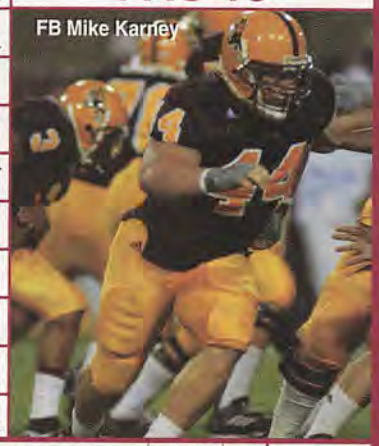


STADIUM: SUN DEVIL STADIUM (73,379)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-0	8-3	5-6	6-5	6-5	4-7	8-5	48-31
ATS	9-1-1	6-5	4-7	7-4	6-3-2	5-6	7-5	44-31-3
Home Fav	5-0-1	3-3	2-4	2-2	2-1	4-2	3-2	21-14-1
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2-0-1	0-1	1-0	6-1-1
Away Fav	3-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	2-0	7-6
Away Dog	0-0	3-0	1-2	3-1	1-1-1	1-3	1-3	10-10-1
Favorite	8-1-1	3-5	3-5	2-3	3-2	4-2	5-2	28-20-1
Dog	1-0	3-0	1-2	5-1	3-1-2	1-4	2-3	16-11-2
Grass	9-0-1	5-4	3-6	5-4	5-3-2	5-5	6-4	38-26-3
Artificial	0-1	1-1	1-1	2-0	1-0	0-1	1-1	6-5
vs Conf	6-1-1	5-3	4-4	6-2	4-2-2	2-6	5-3	32-21-3
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-2	0-3	1-2	2-1	3-0	2-2	12-10
Off SU Win	9-1	5-3	3-2	2-3	3-0-2	1-3	5-2	28-14-2
Off SU Loss	0-0	1-1	1-4	4-1	3-2	3-3	2-2	14-13

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cornell Canidate	130	560	67	493	7	3.8
Mike Williams	124	517	35	482	7	3.9
Hakim Hill	104	374	56	318	6	3.1
Andrew Walter	56	74	290	-216	0	-3.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Andrew Walter	483	274	56.7	3877	28	15
Chad Christensen	64	27	42.2	302	3	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Shaun McDonald	87	1405	16.1	13	72
Daryl Lightfoot	40	552	13.8	2	85
Mike Pinkard	31	536	17.3	5	45
Derek Hagan	32	405	12.7	0	51
Skyler Fulton	30	369	12.3	3	46
Justin Taplin	18	299	16.6	3	58

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Tim Parker	79	3372	42.7	75	36.2	1	27

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Mike Barth	49-49	9-11	7-9	6-7	1-6	23-33	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jason Shivers	121	0	0	9	3
Mason Unck	111	2	12	2	1
Riccardo Stewart	83	3	8	2	1
Terrell Suggs	73	24	7	3	1
Solomon Bates	58	1	5	3	1
Brett Hudson	52	2	2	1	4
Alfred Williams	51	3.5	5	2	0
R.J. Oliver	48	0	1	18	4
Jimmy Verdon	48	4	2	0	0
Shane Jones	44	0.5	2	0	0
Josh Amobi	39	1	6	1	2
Matt Fawley	38	0	1	2	0
Jamar Williams	37	1	3	1	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Daryl Lightfoot	22	158	7.2	0
Hakim Hill	11	114	10.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Hakim Hill	32	701	21.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Rose	+2	Ohio St	17-20	L
97	Sun	+6'	Iowa	17-7	W
99	Aloha	-3	Wake Forest	3-23	L
00	Aloha	-3'	Boston College	17-31	L
02	Holiday	+18'	Kansas St	27-34	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

ARIZONA STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	32.3	20	89	2.5	304	54.8	12.2	+4	2002	8	29.1	18	119	3.4	244	49.9	12.5
7*	34.0	19	167	4.3	259	51.1	12.5	-8	2001	7	32.8	21	138	3.6	261	55.6	12.2
7*	26.1	20	116	2.8	263	47.2	14.5	+8	2000	6	25.3	19	168	4.3	232	49.0	15.9
7*	23.8	20	172	4.0	218	52.6	16.4	-9	1999	7	25.9	19	166	4.3	223	51.2	15.0
8*	30.3	21	153	3.7	259	56.1	13.6	-2	1998	3	30.7	21	149	4.1	258	52.8	13.2
5	27.0	19	200	4.5	204	51.9	15.0	+8	1997	5	17.5	17	105	2.9	221	47.1	18.6

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Nebraska	17	30-83	2.8	17-41	175	4	19	59-283	4.8	5-13	33	3	-1
E Washington	22	49-242	4.9	15-25	187	2	8	20-(-13)	-0.7	19-38	216	5	-1
UCF	13	53-141	2.7	9-17	120	5	8	23-33	1.4	8-28	157	5	+2
at San Diego St	13	30-107	3.6	14-32	258	1	25	34-58	1.7	32-61	516	5	+3
Stanford	22	34-114	3.4	23-39	421	2	17	40-239	6.0	16-36	179	1	+6
N Carolina	34	35-183	5.2	27-45	474	2	19	34-61	1.8	25-40	417	6	-3
Oregon St	14	33-55	1.7	14-34	186	2	15	31-9	0.3	16-40	224	7	+1
at Oregon	25	33-31	0.9	32-54	559	3	17	31-169	5.5	21-32	288	1	0
Washington	14	37-45	1.2	18-28	184	3	21	38-42	1.1	18-37	210	8	+1
at Wash St	27	32-37	1.2	31-52	328	8	19	37-135	3.6	18-33	250	2	-2
California	19	27-(-2)	-0.1	29-50	477	6	20	42-168	4.0	16-35	213	2	-2
at USC	19	21-27	1.3	24-49	297	4	23	38-201	5.3	21-35	233	2	-3
at Arizona	27	49-166	3.4	25-35	295	3	20	25-62	2.5	17-31	269	3	+2
† Kansas St	19	26-17	0.7	28-57	293	4	19	46-224	4.9	11-28	215	2	+1
TOTALS	285	489-1246	2.5	306-558	4254	49	250	498-1671	3.4	243-487	3420	52	+4
AVERAGES	20.4	35-89	2.5	22-40	304	3.5	17.9	36-119	3.4	17-35	244	3.7	0.3

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Washington	-6	38-42	L
at BYU	-6'	6-26	L
N Texas	-37	34-15	L
Oregon St	-10'	24-3	W
at USC	+3'	24-35	L
Notre Dame	-3'	9-28	L
Stanford	-15'	44-38 OT	L
at Wash St	-6'	38-28	W
California	-5'	55-22	W
at Oregon	+8'	19-51	L
at Arizona	+11'	42-50	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Texas Tech	-6'	31-13	W
N Mexico St	-25'	7-35	L
at California	-1'	23-24	L
UCLA	+1'	28-27	W
at Notre Dame	+12'	17-48	L
at Washington	+10	28-7	W
Wash St	-7'	33-21	W
at Oregon	+7'	17-20	W
at USC	+6	26-16	W
Stanford	-2'	30-50	L
Arizona	+1'	42-27	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at San Diego St	-4	10-7	L
Colorado St	+3	13-10	W
Utah St	-21'	44-20	W
at UCLA	+7	31-38	T
California	-7	30-10	W
Washington	+6	15-21	T
at Wash St	-1'	23-20 OT	W
Oregon	+6	55-56 2OT	W
USC	-3	38-44 2OT	L
at Stanford	+2	7-29	L
at Arizona	+6'	30-17	W

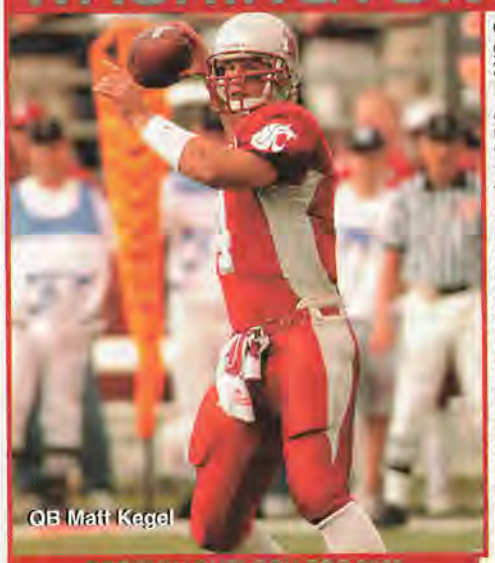
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Diego St	-7	38-7	W
at Stanford	+3'	28-51	L
San Jose St	-15'	53-15	W
Louisiana-Lft	-33	63-27	W
at USC	+2	17-48	L
Oregon St	-3	41-24	W
Washington	-3	31-33	L
at Oregon	+11	24-42	L
Wash St	+2'	16-28	L
Arizona	-7'	21-34	L
at UCLA	+10'	42-52	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+22	10-48	L
E Washington	NL	38-2	–
UCF	-3	46-13	W
at San Diego St	-6	39-28	W
Stanford	-1	65-24	W
N Carolina	-8'	35-38	L
Oregon St	+3	13-9	W
at Oregon	+10	45-42	W
Washington	-3'	27-16	W
at Wash St	+7	22-44	L
California	-4'	38-55	L
at USC	+15'	13-34	L
at Arizona	-6'	34-20	W

WASHINGTON ST COUGARS


QB Matt Kegel

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - The Cougars have produced some fine QB's over the years including Mark Rypien, Drew Bledsoe and Ryan Leaf. All were big, prototypical dropback QB's with powerful arms. In 2000 Mike Price went with Jason Gesser, a small but mobile QB and added 35 plays to the offense to take advantage of his mobility. Gesser broke his leg after nine starts in the first season and Matt Kegel, more of the WSU-type QB at 6-5 239 (Leaf's cousin), threw for 535 yards (44%) with a 1-1 ratio. Kegel (PS#41) actually runs a 4.63 forty, despite his size. In 2001 Gesser started all 12 games throwing for 3,010 yards (53.1%) with a 26-13 ratio. Kegel appeared in twelve games, throwing for 289 yards (46.5%) with a 1-1 ratio while rushing for 72 yards. Last season Gesser broke Jack Thompson's school record for passing yards in a career (7,841). He dislocated a rib against Montana St. Despite the injury he hit 28 of 44 for 431 yards playing in pain vs Cal. Kegel also suffered a knee injury vs Montana St and Chris Hurd (PS#78) got in some plays. Hurd appeared in four games hitting 7 of 10 for 61 yards and in 2001 Price called him the QB of the future as he has a strong arm and was impressive on the scout team. Later Gesser suffered a high ankle sprain vs Washington and Kegel struggled while playing the 4Q as the team gained just 9 yards with zero FD's. Gesser got a special brace for his foot for the UCLA and bowl games and took the majority of the snaps in those. He was named the co-Offensive POY in the Pac 10 along with Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer. He departs but Kegel and Hurd are back as is Josh Swogger (6-5 242 rFr). DL Rien Long said about Swogger, "he'll be a starter by his sophomore year and leave after his junior year for the NFL". Replacing Gesser will not be easy but the Cougars do have three quality QB's who have some experience. I look for them to put up good numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the team had to replace their top rusher and their leading returnee John Tippins had just 268 yards (3.8) in 2001. Two JUCO transfers were supposed to make a big impact. Mike Price said that Jermaine Green was the first back who was as explosive as Steve Broussard (former #1 DC) but Green was bigger (221 lbs). Unfortunately Green suffered through an injury plagued season hampered by an MCL injury at the start of the year and a groin injury at the end. Green rushed for 829 yards (5.5) yet could have had much more. As an example, vs UCLA, he did not start but rushed for 112 yards in the 1H then reinjured his groin and sat out the 2H. Jonathan Smith (PS#20JC) rushed for 2,049 yards in 2001 at JC. Smith had 121 yards and 3 TD's against Idaho but injured his ankle and was not 100% the rest of the year. Allen Thompson (5-10 195 Jr) rushed for 150 yards with one start in '01 as a frosh but was in for just one play last year and will petition for the NCAA for a redshirt. Lavell Anderson (5-7 179 Jr) has had 70 yards rushing the last two years. The only loss this year is Tippins and if Green can stay healthy, I look for him to make a run at WSU's school record for rushing yards in a season.

RECEIVERS - In 2002 the Cougars had to replace a 1,000 yard receiver but had a lot of talent returning in Mike Bush (6-6 210) who had 959 yards in 2001, Jerome Riley a late JUCO signee who had 36 rec's (17.5) and newcomer Devard Darling (PS#68), a Florida St transfer. Unfortunately this year they lose their leading receiver in Riley (10 sts, 57 rec, 16.5), WR Bush (13 sts, 49, 14.3) and Collin Henderson (3 sts, 19 rec). Henderson was 10 of 11 passing in his college career for 433 yards and 5 TD's and prior to his lone incompletion had a QB rating of 682.72. I list the 2 deep below at WR and Darling is the prototypical NFL WR with good size (6-3 205) as well as 4.3 speed and solid strength. Due to some WR injuries, walk-on Scott Lunde had 8 combined rec's against Ohio St and Montana St and finished with 30 (12.1). The TE position was hit hard by injuries and at one point they were down to the #4 and #5 TE's against Cal. All the TE's are back and not listed below is Cody Boyd (6-7 231 rFr, PS#42) and Odell Howard (6-3 255 Fr) who was tried at DE in the spring. Darling should be one of the top receivers in the Pac 10 this year but overall this unit looks a little less talented with the loss of some top-notch players.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001, the Cougars averaged 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 27 sacks. Last year, they had four starters back on the offensive front but the unit was hit hard by injuries during the year and just two players started all 13 games. In a stretch from Montana St to UCLA the team never had its complete starting lineup intact. Despite the injuries, the O-line paved the way for 3.88 ypc rushing while allowing 30 sacks. This year they must replace C Tyler Hunt (13 sts, 3 yr st'r), RG Derrick Roche (13 sts, 1st Tm P10 2 yrs, 3 yr st'r), LG Phil Locker (5 sts) and C Tomasi Kongaika (1 st). Eight players return with starting experience and they add a couple of top-notch JUCO's who will contend for time. OC Mike Levenseller says this will be an improved unit and provided they have better luck with injuries, I agree.

DEFENSIVE LINE - When I think of WSU, I think of fierce pass rushing D-lines. That should not change as head coach Bill Doba has been the DC here since 1994. From '98-'01 they allowed 3.6 ypc rushing or higher but finally last year the fierce run defense returned. The team only replaced one starter and the DL was loaded with the likes of DD Acholonu and Isaac Brown who each had 9.5 sacks in 2001. The DL was able to pressure opposing QB's without having to blitz and the team recorded 55 sacks while allowing just 2.5 ypc rushing. The star of the line was DT Rien Long who won the Outland Trophy. Long had 13 sacks, 8 tfl and was 1st Tm Pac 10 and left early for the NFL draft (#4DC of TEN). Also gone from last year's fine unit is DE Fred Shavies (13 sts, 29 tkls, 7 sks) and DT Tomasi Kongaika (1st, 16 tkls, 1.5 sks). Acholonu and Brown combined for 14.5 sacks last year. The top three DT's are all VHT's so this unit is loaded with talent once again. Not listed below are DE Matt Mullenix (6-5 235 Fr), Mkristo Bruce (6-5 214 rFr) and Joel Crawford (6-0 230 So). This should be one of the Pac 10's top D-lines but with the loss of a pair of starters, I'll call it down a notch this season.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the team had to replace three players who combined for 27 starts including a 2nd round DC and two backups. They brought in two top-notch JUCO's but the unit was hit hard by injuries during the season. One of the JC's, Kevin Sperry (PS#84), was injured in game two and lost his starting spot. Al Genatone missed three games with injury, Will Derting missed six games and Ira Davis was suspended for five. This year only one starter departs in Mawuli Davis who started 10 games with 78 tackles, 4.5 sacks. Also gone this year is MLB Sperry (25 tkls, 2 sts). I list the 3 deep below and also available is Jon Conlin who may be underrated because he hails from Canada where he had ten sacks and 20 tfl last year. Also not listed is Aaron Wagner (6-2 221 So) who had 7 tackles as a true frosh and spent the last two years on a Mormon mission. Provided this group can stay healthier, they should be even stronger in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001, WSU finished #3 in my pass D rankings with a veteran secondary. Last year they had to replace two starters including a 2nd round DC. Despite a D-line that harassed opposing QB's, the Cougars allowed 255.2 ypg passing (57%) with a 20-17 ratio and slipped some to #22 in my rankings. This year they lose their top cover CB in Marcus Trufant (13 sts, 1st Tm P10, 74 tkls, 3 int, 13 pbu, #1DC of SEA) but do have seven of their top eight returning. Not listed below is Don Turner (5-11 166 rFr, PS#181WR) and Wendell Smith (5-11 206 Sr). I've said in the magazine many times previously that when a team loses a premier cover CB they tend to drop in the rankings no matter how much experience remains in the secondary and with the loss of Trufant, I look for them to be down a notch in 2003.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Wash St had a below average return game in 2001 averaging just 6.6 on PR's and 18.6 on KR's. They did sign PS#67JC Sammy Moore who had 2 TD's at JC on PR's and he led the team in KR's last year with a super 25.6 average but surprisingly only had 2 PR's. Devard Darling was the top KR man for a while but fumbled in consecutive games and lost his job. WSU finished #81 in my special teams rankings in 2001 and last year showed solid improvement, moving up to #31. The team had to replace super punter Alan Cox who averaged 41.1 with a net of 37.3 but Kyle Basler did a good job in his stead also averaging 41.1 with a net of 35.3. The team blocked 3 punts for the third consecutive year and also scored one TD. Drew Dunning did a fine job on FG's hitting 22 of 33 with a long of 48. This year they must replace top-notch PR Marcus Trufant (10.6) and Adam Holiday who did a fine job on KO's in 2001 but slumped some last year. Second string at both K and P is Graham Siderius (6-2 195 So, PS#3). This has the makings of a top 20 unit.

COACHES - Bill Doba is the new head man. On staff since 1989, he's crafted some fine stop units at WSU after being named DC in 1994. His OC, Mike Levenseller is now in his third year at that position and he is also the WR coach. The new DC is Robb Akey who has been the DL coach here since 1999.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The last time WSU appeared in the Rose Bowl was 1997. I projected them to finish 10th the next year and that is precisely where they ended up. That Rose Bowl team had to replace 22 seniors including 16 starters. In fact WSU would finish last in the Pac 10 for 3 straight years with a 3-21 SU record in conf play. In 2001 I said it could be one of Mike Price's special teams because of the large number of returning starters (17) available. They only had 13 or more returning starters four times in his tenure due to the large number of JUCO's on the roster. Each time the Cougars went to a bowl game including 2001 when they went from the basement to a 10-2 finish but keep in mind they only outgained league foes by 12.2 ypg and were +12 in turnovers. They did beat a Top 10 team for the first time since 1998 and did all of this despite being the media's pick for last in the Pac 10 (I had them 6th). Last year the Cougars got to the Rose Bowl finishing with a 7-1 Pac 10 record. They were actually the conference's second best team last year in my power ratings but in league action they were dominant outgaining foes by an average of 115 ypg and outscoring them by 12.1. This year they lose just 18 lettermen while returning 51. They must replace QB Jason Gesser and two of their top 3 WR's and will likely not match last year's 33.2 ppg on offense. Defensively they lose their top cover CB and top DL but those units should still be solid. Last year they had all of the tough games at home but this year they must travel and face USC, Washington and Oregon on the road in addition to having non-conf road games against both ND and Colorado. With the tougher schedule, I think it will be tough for the Cougars to notch their third consecutive double digit win season but I'll stick with the formula that 13 returning starters or more gets these Cougars into a bowl game and they should be able to achieve a winning season and finish in the upper half of the Pac 10 standings.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Matt Kegel Sr. 6-5 239 PS#41. 2 sts, 3Y, 1035 yds (50%) 3-3 ratio, 154 rush, 25 games. Chris Hurd (6-2 219 So) PS#78. Josh Swogger (6-5 242 rFr) PS#109.

RB JERMAINE GREEN SR. 5-11 221 PS#63JC. 4.3 spd. 5 sts here LY, #1 w/829 yds (5.5), 14 rec (9.1). Jonathan Smith (5-10 185 Sr) PS#20JC. 2049 yds (9.2) at JC. 601 ttl yds here LY.

SB Scott Lunde Sr. 6-2 201 Former walk-on. 30 rec (12.1) in '02. Flamingo Malone (6-3 191 rFr) PS#145DB. Marty Martin (5-10 185 So) PS#152. Jevon Miller (5-11 189 So).

WR Sammy Moore Sr. 6-0 180 PS#67JC. 7 rec (30.4) here LY, 296 return yds. Trandon Harvey (5-11 182 Jr) PS#65WR. 11 rec, 2Y. Chris Jordan (6-0 202 rFr) PS#183.

WR DEVARD DARLING JR. 6-3 205 PS#68. 4.3 spd. 13 sts LY. 54 rec (14.8), HM P10. Thomas Ostrander (6-1 190 So) PS#139. 3 sp tms tkls LY. Robert Franklin (6-1 191 rFr) PS#352.

TE TROY BIENEMANN SO. 6-4 250 PS#48. 11 sts as true. 15 rec (15.5). Jesse Taylor (6-3 247 rFr) PS#17. 1 st, still RS LY. Adam West (6-6 235 So) 1 st. Mark Ahlberg (6-5 255 Jr).

C Nick Mihlhauser So. 6-2 268 PS#318. Took off RS as true due to inj, 10 gms, 1 st at LG. Mike Shelford (6-2 278 Sr) 1 st in '01, 2nd string C LY. Brent Evans (6-1 296 rFr).

RG Norvell Holmes So. 6-3 297 PS#102DL. 1 st as rFr, 2nd string all year in 10 gms. Keola Loo (6-1 290 Jr) **PS#40JC**. In for fall. Steve Nelson (6-3 286 Sr). Backup in 7 gms 2Y.

LG BILLY KNOTTS SR. 6-7 284 PS#180OL. 3 sts as rFr. 1 st in '01 (inj). 8 sts LY (6 at LG, 2 at LT). Spencer Hollison (6-5 272 rFr) PS#177. Brent Evans (6-1 296 rFr).

RT CALVIN ARMSTRONG JR. 6-8 315 PS#256OL. 10 sts as rFr. 11 sts LY, 6 at LT, 5 at RT), **1st Tm Pac 10**. Sam Lightbody (6-9 310 Jr) PS#299 3 sts LY. Patrick Afif PS#152JC.

LT JOSH PARRISH SR. 6-6 320 PS#34TE. Last 7 sts in 2000. 12 sts at LT in '01. 5 sts at LT (inj) LY. Riley Fitt-Chappell (6-6 288 So) PS#94QB. 5 sts at RT as rFr.

K DREW DUNNING SR. 5-11 165 1 of 2 FG's in '00. 18 of 22 FG's in '01, L/49, **1st Tm Pac 10**. 22 of 33 FG's LY, L/48, Hit 42 yd FG in practice to earn scholarship. Graham Siderius is PS#3.

DE ISAAC BROWN SR. 6-3 226 PS#37TE. 26 tkls, 3 sks as rFr. 26 tkls, **9.5 sks** in '01. 11 sts, 34 tkls, 8 sks LY. Bryan Boyer (6-3 238 So) PS#92TE. 3 tkls, 0.5 sks as rFr.

DT JEREMEY WILLIAMS SR. 6-4 284 **PS#17**. 1 st, 14 tkls, 2 tfl in '00. 31 tkls, 3 sks in '01. 12 sts LY. 47 tkls, 5 sks, 7 tfl, HM P10. Josh Shavies (6-6 322 Sr) **PS#11TE**. Bryan Olson (6-4 279 So).

DT Tai Tupai Sr. 6-5 343 **PS#19**. 6 sts as true. 10 tkls. **12 sts** in '01, 17 tkls, 4 tfl. 1 st LY, 11 tkls. Steve Cook (6-3 291 Jr) 20 tkls, 2.5 sks, 2Y. Sean O'Connor (6-5 281 rFr) PS#135OL.

DE DD Acholonu Sr. 6-3 245 31 tkls, **9.5 sks** in '01, 3 tfl. 31 tkls, 6.5 sks, 440 bench LY. Adam Braidwood (6-4 242 So) PS#303. Canadian. 13 gms, 14 tkls, 2.5 sks as **true**.

WLB AL GENATONE SR. 6-0 221 7 sts, 51 tkls, 1 tfl in '01. 8 sts (inj) LY. 32 tkls, 1 tfl. Donnie Jackson (6-1 218 Sr) PS#121JC. 1 st, 16 tkls LY. Wes Aumua-Patterson (5-11 197 So) PS#308.

MLB Pat Bennett Jr. 6-0 231 PS#73LB. 1 tkl in '01. 5 sts LY, 44 tkls, 3 tfl. Brian Hall (6-2 225 rFr) PS#296. Steve Dildine (6-1 201 rFr) PS#230RB. Aaron Johnson is PS#52TE.

SLB WILL DERTING SO. 6-0 235 PS#142. 7 sts as rFr (inj), 46 tkls, 3.5 sks, 3 int, 3 tfl. **Ira Davis** (6-0 224 Sr) 2 sts, 15 tkls, 2 sks in '01. 7 sts, 30 tkls LY. Scott Davis (5-10 218 rFr) PS#127RB.

CB Karl Paymah Jr. 6-0 197 PS#288. Sprinter in HS. 14 tkls in '01. 3 sts LY, 25 tkls, 3 pbu. Alex Teems (5-11 182 So) PS#218RB. 9 tkls, 4 gms LY. Wes Rainwater (5-11 180 Fr) PS#201.

CB JASON DAVID SR. 5-8 173 PS#148RB. 12 sts in '01, 36 tkls, 3 int, 12 pbu. 10 sts LY (inj) 38 tkls, 7 int, 10 pbu. Cole Sheridan (5-11 184 Sr) 12 tkls L/2Y. Eric Frampton (5-11 196 rFr).

SS VIRGIL WILLIAMS SR. 6-1 195 PS#189. 2 tkls, 6 gms in '01. 13 sts LY, 74 tkls, 2 tfl. Hamza Abdullah (6-2 200 Jr) PS#172, 13 tkls, 2Y. Aaron Joseph (6-2 213 So) PS#193, 8 tkls as rFr.

FS ERIK COLEMAN SR. 5-10 202 PS#197. 5 sts in '01, 39 tkls, 3 int, 4 pbu. 13 sts LY. 86 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu, HM P10. Jeremy Bohannon (5-10 188 Jr) PS#166, 37 tkls, 1 sk, 3 pbu 2Y.

P KYLE BASLER SO. 6-2 237 PS#57TE. 50 punts as rFr, 41.1 avg & net of 35.3, 15 inside the 20. HM Pac 10. Graham Siderius (6-2 195 So) PS#3K. QB/K in high school.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

QB	Alex Brink 6-3 180 PS#51
DL	Tolifili Liufau 6-2 285 PS#91
OL	Keola Loo 6-1 290 PS#40JC
WR	Christian Bass 6-2 195 PS#91
OL	Patrick Afif 6-8 320 PS#52JC
OL	Russell Foster 6-7 290 PS#126
OL	Bobby Byrd 6-6 290 PS#134
TE	Aaron Johnson 6-5 245 PS#52
LB	Reyshawn Bobo 6-1 185 PS#143
LB	Jon Conlin 6-3 240 PS#234
LB	Paul Stevens 6-4 225 PS#241
DB	Husain Abdullah 6-1 190 PS#347
DB	Jason Hill 6-3 175 PS#397
DL	Ropati Pitoitua 6-7 240 PS#383

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	Idaho *(Seattle)*	A					
Sep. 6	at Notre Dame	G					
Sep. 13	at Colorado	G					
Sep. 20	New Mexico	A					
Sep. 27	at Oregon	A					
Oct. 4	Arizona (HC)	A					
Oct. 11							
Oct. 18	at Stanford	G					
Oct. 25	Oregon St	A					
Nov. 1	at USC	G					
Nov. 8	UCLA	A					
Nov. 15	Arizona St	A					
Nov. 22	at Washington	A					
Nov. 29							

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

The favorite in the Oregon/Washington St series is 8-2 ATS.
Cougars are 13-6 ATS the last 19 Pac 10 games.
Washington St is 9-5 ATS the last 14 vs California (4-0 ATS L/4).

This series started in 1894, WSU leads all-time 65-17-3 SU.
The Cougars are 1-4 ATS in home openers since 1998.

WSU is 6-3 SU & ATS their last 9 September road games.
Cougars are 10-2 SU & ATS the last 3 years on grass.

Wazzou is 1-4 SU but 4-1 ATS vs the Big 12.
WSU is 3-8 ATS the last 11 in their 2nd straight away game.

Wash St is 11-6 ATS at home in September since 1993.
This will mark the 1st time these schools will meet.

Washington St is 10-3 ATS away vs Pac 10 the last 13.
Cougars are 6-11 ATS L/17 vs Oregon & the home team is 7-3 ATS L/10.

Wash St is 12-2 ATS in their last 14 Pac 10 home openers.
Visitor is 7-3-1 ATS L/11 meetings.

WSU is 3-8 SU & 2-9 ATS L/11 vs Stanford, but 2-0 SU & ATS the L2Y.
Cougars are 2-4 ATS the last 6 after a bye since 1999.

Washington St is 7-4 ATS vs the Beavers L/11 in this series, but 0-3 L3Y.
The favorite in this series is 9-2 ATS.

WSU is 5-2 ATS vs USC since 1995.
Washington St is 6-16 ATS in November road games since 1989.

Home team is 5-1 ATS last 6 in this series.
Washington St is 8-3 ATS at home in November L/11 games since 1996.

Cougars are 2-6 ATS the last 8 at home vs ASU.
WSU is 4-13 ATS the week before playing Washington, but 4-0 L4Y.

Washington St is 6-11 ATS in their L/17 road finales, but 3-1 the last 4.
Cougars are 3-8 SU but 7-4 ATS L/11 in this battle for the Apple Cup.

BILL DOBA (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Washington State

Doba's records AT WASHINGTON ST

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0	Vs Non-Conf		

2002 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (22,27,2)
Lost: 18 (11,6,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 38,130

PAC 10

TE Troy Bienemann

STADIUM: MARTIN STADIUM (37,600)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	10-1	3-8	3-9	4-7	9-2	10-2	44-35
ATS	5-5-1	8-3	2-9	6-6	6-5	7-3	7-4	41-35-1
Home Fav	2-1	4-2	0-2	1-1	0-1	1-2	3-2	11-11
Home Dog	1-1	0-0	1-3	3-2	2-3	1-0	1-0	9-9
Away Fav	1-1	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	4-1	3-1	11-3
Away Dog	1-2-1	2-1	0-4	2-3	4-1	1-0	0-1	10-12-1
Favorite	3-2	6-2	1-2	1-1	0-1	5-3	6-3	22-14
Dog	2-3-1	2-1	1-7	5-5	6-4	2-0	1-1	19-21-1
Grass	0-2-1	1-1	0-4	0-2	4-0	3-0	3-2	11-11-1
Artificial	5-3	7-2	2-5	6-4	2-5	4-3	4-2	30-24
vs Conf	3-4-1	5-3	1-7	4-4	4-4	5-3	6-2	28-27-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-0	1-2	2-2	2-1	2-0	1-2	13-8
Off SU Win	2-2-1	6-3	1-2	1-1	2-2	5-3	6-3	23-16-1
Off SU Loss	2-3	1-0	1-6	5-4	4-2	1-0	1-0	15-15

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jermaine Green	150	862	33	829	9	5.5
John Tippins	115	596	28	568	2	4.9
Jonathan Smith	72	308	24	284	5	3.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jason Gesser	402	236	58.7	3408	28	13
Matt Kegel	40	27	67.5	211	1	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jerome Riley	57	939	16.5	7	45	
Devard Darling	54	800	14.8	11	46	
Mike Bush	49	699	14.3	6	66	
Scott Lunde	30	364	12.1	1	45	
Troy Bienemann	15	233	15.5	1	40	
Sammy Moore	7	213	30.4	1	67	
Jonathan Smith	15	176	11.7	2	39	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Kyle Basler	50	2053	41.1	60	35.3	0	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Drew Dunning	47-49	6-8	9-13	7-11	0-1	22-33	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Erik Coleman	86	0	2	7	2
Mawuli Davis	78	4.5	6	1	0
Marcus Trufant	74	0	1	13	3
Virgil Williams	74	0	2	0	0
Rien Long	52	13	8	3	0
Jeremey Williams	47	5	7	0	0
Will Derting	46	3.5	3	3	3
Pat Bennett	44	0	3	1	1
Jason David	38	0	0	10	7
Isaac Brown	34	8	1	1	0
Al Genatone	32	0	1	0	0
DD Acholonu	31	6.5	3	1	0
Fred Shavies	29	7	3	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marcus Trufant	38	402	10.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Sammy Moore	11	282	25.6	1
Erik Coleman	8	154	19.2	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	Copper	-9'	Utah	31-28	L
94	Alamo	-5'	Baylor	10-3	W
97	Rose	+7	Michigan	16-21	W
01	Sun	-6'	Purdue	33-27	L
02	Rose	-6'	Oklahoma	14-34	L

WASHINGTON ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	33.2	20	129	3.9	293	59.6	12.7	-4	2002	6	22.8	21	87	2.5	255	57.0	15.0
8*	35.0	22	133	3.4	299	52.8	12.4	+12	2001	7	22.4	19	121	3.6	252	49.5	16.6
6	25.5	18	121	3.2	241	50.4	14.2	-1	2000	4	32.2	21	174	4.3	238	51.8	12.8
5*	20.7	19	114	3.4	228	55.1	16.5	-4	1999	6	27.3	20	168	3.9	211	52.0	13.9
2	20.3	18	127	3.7	247	47.2	18.4	-17	1998	4	31.7	19	183	4.3	205	52.8	12.2
7*	40.3	23	150	4.1	343	55.2	12.3	-1	1997	6	24.7	19	117	3.2	217	49.1	13.6

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Nevada	18	27-108	4.0	19-33	261	0	19	46-108	2.3	20-35	174	3	+1
Idaho	19	33-240	7.3	16-22	277	2	19	34-51	1.5	33-49	267	6	0
at Ohio St	15	22-17	0.8	26-45	263	2	16	54-292	5.4	4-10	71	4	-2
Montana St	24	39-138	3.5	24-33	267	3	18	19-62	3.3	26-47	290	3	+2
at California	27	27-104	3.9	29-45	474	1	25	27-101	3.6	29-47	371	2	0
USC	26	29-201	6.9	23-44	315	1	28	32-72	2.3	32-50	381	4	-1
at Stanford	21	30-70	2.3	25-37	340	1	23	43-150	3.5	20-41	158	3	-1
at Arizona	24	46-149	3.2	20-35	275	3	14	21-(-17)	-0.8	22-46	224	7	+1
Arizona St	19	37-135	3.6	18-33	250	2	27	32-37	1.2	31-52	328	8	+2
Oregon	22	42-190	4.5	20-38	277	2	17	35-60	1.7	16-35	192	4	-1
Washington	19	39-104	2.7	19-32	246	6	26	37-19	0.5	35-58	368	4	-4
at UCLA	20	41-220	5.4	17-27	321	1	18	27-53	2.0	18-36	254	4	+1
† Oklahoma	11	21-4	0.2	17-34	239	6	19	46-146	3.2	19-29	240	3	-2
TOTALS	265	433-1680	3.9	273-458	3805	30	269	453-1134	2.5	305-535	3318	55	-4
AVERAGES	20.4	33-129	3.9	21-35	293	2.3	20.7	35-87	2.5	24-41	255	4.2	-0.3

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Illinois	-12'	20-13	L
at Boise St	-11	33-21	W
Idaho	-16	24-16	L
at California	+4'	14-24	L
at UCLA	+23	17-49	L
Oregon	+13'	29-51	L
USC	+9	14-42	L
Arizona St	+6'	28-38	L
at Arizona	+24	7-41	L
at Stanford	+7	28-38	L
Washington	+9'	9-16	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah	-2	7-27	L
at Stanford	+6'	17-54	L
at Idaho	+3	17-28	L
Arizona	+13'	24-30	W
California	+4	31-7	W
Louisiana-Lft	-21	44-0	W
at Arizona St	+7'	21-33	L
Oregon St	+4'	13-27	L
at Oregon	+15'	10-52	L
USC	+8'	28-31	W
at Washington	+14	14-24	W
at Hawaii	+5	22-14	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Stanford	+2	10-24	L
at Utah	+11	38-21	W
Idaho	-10'	34-38	L
at California	+6'	21-17	W
Boise St	+2'	42-35	W
at Arizona	+12'	47-53 3OT	W
Arizona St	+1'	20-23 OT	L
at Oregon St	+13	9-38	L
Oregon	+9'	24-27 OT	W
at USC	+11'	33-27	W
Washington	+8	3-51	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Idaho	-9	36-7	W
at Boise St	-5	41-20	W
California	-14	51-20	W
at Arizona	-2	48-21	W
Oregon St	-11'	34-27	L
at Stanford	+3'	45-39	W
Montana St	NL	53-28	–
Oregon	-2	17-24	L
UCLA	+3	20-14	W
at Arizona St	-2'	28-16	W
at Washington	-1'	14-26	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nevada	-27	31-7	L
Idaho	-27	49-14	W
at Ohio St	+7	7-25	L
Montana St	NL	45-28	–
at California	-2'	48-38	W
USC	+3	30-27 OT	W
at Stanford	-8'	36-11	W
at Arizona	-12	21-13	L
Arizona St	-7	44-22	W
Oregon	-3'	32-21	W
Washington	-8	26-29	L
at UCLA	-1'	48-27	W

OREGON DUCKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Ducks had to replace Joey Harrington who was 25-3 as a starter and the #1DC of DET. It appeared Jason Fife would do a fine job replacing him. Fife has a stronger arm than Harrington and is more mobile. He led the team on a 43 yard drive for the victory vs Fresno St and his 24 TD passes on the year were third best in Oregon history. Over the first nine games he threw for 244.9 ypg (57.3%) with a super 20-5 ratio. Over the last four games he threw for just 137 ypg (38.3%) with a 4-5 ratio including 1 of 10 passing in the bowl game. Kellen Clemens (PS#7) saw little meaningful action until a disastrous game vs Washington where his first pass was intercepted setting up a TD, changing the momentum of the game. In the bowl game however he hit 19 of 31 for 161 yards. Clemens appeared in five games. Scott Vossmeyer (6-2 223 Jr) had 2 pass attempts but has moved to defense. UO also signed two of the nation's top 13 QB's this year and Johnny DuRocher (PS#13) was in for the spring. The QB competition is wide open despite the fact Fife started all 13 games last year but no matter who wins the job, this unit is more experienced than it was heading into last season.

RUNNING BACKS - Mike Bellotti has had a lot of success with RB transfers in his tenure. In 2001 Maurice Morris became the first Duck RB to top 1,000 yards in two consecutive seasons despite splitting carries with Onterrio Smith (PS#22). Smith led the team in rushing that year with 1,058 yards (6.0) and returned last year. Smith was having the type of season expected when he was injured vs USC and would miss three of the last five games and be far from 100% in the other two. In the first eight games he rushed for 1,015 yards (5.0) or 126.9 ypg but in the last 5 he rushed for just 126 yards (2.9) total. Terrence Whitehead had 132 yards in his start against Stanford. Against Washington 54 of the team's 130 rush yards were supplied by the QB's and WR's. Ryan Shaw led the rushers vs UW with 42 yards and finished the year with just 74. TB Allan Amundson led the team with 79 yards vs Oregon St but finished with 228 (5.4). The big news is that Smith left early for the NFL draft (#4DC of MIN) and also departing this year is Amundson and FB Adam Isfeld (2 games). FB Matt Floberg who is a solid blocker returns. Not listed at the TB position is Kenny Washington (6-0 205 Jr) who has 57 career yards. February was a rough month for this position as a VHT frosh RB and VHT JUCO RB that UO had expected to land, both signed at other schools (Cal and SD St). I do not see a RB the caliber of what they have had the last few years and this unit is much weaker unless Bellotti makes a late signing of a JUCO over the summer (7 RB's rated in top 300 JUCO's not signed including PS#21). Chris Vincent was the most improved RB in the spring.

RECEIVERS - The Ducks had a veteran receiving corps last year with their top three WR's all returning although they did have to replace their TE. George Wrighster (PS#24) stepped in at that position and simply set the school record for most receptions by a TE with 41 but unfortunately for Ducks fans, he decided to leave early for the NFL draft (#4DC of JAX). Also gone this year is WR Keenan Howry (#7DC of MIN) who led the team in receptions in 2001 with 52 then had a team high 784 yards (19.6) last year and WR Jason Willis (1 st, 28 rec, 15.9). The team did get some good news when Samie Parker, who is also a sprinter on the track team, turned down a chance to go early to the NFL. I list the 2 deep below and some of this year's signees could play right away but the unit does have a good mix of HT's ready to fill in and should make up a decent group this season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the O-line paved the way for 5.2 ypc rushing (9th best in the NCAA) while allowing just 11 sacks. Last year they had to replace two full-time starters but did have five players available with starting experience. RT Corey Chambers (11 sts in 2001) got in just five starts last year, however, so basically just two full-time starters were back. It was not your typical year for the Duck O-line as they averaged just 3.98 ypc rushing while yielding 29 sacks. This year the unit is very experienced with the only losses being Chambers (5 sts), and RT Phil Finzer (3 sts). Eight of the top ten are back including the five players who earned eight or more starts last season. This is not an overly deep line and there are no VHT starters but this unit should be much stronger in 2003.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Bellotti has always developed outstanding D-lines. As an example, in 2001 with a defensive front averaging just 259 lbs per man and returning just one starter, they allowed just 3.3 ypc and just 24 sacks. Despite that fact, they held Colorado's O-line to just 1.6 ypc rushing in the Fiesta Bowl, the Buffs worst showing of that season. Last year they had to replace two starters but had six of the top eight back and Bellotti said coming into the year, "We are bigger, stronger and faster than we've been." UO trimmed the ypc allowed to 3.03 and recorded 33 sacks. This year they must replace DE Seth McEwen (11 sts, 28 tkls, 2 sks), DT Kai Smalley (7 sts, 14 tkls, 1 tfl), DE Darrell Wright (10 sts, 10 tkls, 0.5 sks), DE Ed Wangler (2 sts, 9 tkls) and DE Roderkus Wright (16 tkls, 4 sks). Despite what looks like a large number of players departing, the players lost combined for just 77 tackles, 6.5 sacks and 1 tfl. The returning DT tandem of Olshansky and Ngata combined for 114 tackles, 7.5 sacks and 8 tfl. I like the addition of Chris Solomona to DE this year as he was PS#12JC with 8 sacks and 28 tfl in 2001 but redshirted last season working with the scout team. Solomona, Olshansky and Ngata are three of the best DL's in the Pac 10 and this figures to be a formidable defensive front and even stronger than last year's fine unit.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Ducks had to replace just one starter in the aptly named Wesley Mallard who was the #1 tackler and #6DC of NYG as well as one backup. This year the losses are a little heavier. Gone are SLB Garret Graham (9 sts, 37 tkls, 7 tfl), MLB David Moretti (13 sts, #1 tkl'r, 9 tfl) and MLB Tate Pittman (7 tkls, 1 tfl). The lone returnee, Kevin Mitchell, is a VHT (PS#25) who has recorded over 100 tackles in each of the last two years. They signed a VHT true frosh this year and bring in a JUCO plus a couple defections from the QB position in Scott Vossmeyer (PS#129QB) and Andy Collins (PS#89QB). I list the 2 deep below and this has the makings of a decent unit especially if some of the new talent emerges but I'll call it down a notch with the loss of a pair of productive starters.

LB Kevin Mitchell

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000 and 2001 the Ducks had two top-notch cover corners that locked down the oppositions top receivers and would finish #4 in 2000 in my pass D rankings and #9 in 2001. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including their CB combo who were #3 and #7 round DC's. The unit was undersized and inexperienced last year and opposing QB's had a field day. Arizona St set an Autzen Stadium record by passing for 559 yards. Receivers like Bobby Wade (151), Craig Bragg (230), Shaun McDonald (204), Mike Williams (226) and Reggie Williams (198) had career days against them. UO finished #79 in my pass D rankings allowing 291.2 ypg (57.3%) with an alarming 35 TD passes and only 18 int's. They did take on one of the toughest slates of opposing QB's in the country. At midseason Bellotti said he needed to bring in JUCO's for a quick fix in the secondary and they signed two of them and along with three VHT true frosh. This year they lose just one player in SS Rasuli Webster (13 sts, 69 tkls, 4 tfl). FS Keith Lewis turned down the NFL and 4 players return having starting experience. I think this should be one of the most improved secondaries in the NCAA this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Perhaps one of the reasons for Bellotti's success (see Coaches) is the job he's done with the special teams unit. In his 8 years, they have finished in the top 35 seven times with his lowest finish being #47 in my special teams rankings. After finishing #34 in 2001 they had everybody back last year and moved to the #5 spot including the kicker. Jared Siegel had a tremendous year hitting 20 of 24 FG's with a long of 59 and was a perfect 3 of 3 from 50+. Siegel, who nailed a 72 yard FG in practice for the bowl (with the wind at his back), hit a school record FG of 59 yards which also tied the record for longest in a Pac 10 game. Most of his KO's sailed out of the endzone. Siegel is back giving them an excellent weapon. Punter Jose Arroyo had a fine senior season averaging 42.2 with a net of 37.6. I list his potential replacements below. The top PR, Keenan Howry, who averaged 13.4 and 14.3 the last two years will be tough to replace as will their top KR Allan Amundson (25.5 and 21.9 last 2 years). Last season the team blocked three punts and Howry scored two PR TD's giving them a +5 in the TD/Blk category. In the previous 4 years they had only one blocked punt so those numbers would likely decrease. Overall with the loss of three of their top four players, this unit will likely take a step back in the ratings this season.

COACHES - Mike Bellotti has the best record in the Pac 10 since he arrived here eight years ago and is 67-29 here. The OC is Andy Ludwig who is in his second year and DC is Nick Aliotti, the architect of the 'Gang Green' defense that started the Oregon revival and returned to the school after being DC at UCLA in 1998. He is now back for his fifth year. OL coach Neal Zoumboukos has been here 23 years and from 1999 to 2001 they led the Pac 10 in the fewest amount of QB sacks allowed.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2001 the Ducks came into the season ranked in the AP Poll for the first time ever. They finished the year with their first 11 win season and just missed out playing in the BCS Title game. They won five games by a combined sixteen points, won twice on the final play and benefitted from a +16 turnover ratio. In 2002 they returned just 12 starters and faced life after Joey Harrington. Their whole defensive scheme revolves around leaving their corners out on an island but just didn't have the experience in a secondary. The Ducks were still a trendy first place pick in many preseason publications but I pegged them fifth. Since 1997 they've had 24 wins by 7 points or less and were the beneficiaries of poor Bob Toledo play calling and a late missed FG to survive the Bruins a second straight year. The Ducks started out 6-0 and were ranked #6 in he NCAA and were considered a National Title contender by some in the media. While they did record their 9th straight winning season, the team collapsed down the stretch going just 1-6 over their last 7 and suffered their worst home loss in 16 years (42-14 to Washington). UO has just 14 starters back this year and last year were outgained by an average of 84 ypg, the third worst in league play. My biggest question for the Ducks this year is the RB situation. If Bellotti goes out and signs a top-notch JUCO RB over the summer UO has a good shot at moving back in to the upper half of the standings. This team is more experienced than last year and should be stronger which gives them a good shot at getting their 10th straight winning season.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB KELLEN CLEMENS SO. 6-2 214 **PS#7**. 5 gms as rFr, 201 yds (57.5%), 32 rush. **Jason Fife** (6-4 222 Sr) 92 mph fastball. 13 sts LY, 2752 yds (52%) 24-10 ratio, 223 rush.

RB Terrence Whitehead So. 5-10 207 272 yds (4.3), 3 sts, 10 rec (9.1). **Chris Vincent** (6-1 218 rFr) is an LSU transfer. Ryan Shaw (5-11 206 Jr) PS#177. 104 yds, 5 gms, 2 years.

FB MATT FLOBERG SR. 6-3 240 PS#164. 35 yds in '01. 13 sts LY, 70 yds (5.8) rec, 9 yds rush. Jerome Johnson (6-0 246 Fr) PS#86LB. Erik Cheney (6-1 217 Sr) PS#244DB.

WR Keith Allen Jr. 6-1 207 **PS#31**. 10 rec (21.5) 2Y. Demetrius Williams (6-2 180 So) PS#50. 5 rec (14.6) LY. James Finley (6-2 195 Fr) **PS#30**. Orig signed w/Oreg St LY, DNQ.

WR SAMIE PARKER SR. 5-11 177 PS#94. 10.34 in 100m on track team. 4 sts, 41 rec (18.2) in '01. 13 sts LY, 49 rec (14.8). Kellen Taylor (6-1 190 Jr) PS#101JC in 2002.

TE Eddie Whitaker Jr. 6-4 236 PS#139JC in for spring. Tim Day (6-4 268 So) PS#58. 3 rec (6.0). Josh Rogers (6-3 265 Sr) **PS#52LB**. Ryan Loftin (6-4 244 Jr) **PS#37LB**.

C DAN WEAVER SR. 6-5 282 LS as true & lettered. 11 sts at C in '01. 13 sts in '02, **Top OL Award**. Enoka Lucas (6-3 290 rFr) PS#174. Josh Hagemeyer (6-4 282 So).

RG JOEY FORSTER SR. 6-4 284 10 sts as rFr. 12 sts at RG in '01. 13 sts in '02, good mobility. Shawn Perkins (6-5 285 rFr) PS#190. DL LY. Josh Tschirgi is PS#110OL.

LG NICK STEITZ JR. 6-4 305 PS#386. 380 bench. 7 gms in '01, 2nd string all year. 11 sts at LG in '02, 2 letters. Ian Reynoso (6-4 297 So) PS#156. 4 games in 2002.

RT MIKE DELAGRANGE SO. 6-6 345 PS#210. 8 sts in '02 (7 at RT, 1 at LT) solid pass blocker. Josh Atkins (6-6 319 Jr) PS#278DL. Jermaine Randolph (6-5 291 rFr) +21 lbs.

LT ADAM SNYDER JR. 6-6 310 PS#154. 6 games as rFr, 1 start after adding 45 lbs. 11 sts in '02 at LT. Robin Knebel (6-6 316 Jr) **PS#82**. 2nd string in '02, 1 start. Versatile.

K JARED SIEGEL JR. 5-10 193 PS#24. 7 of 12 FG's in '01, L/47. Impressive leg strength LY. Hit super 20 of 24 FG's, school record 59 yd FG, 3 of 3 from 50+. 72 yd FG in practice.

DE Chris Solomona Jr. 6-5 275 **PS#12JC**. 8 sks, 28 tfl at JC in '01, RS LY. Quinn Dorsey (6-4 265 Sr) 5 sts, 21 tkls, 5 sks, 2 tfl in '01. RS LY. Matt Toeaina (6-2 266 rFr) PS#392.

DT IGOR OLSHANSKY JR. 6-6 305 PS#242. 2 sts as rFr, 18 tkls, 3 tfl. 13 sts LY, **70 tkls**, 4 sks, 5 tfl, **455 bench, Top DL Award**. Robby Valenzuela (6-2 290 Jr) PS#102DL. 1 st, 3 sks LY.

DT HALOTI NGATA SO. 6-4 339 **PS#1DL!** 8 sts as **true**, 44 tkls, 3.5 sks, 3 tfl, 2 pbu. Junior Siavii (6-4 323 Sr) PS#154JC. 15 tkls, 2.5 tfl LY. Dustin Holmes (6-2 268 Fr).

DE Devan Long So. 6-4 258 PS#60TE. 12 tkls, 1.5 tfl as rFr. Missed spg w/inj. Darius Sanders (6-5 265 So) PS#139TE. PQ LY. Victor Fillipe (6-3 295 Fr) PS#165, mission L2Y.

OLB David Martin Sr. 6-0 212 PS#187JC. 4 sts here LY, 21 tkls. Marcus Miller (6-2 214 Jr) PS#257JC. Andy Collins (6-1 214 rFr) PS#89QB. Anthony Trucks (6-1 216 So) PS#207WR.

MLB Jerry Matson Jr. 6-1 224 1 st LY, 25 tkls, 1.5 tfl. Scott Vossmeyer (6-2 223 Jr) PS#129QB. Lance Broadus **PS#27**. Justin Andrews (6-1 242 So) PS#147TE.1 gm, 1 tkl (knee inj).

ILB KEVIN MITCHELL SR. 5-11 220 **PS#25**. 12 sts in '01, 104 tkl, **6 sks, 17 tfl**, 8 pbu. 12 sts LY, 114 tkl, 6 sks, 4 tfl. Ramone Reed (6-2 215 Jr) PS#212. 20 tkl, 2Y. Robert Hamilton (6-2 226 rFr).

CB AARON GIPSON SO. 5-8 179 PS#102. 11 sts as **true**, 53 tkls, 5 tfl, 2 int, 2 pbu. Marques Binns (5-11 164 So) PS#117, 2 sts, 30 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu as **true**. Marc Walker is PS#204JC.

CB STEVEN MOORE SR. 5-9 179 PS#188. 4.46 spd. 13 sts LY, 63 tkls, 5 int, 15 pbu. Charles Favroth (5-11 197 Jr) PS#101, 10 tkls, 3 pbu LY. **Rodney Woods is PS#74JUCO.**

SS Marley Tucker Jr. 6-0 181 **PS#26**. 11 tkls, 2 int in '01. 27 tkls, 1 pbu LY. Parris Moore (5-11 185 rFr) PS#144. Inj'd in spg. Justin Phinisee (5-10 195 So) PS#159, 24 tkls, .5 sk LY.

FS KEITH LEWIS SR. 6-1 200 Turned down NFL. 11 sts in '01, 88 tkls, 2 int, 9 pbu. 13 sts LY, 80 tkls, 5 int, 6 pbu. Stephen Clayton (5-11 193 Jr) PS#96. 13 tkls 2Y. AJ Tuitele is **PS#41**.

P Paul Martinez Fr. 6-1 193 PS#29K. Hit 12 of 15 FG's in HS, L/50. Avg 4.5 hang time on punts. Chris Annis (5-11 197 rFr) PS#90. Drew Larson (6-3 203 rFr) PS#161TE.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

QB	Dennis Dixon	6-4 181 PS#10
QB	Johnny DuRocher	6-4 197 PS#13
LB	Lance Broadus	6-2 219 PS#27
DB	Ryan Gilliam	5-9 158 PS#38
DB	AJ Tuitele	5-11 193 PS#41
DB	Jordan Carey	5-11 193 PS#52
OL	Josh Tschirgi	6-4 280 PS#110
LB	Jerome Johnson	6-0 246 PS#86
LB	Dante Rosario	6-4 232 PS#87
DB	Rodney Woods	5-10 176 PS#74JC
DL	Victor Filipe	6-3 297 PS#165
OL	Pat So'oalo	6-6 302 PS#191
K	Paul Martinez	6-1 193 PS#29
WR	Marcus Maxwell	6-3 198 PS#202JC
TE	Eddie Whitaker	6-4 236 PS#139JC

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#22

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UO	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	at Miss St	G					
Sep. 6	Nevada	A					
Sep. 13	at Arizona	G					
Sep. 20	Michigan	A					
Sep. 27	Wash St	A					
Oct. 3	at Utah (Fri)	A					
Oct. 11	at Arizona St	G					
Oct. 18							
Oct. 25	Stanford (HC)	A					
Nov. 1	at Washington	A					
Nov. 8	California	A					
Nov. 15	at UCLA	G					
Nov. 22	Oregon St	A					
Nov. 29							

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

The visitor in the USC series is 7-1 ATS the last 8 meetings.
The Ducks are 20-2 SU the past 10 years as away favorites.
Oregon is 8-3 ATS in the 2nd of 2 or more home games since 1996.

Last year the Ducks outgained the Bulldogs 371-223.
Oregon is 13-3 ATS in their last 16 road openers covering the last 4.

Oregon is 9-0 SU but 3-6 ATS vs current WAC teams.
Oregon has outscored Nevada by an avg of 44-17 the previous 4 mtgs.

Oregon is an amazing 14-2 ATS in their 1st Pac 10 game.
The Ducks have quacked their way to a 9-3 ATS mark vs Arizona.

Oregon was 16-0 SU & 9-6 ATS in home non-conference games.
Oregon is 8-3 ATS vs Big 10 teams since 1980.

Ducks are 12-5 SU & 11-6 ATS their last 17 vs the Cougars.
Oregon is 2-8 ATS at home their last 10 vs Pac 10 teams.

Oregon is 11-3 ATS in the 1st of 2 or more straight away games since '91.
In the 5 previous meetings vs Utah the games averaged just 43 ppg.

Oregon is 7-0 ATS on grass the last 2 years.
The Ducks are 2-6 ATS the last 8 vs Arizona St.

Bonus: Oregon is 3-6 SU & ATS at Arizona St.

Oregon is 10-3 ATS the game after a bye week since 1991.
Ducks are 0-5 ATS the last 5 Homecoming games.

Oregon is 2-7 ATS in November away games since 1997.
Ducks are 5-8 ATS the last 13 games vs Washington

The Ducks are 7-1 SU & 6-2 ATS vs the Golden Bears since 1992.
Oregon is 9-4 ATS in November home games since 1994.

The visiting team is 9-3 ATS in the last 12 series meetings.
Ducks are 3-8 ATS the last 11 years in their road finales.

Oregon is 3-12 ATS the last 15 years vs Oregon St.
The favorite has covered 5 of the last 7 "Civil Wars."

MIKE BELLOTTI (Career 90-54-2)
9th Year at Oregon

Bellotti's records AT OREGON

67-29	Straight Up	20-20	Home Favorite
47-40	Vs The Spread	4-4	Home Dog
12-11	Off A SU Loss	11-6	Away Favorite
33-31	Vs Conference	12-10	Away Dog
		14-9	Vs Non-Conf

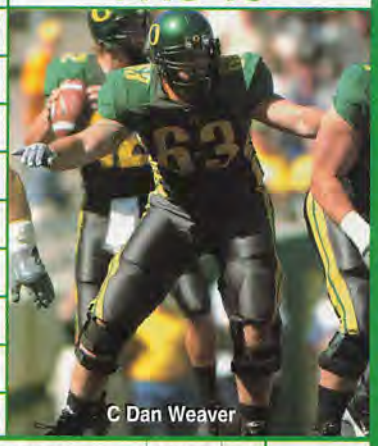
2002 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (15,21,1)
Lost: 16 (5,10,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 56,341

PAC 10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STADIUM: AUTZEN STADIUM (55,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	6-5	8-3	8-3	9-2	10-1	7-5	54-24
ATS	5-5	7-4	6-5	6-5	5-6	6-5	5-6	40-36
Home Fav	2-0	2-1	3-2	4-2	3-3	1-5	3-3	18-16
Home Dog	1-2	2-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	4-4
Away Fav	1-1	1-0	1-2	0-1	1-2	3-0	1-0	8-6
Away Dog	1-2	2-2	1-1	2-2	1-1	2-0	1-2	10-10
Favorite	3-1	3-1	4-4	4-3	4-5	4-5	4-3	26-22
Dog	2-4	4-3	2-1	2-2	1-1	2-0	1-3	14-14
Grass	1-2	2-2	1-1	1-2	1-1	5-0	2-0	13-8
Artificial	4-3	5-2	5-4	5-3	4-5	1-5	3-6	27-28
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	4-4	4-4	3-5	5-3	3-5	28-28
vs Non-Conf	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	12-8
Off SU Win	3-1	2-3	5-3	4-3	4-5	5-4	3-3	26-22
Off SU Loss	2-3	4-1	0-2	1-2	1-0	1-0	1-3	10-11

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Onterrio Smith	244	1169	28	1141	12	4.7
Terrence Whitehead	**63**	**279**	**7**	**272**	**2**	**4.3**
Allan Amundson	42	235	7	228	1	5.4
Keenan Howry	8	97	18	79	0	9.9
Jason Fife	**76**	**223**	**156**	**67**	**3**	**0.9**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jason Fife	**367**	**190**	**51.8**	**2752**	**24**	**10**
Kellen Clemens	**40**	**23**	**57.5**	**201**	**2**	**1**
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Keenan Howry		40	784	19.6	5	84
Samie Parker		**49**	**724**	**14.8**	**8**	**80**
George Wrighster		41	568	13.9	6	50
Jason Willis		28	446	15.9	2	48
Terrence Whitehead		**10**	**91**	**9.1**	**1**	**19**
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Jose Arroyo	77	3250	42.2	61	37.6	0	15
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Jared Siegel	**49-50**	**3-3**	**9-10**	**5-8**	**3-3**	**20-24**	**59**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
David Moretti	121	4	5	7	0
Kevin Mitchell	**114**	**6**	**4**	**1**	**1**
Keith Lewis	**80**	**0**	**4**	**6**	**5**
Igor Olshansky	**70**	**4**	**5**	**0**	**1**
Rasuli Webster	69	1	3	3	2
Steven Moore	**63**	**1**	**1**	**15**	**5**
Aaron Gipson	**53**	**0**	**5**	**2**	**2**
Haloti Ngata	**44**	**3.5**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Garret Graham	37	1	6	5	0
Marques Binns	**30**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**1**
Seth McEwen	28	2	0	2	0
Marley Tucker	**27**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Jerry Matson	**25**	**0.5**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Justin Phinisee	**24**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Keenan Howry	32	458	14.3	2	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Allan Amundson	27	590	21.9	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Aloha	-5'	Colorado	43-51	L
99	Sun	+3'	Minnesota	24-20	W
00	Holiday	+7'	Texas	35-30	W
01	Fiesta	+3	Colorado	38-16	W
02	Seattle	-7	Wake Forest	17-38	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

OREGON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	32.1	18	146	4.0	228	51.9	11.6	+5	2002	6	27.8	21	118	3.0	291	57.3	14.7
8*	34.3	22	193	5.2	243	58.9	12.7	+16	2001	4	21.3	20	115	3.3	285	50.4	18.7
5*	29.3	21	149	3.8	261	52.4	14.0	+6	2000	3	20.8	16	118	3.4	210	43.6	15.8
6	34.2	23	157	3.9	264	52.4	12.3	+11	1999	6	23.7	20	123	3.5	258	53.2	16.1
6*	42.8	23	162	4.1	321	56.9	11.3	-10	1998	8	23.9	17	156	4.2	235	52.7	16.3
4	31.7	21	154	4.0	258	55.4	13.0	-6	1997	5	29.2	21	186	4.8	236	55.8	14.4

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Mississippi St	23	53-205	3.9	14-28	166	0	12	24-31	1.3	18-37	192	2	+3
Fresno St	19	48-104	2.2	19-34	303	5	14	29-109	3.8	16-37	201	2	0
Idaho	16	35-165	4.7	11-25	238	1	28	44-124	2.8	30-45	280	3	+3
Portland St	21	39-180	4.6	17-24	219	0	19	39-103	2.6	15-29	130	5	+2
at Arizona	21	43-188	4.4	18-27	244	2	16	27-30	1.1	23-41	302	5	0
at UCLA	14	41-181	4.4	14-19	202	5	20	34-100	2.9	19-33	377	4	+3
Arizona St	17	31-169	5.5	21-32	288	1	25	33-31	0.9	32-54	559	3	0
USC	20	27-76	2.8	20-45	336	3	31	46-160	3.5	31-42	448	2	-1
Stanford	21	42-170	4.0	20-36	254	2	10	28-81	2.9	12-28	92	2	0
at Wash St	17	35-60	1.7	16-35	192	4	22	42-190	4.5	20-38	277	2	+1
Washington	14	25-130	5.2	10-33	170	2	27	49-163	3.3	26-37	316	0	-1
at Oregon St	16	28-140	5.0	14-33	182	2	24	46-158	3.4	21-38	370	2	-4
† Wake Forest	13	29-125	4.3	20-41	165	2	23	66-256	3.9	9-16	241	1	-1
TOTALS	232	476-1893	4.0	214-412	2959	29	271	507-1536	3.0	272-475	3785	33	+5
AVERAGES	17.8	37-146	4.0	16-32	228	2.2	20.8	39-118	3.0	21-37	291	2.5	0.4

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Michigan St	E	48-14	W
at UTEP	-20'	33-26	L
San Jose St	-24	58-3	W
Stanford	-17	63-28	W
at Wash St	-13'	51-29	W
at UCLA	+10'	38-41 OT	W
USC	-7	17-13	L
at Arizona	+2'	3-38	L
Washington	-6'	27-22	L
Arizona St	-8'	51-19	W
at Oregon St	-9'	41-44 2OT	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan St	+10	20-27	W
UTEP	-22	47-28	L
Nevada	-14	72-10	W
USC	-1'	33-30 3OT	W
at Washington	+2'	20-34	L
at UCLA	+3'	29-34	L
at Arizona	+3	44-41	W
Arizona St	-7'	20-17	L
Wash St	-15'	52-10	W
at California	-7	24-19	L
Oregon St	-6	25-14	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nevada	-32'	36-7	L
at Wisconsin	+6'	23-27	W
Idaho	-21	42-13	W
UCLA	-3'	29-10	W
Washington	-2	23-16	W
at USC	-1	28-17	W
Arizona	-9	14-10	L
at Arizona St	-6	56-55 2OT	L
at Wash St	-9'	27-24 OT	L
California	-13	25-17	L
at Oregon St	+5	13-23	L

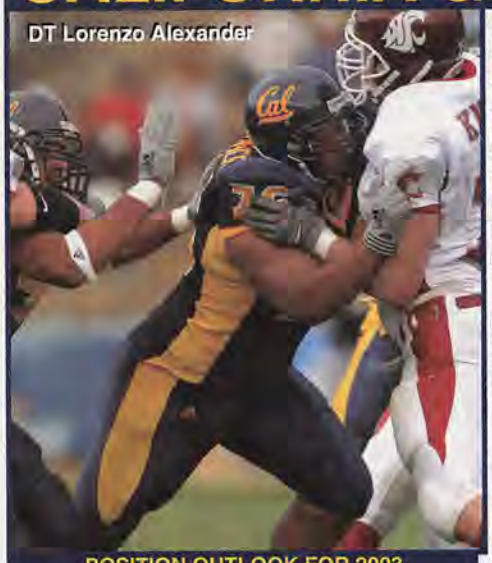
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wisconsin	-11'	31-28	L
Utah	-17'	24-10	L
USC	-6'	24-22	L
at Utah St	-16	38-21	W
at Arizona	-5	63-28	W
at California	-14	48-7	W
Stanford	-7'	42-49	L
at Wash St	+2	24-17	W
Arizona St	-11	42-24	W
at UCLA	+1	21-20	W
Oregon St	-10'	17-14	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miss St	-13	36-13	W
Fresno St	-16'	28-24	L
Idaho	-32'	58-21	W
Portland St	NL	41-0	–
at Arizona	-8	31-14	W
at UCLA	+2'	31-30	W
Arizona St	-10	42-45	L
USC	+1	33-44	L
Stanford	-14	41-14	W
at Wash St	+3'	21-32	L
Washington	-6'	14-42	L
at Oregon St	+4'	24-45	L

CALIFORNIA GOLDEN BEARS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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Tom Holmoe's biggest signing ever at Cal was QB Kyle Boller (PS#3) but Boller, in his first three years in three different offenses, completed just 47% of his passes and was billed as a huge underachiever. Boller got bigger and stronger in each of his four years here and Tedford spent a lot of time working with Boller in the last offseason. Boller had, by far, his best year in the first year of the Tedford offense throwing for 2,815 yards (53.4%) with a 28-10 ratio. He leaves holding school records for career passing TD's and was #2 in career passing yards. Tedford said last year that Boller (#1DC of BAL) had the strongest arm of any QB he'd coached. The battle for this year's spot figures to be an interesting one. Reggie Robertson (PS#30) had two starts throwing for 298 yards and rushing for 107 in 2001. He got in just three games last year with two pass attempts. Aaron Rodgers (PS#14JC) had a 28-4 ratio at JUCO last year. Richard Schwartz (6-4 215 So) was PS#65. Steven Levy (6-1 210 rFr) was PS#272. David Perez (6-1 210 rFr) originally signed with SD St. Tedford is known for developing QB's like Trent Dilfer, David Carr, Akili Smith and Joey Harrington. Boller will be very tough to replace and while I do expect the new starter to fare well, I look for a drop off in this year's numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Joe Igber (PS#62) rushed for 694 yards as a true frosh and 901 in 2000, but in 2001 was injured in game six and had just 399 (4.2). Last year he had his best season rushing for 1,130 yards (4.7) with 34 rec's (9.1). Terrell Williams took over as the feature back in the second half of 2001, earning five starts and rushing for 688 yards (4.3). He was bothered by a sprained ankle early in 2002 and then was lost for the season with a knee injury vs Oregon St. He is back for his junior year. Adimchinobe Echemandu (formerly Joe Echema) rushed for 215 yards in 2000 but missed 2001 due to academics and then tore his ACL in the spring last year (after beating out Igber for the starting job) and missed the season. Marcus O'Keith (PS#26) could emerge after getting 24 yards in two games although he still redshirted. Michael Porter (5-9 210 So) was PS#288. They also add JUCO JJ Arrington who rushed for 769 yards (5.7) with 320 yards receiving last year. I list the FB's below. There are some talented players here capable of becoming the feature back, but with the loss of their 1,000 yard rusher, I'll call this unit a little weaker in 2003.

RECEIVERS - Kyle Boller never really had a healthy or experienced receiving corps in any of his years in Berkeley. Last year they had to replace their top two receivers and then projected starter Chase Lyman and backup James Brignac (PS#88) both missed the season. Top returning receiver LaShaun Ward had an early hamstring injury and didn't take over the starting job until the second half of the year when Geoff McArthur developed hamstring problems. McArthur had 30 rec's in the first 5 games but just 6 the rest of the year. This year the team must replace TE Tom Swoboda (10 sts) who was #2 with 42 rec's (10.7) as well as their top man in terms of yards LaShaun Ward, (709 yards, 18.2). I list the 2 deep below and their top man in terms of receptions, Jonathan Makonnen, returns. Seven players are back with starting experience. Not listed below are TE's Eric Beegun (6-3 240 So, PS#76), Justin Airola (6-3 215 rFr, PS#67) and John Rust (6-5 240 So, PS#90) as well as WR's Burl Toler (6-2 185 Jr) who had two starts and 12 rec's (14.5) in 2001, Joe Crenshaw (5-10 180 Jr), Randy Bundy (6-0 150 rFr) and this year's true frosh like Noah Smith (PS#54) who has 4.25 speed. Cal must replace two top players from this unit, but appears to be just as experienced as last year and could be even stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 Cal averaged 3.4 ypc rushing allowing 32 sacks but last year had to replace their top two OL's including a 2nd round DC. Overall the unit performed decently although the ypc slipped to 3.31, they tied for 1st in the Pac 10 with just 25 sacks allowed. This year they once again have to replace two starters in C Ryan Jones (12 sts, 2 yr st'r) and LG Scott Tercero (12 sts, 4 yr st'r, 2nd Tm P10, #6DC of STL). Overall eight of the top ten OL's return including seven with starting experience, and I list the 3 deep below. This unit has the potential to be even stronger than the 2002 version.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Cal's strength over the last five years has been their DL play. They allowed 3.8 ypc rushing in 2001 which was their highest in the last five years and recorded just 25 sacks. Last year basically everyone returned to the front and it was the strength of the team. Overall Cal recorded 44 sacks and the D allowed just 3.0 ypc. This year the losses are heavy. Gone is DE Tully Banta-Cain (12 sts, 1st Tm P10, 13 sks, 9 tfl, #7DC of NE), DT Daniel Nwangwu (11 sts, 31 tkls), DE Jamaal Cherry (4 sts, 16 tkls, 3.5 sks), DE Josh Gustaveson (4 sts, 26 tkls, 4.5 sks) and DT Tom Canada (4 sts, 23 tkls, 12 sks). Tedford signed an exceptional class of DL's this year and you can expect some of the true frosh and JUCO's to contribute immediately. The star of the group looks to be DT Lorenzo Alexander (PS#11). There is decent talent in the unit but it is lightly experienced and clearly looks weaker in 2003.

LINEBACKERS - Last year four of the top six LB's returned but they had to replace a 5th round DC who was their #2 tackler. Then their #1 tackler from 2001, John Klotsche, who was among the leaders with 13 tackles in the first two games was injured and lost for the season. Basically that meant that the unit had just one starter returning in Matt Nixon. Nixon sprained his knee after seven starts and missed a good portion of the second half of the season. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are ILB's Matt Nixon (7 sts, 61 tkls, 12.5 tfl), Marcus Daniels (10 sts, 68 tkls, 6 tfl), Paul Ugenti (8 sts, 37 tkls, 4 tfl) and OLB Calvin Hosey (4 sts, 31 tkls, 4 tfl). Tedford did sign a couple of JUCO's who I expect to make an immediate impact in Joe Maningo (PS#39) and Francis Blay-Miezah (PS#134) as well as two highly rated true frosh in Garrett Tremblay (PS#33) and Chris Purtz (PS#51) with Purtz joining the team this spring. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Andy Briner (5-11 230 rFr). While the losses are heavy, this group is fairly close to last year in terms of experience and has decent talent so the dropoff may not be as large as expected.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After finishing no lower than #36 in my pass D rankings in Tom Holmoe's first three years (including a pair of Top 10 finishes) the unit plummeted to #96 in 2001. Last year six players returned with starting experience but two of them were lost due to academics over the summer so just two full-time starters returned. The secondary moved up to #50 in the pass D rankings allowing 58.3% with a 20-15 ratio while taking on one of the toughest slates of opposing QB's in the country. This year the losses are heavy (a recurring theme of this defense). Gone are CB Jemeel Powell (10 sts, 42 tkls, 5 int, 8 pbu, 2nd Tm P10), SS Bert Watts (12 sts, 80 tkls, 2 pbu), FS Nnamdi Asomugha (12 sts, 53 tkls, 3 int, 10 pbu, Tm best 4.43 spd, #1DC of OAK) and FS Jeremy Drake (21 tkls). I list the 2 deep below and Tedford said he is willing to play several of his true frosh this year to give them experience quickly, but it will lead to growing pains. While this has the makings of a decent unit, is clearly less experienced and weaker than the 2002 version.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Cal was #96 in my special teams rankings in 2001. Last year the unit was much stronger and although they allowed four blocked punts and two TD's, the unit also blocked three punts and scored three TD's. A big source of their improvement was their KR game as they led the Pac 10 with a 24.5 average and finished first in kick coverage (17.4). Overall Cal moved up to #33 in my special teams rankings. Unfortunately they lose their two most dangerous returnmen in Jemeel Powell, who averaged 12.2 on PR's with 2 TD's, and LaShaun Ward who led the Pac 10 (28.9) in KR's. P Tyler Fredrickson returns for his third year as the starter and should greatly improve upon last year's poor 30.1 net after having a net of 34.2 in 2001. They must replace solid K Mark-Christian Jensen who showed a strong leg hitting 2 of 2 from 50+ and 19 of 27 FG's overall. He also did a good job with KO's. They bring in a top-notch JUCO K to contend and I list his stats below. He should do a fine job filling Jensen's shoes and could be one of the Pac 10's best kickers. This group does have some talent, but with the loss of their dangerous returnmen, I'll call them down a notch this season.

COACHES - Jeff Tedford simply stepped in and won the Pac 10 Coach of the Year award in his first season as head man and was given a 5 year contract extension through 2007. He previously was the OC at both Oregon and Fresno St. His OC is George Cortez who was the OC for the CFL's Calgary Stampeders from 1998-2001. Cal's 35.6 ppg was second in the conference. DC Bob Gregory was the Boise St DC in 2001 and Oregon's secondary coach from 1998-2000. Everyone enters their second year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Prior to last year, Cal's last winning season was 1993 and their last trip to the Rose Bowl was following the 1958 season. Cal finished -18 in turnovers in 2001, a year in which everything that could go wrong, went wrong. Also, the combined record of their first six opponents that year was 33-2 at midseason. Cal had 15 returning starters last year (most in the conference) and only had to replace 11 lettermen. I mentioned last year that players buy into new head coaches when they have early season success and luckily Cal had some winnable non-conf games to open. They parlayed that early success into a winning season losing only one winnable non-conference game to Air Force. They snapped Washington's 19 game win streak against them and they had the biggest turnaround in the NCAA last season going from 1-10 to 7-5. Cal was not eligible for a bowl so they stayed at home for the holidays. Due to their NCAA probation, they lose 9 scholarships over the next four years. They were ranked as high as #23 after they beat Mich St on the road and outscored their first three opponents by 150-57. Last year's team had 23 seniors and 15 of them were starters so naturally the losses are heavy. Cal returns the fewest amount of starters in the Pac 10 (8) and their 23 lettermen lost (37%) is tops in the league. Beside the starters and lettermen lost, there are two more troubling bits of information for Cal this year. First of all they benefited from +18 in turnovers last season (see page 310). Secondly, despite Cal's solid 4-4 league record they were actually outgained by an average of 65.2 ypg in Pac 10 play so they were not as strong as the record may indicate. With the graduation losses and the fact that opponents will be better prepared for them this season, I think it will be very difficult for Cal to bag a second straight winning year.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Aaron Rodgers So. 6-2 235 **PS#14JC**. 2408 yds (62%), 28-4 ratio at JC LY. **Reggie Robertson** (6-2 190 Jr) **PS#30**. 2 sts in '01, 298 yds (43%), 107 yds rushing.

RB Terrell Williams Jr. 6-0 185 PS#46. 5 sts as true, 688 yds (4.3), 14 rec (9.4). 139 yds (3.8). Ace Echemandu (6-0 225 Sr) 215 yds in '00, inj LY. Marcus O'Keith (6-1 175 rFr) **PS#26**.

FB CHRIS MANDERINO SO. 6-1 230 7 starts as rFr, 31 yds (3.9), 6 rec (11.3). Byron Storer (6-1 210 rFr) PS#384LB. Pana Faumuina (6-0 240 So) PS#135. Steve Torgersen (6-0 225 Sr).

WR GEOFF McARTHUR JR. 6-1 200 PS#81. 6 sts as true, 20 rec (16.8). RS in '01. 7 sts (inj) LY, 30 rec, 1st 5, 6 in L/7. David Gray (6-3 225 rFr) PS#69, Devin Stearns is **PS#36**.

WR JONATHAN MAKONNEN SR. 6-0 175 JC. Led Cal LY w/54 rec (12.6), 10 sts. **Chase Lyman** (6-4 215 Jr) 6 sts in '00, 19 rec (16.5). 3 sts in '01, 9 rec (11.8). Vincent Strang has 4.2 spd.

TE Garrett Cross Jr. 6-5 235 **PS#12JC**. 39 rec (15.1) at JC LY. 4.7 spd. Brandon Hall (6-4 245 Sr) PS#167JC. 6 sts LY, 8 rec (9.9). Jordon Hunter (6-6 260 So) PS#35.

C Marvin Philip So. 6-2 260 PS#208OL. 6 games, L/2 sts as **true** in 2000. 2 yr mission. Nolan Bluntzer (6-4 275 Sr) 3 sts in '01, 2 gms LY. Scott Smith (6-4 280 rFr).

RG JONATHAN GIESEL JR. 6-4 300 PS#273. 2 tkls as true. RS in '01. 11 sts at RG in '02, +15 lbs. Jonathon Murphy (6-5 315 So) PS#340, 4 gms LY. Nick Shaeffer (6-5 290 Sr).

LG David Hays Sr. 6-3 290 PS#173. Lettered in 2000 but ACL inj. Missed '01. 8 gms LY, 1 st, 355 bench. Derek Deutsch (6-3 290 Sr) PS#155DL. 1 st in '01, 3 gms LY.

RT CHRIS MURPHY SR. 6-6 310 PS#194. Lettered in 2000. 12 sts in' 01. 12 sts at RT in '02, added 15 lbs. Aaron Merz (6-4 335 So). 9 gms as rFr. Michael Gray (6-6 320 rFr).

LT MARK WILSON SR. 6-6 295 PS#178. 11 sts as rFr. **HM P10**. 11 sts in '01. 12 sts at LT LY, **HM P10**. Ryan O'Callaghan (6-7 330 So) PS#192. Paul Fraley (6-4 300 rFr) PS#134LB.

K Lucas Everett Jr. 6-2 190 PS#125JC. Hit 9 of 12 FG's at JUCO LY, long of 47 and 49 of 52 on xp's. Tyler Fredrickson (6-3 220 Sr) has been the starting P the L/2 years.

DE Ryan Riddle Jr. 6-3 240 **PS#31JC**. 12 sks at JC LY. Tosh Lupoi (6-3 250 Jr) PS#36TE. 3 sts, 14 tkls in '01. Josh Pukini (6-4 250 So) PS#181. Eli Thompson (6-2 250 Jr) PS#153LB.

DT LORENZO ALEXANDER JR. 6-3 295 **PS#11**. L/5 sts as **true**, 24 tkls, 5 tfl. 6 sts, 25 tkls, 5 tfl LY. HM P10. Tom Sverchek (6-3 295 Jr) 1 st, 8 tkls, 2.5 tfl LY. Brandon Povio (6-2 285 So) PS#180.

DT Josh Beckham Sr. 6-2 270 PS#134. 5 sts, 7 tfl in 2000. 9 sts, 27 tkls, 6 tfl in '01. 6 sts LY, 18 tkls, 3 sks. **Matt Malele** is **PS#14**. Leon Drummer is **PS#54**. LP Ladouceur (6-5 265 Jr).

DE Monte Parson Sr. 6-3 265 **PS#24JC**. 19 tfl at JC in '01. 2 tkls, 1 sk here LY. Ray Tago (6-3 250 Jr) PS#110JC. Jason Miller (6-5 220 rFr) PS#237. Alex DeBrucky (6-4 240 So).

OLB Joe Maningo Jr. 6-1 220 **PS#39JC**. 31 sks at JC in 2 yrs. In for spg. Perron Wiley (6-0 205 Jr) PS#85. 4 tkls in '01. Knee inj LY. Chris Purtz is **PS#51** in for spring.

ILB Brian Tremblay Jr. 6-1 235 PS#128. 4 tkls as rFr. 27 tkls, 12 gms LY. Francis Blay-Miezah (6-2 230 Jr) PS#134JC. Garrett Tremblay is **PS#33**. Sid Slater (6-2 225 Jr).

ILB Wendell Hunter Jr. 6-1 230 PS#112. 6 tkls as rFr. 5 sts LY, 43 tkls, 2 tfl. Ryan Estes (6-2 215 So) 4.3 speed. PS#381JC in 2002. Jaylon DeBruin (6-3 230 rFr) PS#222.

CB Daymeion Hughes Fr. 6-2 175 PS#78. Mike McGrath (5-11 195 Jr) 21 tkls in '02, 2nd Tm Pac 10 on special tms. Brandon Sanders is PS#184. Thomas DeCoud is PS#172.

CB James Bethea Sr. 6-0 190 PS#186RB. 7 sts in '01, 39 tkls, 5 pbu. 7 sts LY, 42 tkls, 4 int, 4 pbu. Wale Forrester (5-10 195 So) PS#260. Will Scott (5-8 180 So) PS#200RB.

ROV DONNIE McCLESKEY SO. 5-10 180 PS#100RB. 7 sts in '02 at ROV. 45 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu as **true**. Ryan Gutierrez (6-0 180 Jr) PS#182, 14 tkls LY. Harrison Smith (6-2 190 So) 8 tkls LY.

FS Matt Giordano Jr. 6-0 190 PS#116JC. 62 tkls, 5 int, 12.6 avg on PR at JC LY. In for spring. Ryan Foltz (6-2 200 So) PS#151DB. 1 tkl LY. Kenny Frank is PS#85RB.

P TYLER FREDRICKSON SR. 6-3 220 75 punts in 2001, 39.5 avg and net of 34.2. 62 punts LY, 39.5 average and net of 30.1. Lucas Everett is PS#125JUCO, 45.2 avg at JC LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

DL	Matt Malele 6-3 300 PS#14
DL	Brandon Mebane 6-3 250 PS#49
LB	Garrett Tremblay 6-3 215 PS#33
WR	Devin Stearns 6-3 185 PS#36
OL	Leon Drummer 6-6 300 PS#54
WR	Noah Smith 5-11 165 PS#54
WR	Sam DeSa 5-11 174 PS#59
LB	Chris Purtz 6-2 205 PS#51
TE	Garrett Cross 6-5 235 PS#12JC
QB	Aaron Rodgers 6-2 235 PS#14JC
QB	Cary Dove 6-2 160 PS#61
DL	Ryan Riddle 6-3 240 PS#31JC
LB	Joe Maningo 6-1 220 PS#39JC
DB	Daymeion Hughes 6-2 175 PS#78

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#6

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CAL	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 23	at Kansas St (Arrowhead)	G					
Aug. 30	S Mississippi	G					
Sep. 6	Colorado St	G					
Sep. 11	at Utah (Thur)	A					
Sep. 20	at Illinois	A					
Sep. 27	USC	G					
Oct. 4	Oregon St (HC)	G					
Oct. 11							
Oct. 18	at UCLA	G					
Oct. 25	Arizona	G					
Nov. 1	at Arizona St	G					
Nov. 8	at Oregon	A					
Nov. 15	Washington	G					
Nov. 22	at Stanford	G					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

The dog in the Arizona/Cal series is 14-1 ATS the last 15.
The Bears are 8-3 ATS in the 2nd of 2+ road games.
The Golden Bears are 13-3 ATS as a November home dog since 1986.

Cal is 5-1 SU & ATS in their last 6 away games vs the Big 12.
Golden Bears are 15-8 in season openers S/'80, but 3-6 ATS the last 9.

California is 3-6-1 ATS its L/10 at home vs non-conference foes.
Could apply: The Bears are 9-19 ATS the L/28 games as a home favorite.

When Cal has faced a Mt West team, the dog is 3-1 ATS since 1999.
California is 5-10-1 ATS at home in September the last 16.

Golden Bears' last Thursday rumble was a 1992 SU & ATS win vs Kansas.
California was 4-1 ATS on the road in 2002.

The Bears are 4-2 ATS vs Big 10 foes since 1990.
Bears are 1-6 SU but 5-2 ATS the last 7 on artificial turf.

California is 8-17 SU & ATS vs Pac 10 teams in September.
Golden Bears are 4-4 SU but 6-2 ATS the last 8 years vs USC, all as a dog.

Cal is 7-18 SU at home vs Pac 10 the L/25 including 2-5 SU & ATS L/7.
The Bears are 6-9 SU & 5-10 ATS vs Oregon State since 1984.

Since 1987, Cal is 9-3 ATS the week after a bye.
The Bears are 12-4 ATS the last 16 vs the Bruins.

Cal is 11-4 ATS their last 15 meetings vs Arizona.
Twelve of the last 14 series meetings have been decided by 7 or less.

The Bears are 6-30-2 SU & 14-24 ATS away in November since 1980.
Cal is 3-7 SU & ATS vs Arizona State the last 10 meetings.

This will be the 1st time Tedford faces Oregon, where he was their OC.
Cal is 1-7 SU & 2-6 ATS the last 8 series meetings with the Ducks.

The home team is 1-6 ATS the last 7 in this series.
Cal is just 1-4 SU & ATS their last 5 November home games.

Cal is 3-11 SU & 5-9 ATS vs Stanford since 1989.
The underdog is 8-2 ATS the last 10 in "the game".

JEFF TEDFORD (Career 7-5)

2nd Year at California

Tedford's records AT CALIFORNIA

7-5	Straight Up	3-2	Home Favorite
8-4	Vs The Spread	1-1	Home Underdog
4-1	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
5-3	Vs Conference	4-1	Away Underdog
		3-1	Vs Non-Conf

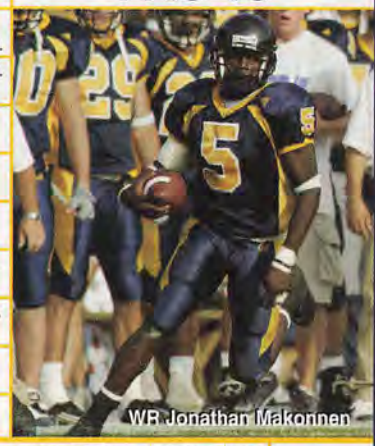
2002 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 2

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (19,19,1)
Lost: 23 (7,15,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 37,103

PAC 10


WR Jonathan Makonnen

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (75,662)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	3-8	5-6	4-7	3-8	1-10	7-5	29-49
ATS	4-6	6-5	6-4-1	5-6	7-4	3-8	8-4	39-37-1
Home Fav	1-3	1-1	1-2	0-1	0-2	0-1	3-2	6-12
Home Dog	1-0	1-2	2-0-1	3-1	3-0	1-4	1-1	12-8-1
Away Fav	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-5
Away Dog	2-2	4-1	3-1	2-3	4-2	2-2	4-1	21-12
Favorite	1-4	1-2	1-3	0-2	0-2	0-2	3-2	6-17
Dog	3-2	5-3	5-1-1	5-4	7-2	3-6	5-2	33-20-1
Grass	3-5	5-4	5-3-1	5-3	4-4	2-7	7-3	31-29-1
Artificial	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	3-0	1-1	1-1	8-8
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	5-3	4-4	5-3	3-5	5-3	30-26
vs Non-Conf	1-1	1-2	1-1-1	1-2	2-1	0-3	3-1	9-11-1
Off SU Win	3-2	1-2	3-1-1	0-4	3-0	0-0	3-3	13-12-1
Off SU Loss	1-4	4-3	3-2	5-1	3-4	3-7	4-1	23-22

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joe Igber	241	1189	59	1130	7	4.7
Terrell Williams	**37**	**146**	**7**	**139**	**1**	**3.8**
LaShaun Ward	5	35	0	35	0	7.0
Kyle Boller	72	151	234	-83	3	-1.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Kyle Boller	421	225	53.4	2815	28	10
Reggie Robertson	**2**	**2**	**100.0**	**64**	**1**	**0**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
LaShaun Ward	39	709	18.2	9	54	
Jonathan Makonnen	**54**	**682**	**12.6**	**7**	**40**	
Geoff McArthur	**36**	**454**	**12.6**	**1**	**47**	
Tom Swoboda	42	451	10.7	7	36	
Joe Igber	34	309	9.1	3	30	
Vincent Strang	**5**	**100**	**20.0**	**1**	**55**	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Tyler Fredrickson	**62**	**2450**	**39.5**	**66**	**30.1**	**3**	**19**
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Mark Jensen	50-51	9-9	4-8	4-8	2-2	19-27	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Bert Watts	80	0	2	2	0
Marcus Daniels	68	0	6	3	0
Matt Nixon	61	3.5	9	4	1
Nnamdi Asomugha	53	0	4	10	3
Donnie McCleskey	**45**	**0**	**3**	**5**	**1**
Wendell Hunter	**43**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Jemeel Powell	42	0	0	8	5
James Bethea	**42**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**4**
Tully Banta-Cain	39	13	9	3	0
Paul Ugenti	37	1	3	0	1
Daniel Nwangwu	31	0	1	1	0
Calvin Hosey	31	0	4	1	0
Brian Tremblay	**27**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Josh Gustaveson	26	4.5	1	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Jemeel Powell	32	389	12.2	2
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
LaShaun Ward	28	809	28.9	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
79	Garden	-1	Temple	17-28	L
90	Copper	-7	Wyoming	17-15	L
91	Citrus	E	Clemson	37-13	W
93	Alamo	-11'	Iowa	37-3	W
96	Aloha	+1	Navy	38-42	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

CALIFORNIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	35.6	19	108	3.3	248	53.7	10.0	+18	2002	8	26.5	21	114	3.0	279	58.2	14.8
8*	18.3	20	121	3.4	229	47.8	19.1	-18	2001	8	39.2	22	150	3.8	296	54.8	11.4
7*	22.4	16	124	3.4	194	46.6	14.2	-4	2000	4	26.8	20	111	2.7	255	49.6	13.6
6	16.4	13	100	2.8	151	39.4	15.3	-5	1999	7	23.1	19	118	2.9	235	47.4	15.3
6*	16.6	17	79	2.3	213	53.1	20.2	+6	1998	8	22.8	18	134	3.3	207	46.1	14.9
5	26.8	22	146	3.3	249	56.8	14.7	-3	1997	7	30.8	19	144	4.0	237	50.8	12.4

2002 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Baylor	21	31-105	3.4	22-30	355	1	21	40-79	2.0	23-39	323	3	+5
New Mexico St	17	31-120	3.9	19-32	180	1	22	51-169	3.3	16-26	161	4	+1
at Michigan St	23	36-135	3.8	20-35	246	1	24	30-87	2.9	20-38	265	3	+4
Air Force	18	31-119	3.8	13-38	216	1	17	56-295	5.3	3-8	22	0	+1
Washington St	25	27-101	3.7	29-47	371	3	27	27-104	3.9	29-45	474	1	0
at Washington	17	42-125	3.0	13-24	266	1	26	28-42	1.5	35-59	399	5	+2
at USC	17	25-90	3.6	20-30	221	3	28	51-175	3.4	25-39	289	3	0
UCLA	10	34-40	1.2	13-30	133	2	18	39-29	0.7	16-29	197	7	+3
at Oregon St	17	28-16	0.6	27-51	284	4	18	43-301	7.0	8-24	80	1	-1
at Arizona St	20	42-168	4.0	16-35	213	2	19	27-(-2)	-0.1	29-50	477	6	+2
Arizona	20	27-58	2.1	22-45	298	4	23	32-(-5)	-0.2	31-45	492	5	-1
Stanford	24	38 219	5.8	16 31	188	2	14	32 94	2.9	18 33	167	6	+2
TOTALS	229	392-1296	3.3	230-428	2971	25	257	456-1368	3.0	253-435	3346	44	+18
AVERAGES	19.1	33-108	3.3	19-36	248	2.1	21.4	38-114	3.0	21-36	279	3.7	1.5

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Houston	-14'	14-10	L
Nebraska	+21	3-24	T
at Oklahoma	+3	13-12	W
Washington St	-4'	24-14	W
at USC	+11	32-31	W
at Washington	+9	13-21	W
UCLA	+14	16-28	W
at Oregon St	-2	20-19	L
at Arizona St	+5'	22-55	L
Arizona	+10'	23-27	W
Stanford	-7	3-10	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rutgers	-18'	21-7	L
at Nebraska	+32	0-45	L
Arizona St	+1'	24-23	W
at Washington St	-4	7-31	L
at BYU	+14	28-38	W
at UCLA	+13	17-0	W
Washington	+3	27-31	L
USC	+5'	17-7	W
at Oregon St	+9	7-17	L
Oregon	+7	19-24	W
at Stanford	+10'	13-31	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah	+3	24-21	W
at Illinois	+14	15-17	W
at Fresno St	+3	3-17	L
Washington St	-6'	17-21	L
at Arizona St	+7	10-30	L
UCLA	+10'	46-38 3OT	W
at Washington	+16	24-36	W
at USC	+8	28-16	W
Oregon St	+6'	32-38	W
at Oregon	+13	17-25	W
Stanford	-1'	30-36 OT	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Illinois	-2'	17-44	L
BYU	+3'	16-44	L
at Washington St	+14	20-51	L
Washington	+15'	28-31	W
Oregon	+13'	7-48	L
at UCLA	+30'	17-56	L
at Oregon St	+19'	10-19	W
Arizona	+3'	24-38	L
USC	+13	14-55	L
at Stanford	+24	28-35	W
at Rutgers	-11	20-10	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Baylor	-7'	70-22	W
N Mexico St	-12'	34-13	W
at Michigan St	+13'	46-22	W
Air Force	-9'	21-23	L
Wash St	+2'	38-48	L
at Washington	+11	34-27	W
at USC	+12'	28-30	W
UCLA	+3'	17-12	W
at Oregon St	+5'	13-24	L
at Arizona St	+4'	55-38	W
Arizona	-16'	41-52	L
Stanford	-10'	30-7	W

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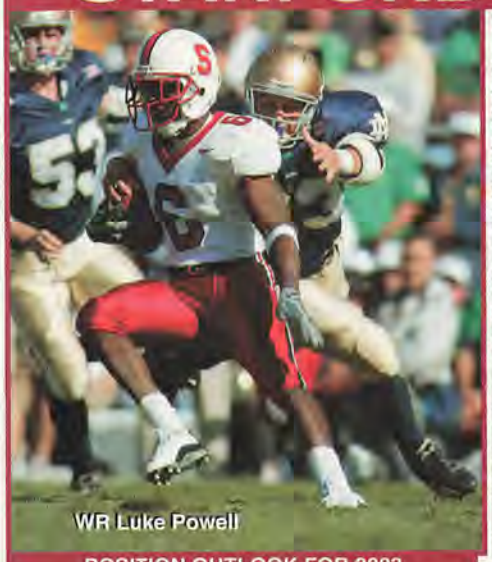
WR Luke Powell

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Last year Stanford had to replace Randy Fasani but looked to be in fine shape as they had Chris Lewis who had seven career starts and had thrown for over 1,000 yards in each of his first two years. Lewis was suspended for the opener and Kyle Matter (PS#17) started. Lewis did return to start the second game but split time with Matter. Matter's first two games were very impressive (24 of 35 for 367 yds with a 2-1 ratio). Each would see action in three of the next four games with Lewis starting. Lewis then suffered a shoulder injury in the 2Q against Arizona and while he was listed as questionable to play in each of the remaining games, he did not see the field again. In Lewis' first eight quarters of the season he tossed eight int's and never really became comfortable in the new system throwing for 712 yards (49%) with a 5-9 ratio. Matter saw action in ten games including six starts. After his strong start he hit only 92 of 179 (51.4%) for just 852 yards (106.5 ypg) with a 6-9 ratio. The 75 yards passing he had vs UCLA was the second fewest passing yards in a game in school history. Matter was injured in the 3Q against Oregon and Ryan Eklund (6-7 215 Jr, PS#107) replaced him. In three games Eklund hit 5 of 13 for 37 yards. Matter was sacked a lot in the final few games and played the second half of the season finale with a sprained left shoulder. Lewis and Matter both return and should be healthier. The unit is bolstered by the outstanding addition of a couple of rFr in Trent Edwards (6-4 194 rFr, PS#5) and David Lofton (6-4 200 rFr, PS#57). Keep in mind, coaches like their own recruits so Edwards does have a shot at stealing the starting job. Stanford's QB play was surprisingly poor last year but not much went right for the Cardinal and I expect significant improvement from this position in 2003.

RUNNING BACKS - Kerry Carter (PS#45) would have been higher rated out of high school but he played in Canada. He led the team in 2000 with 729 yards (4.1) despite not starting. He was only the #2 rusher in 2001 with 493 yards (3.7) and the team had to replace its leading rusher Brian Allen (940) last year. Carter was injured in the 1Q vs BC and in the first three games had just 31 yards on 13 attempts. He still ended up leading the team in rushing with 524 yards (3.5). FB Casey Moore (PS#7 of CAR) added 348 yards and a more impressive 6.4 ypc. Unfortunately they both depart as does Justin Faust (47 yards). In 2001 Kenneth Tolon (PS#158) had just 10 yards in seven games but rushed for 336 yards and a solid 7.0 ypc over the last four of the regular season. Tolon had his moments in 2002 and averaged 5.2 ypc gaining 346 yards and is the frontrunner for the RB job. JR Lemon is a VHT (PS#20) that got in just seven games missing five due to injury and had 85 yards (2.8). I list the FB's below. This year they simply add PS#13, #18 and #25RB's and also DB Gerald Commissiong (6-0 201 rFr, PS#121) who I do not list below. While they clearly lose their top two backs this season, their production was below expectations and I think that with 4 VHT's in the mix, this unit could surprise.

RECEIVERS - When Buddy Teevens took over he commented on how deep the receiving corps was and indeed the team did return all of 2001's top receivers including some with NFL potential. Quick and tall Teyo Johnson (6-7 240) created some impossible matchups for opposing secondaries, but surprisingly only had 41 rec's (11.4). The unit also suffered a big blow in the opener when their starting TE Brett Pierce was injured on the second series and missed the season. Backup TE Darin Naatjes had quit the team for a baseball contract so they were down to their 3rd and 4th teamers and at midseason DE Will Svitek moved to TE. Luke Powell had an injury plagued season getting in just ten games and saw his rec's drop from 45 (19.6) in 2001 to 25 (10.7) last year. This year Johnson left early for the NFL (#2DC of OAK) and they also must replace Ryan Wells (11 sts, 23, 10.0). Pierce returns at TE and will have to battle Alex Smith (PS#34) who had 30 rec's (12.7) and Matt Traverso (6-6 245 rFr, PS#25) who suffered a high ankle sprain early on and redshirted. I list the receivers below and Nick Sebes (PS#24) missed six weeks last year with an MCL injury. Brandon Royster (PS#10RB) moved to WR from TB in 2001 but was also injured. Not listed below is Greg Camarillo (6-2 195 Jr, 8 rec). This group is much stronger at TE, returns their leading receiver from 2001 in a healthy Powell, plus adds in some VHT frosh. Even with the loss of Johnson, it may still be stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 a veteran Cardinal O-line paved the way for 195 rush ypg (Pac 10's best) as they averaged 4.3 ypc and allowed 27 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters, both who were 7th round DC's, but eight of the top ten returned. They did lose starting LG Paul Weinacht to a season ending knee injury and Dustin Stimson started the last five in his place. Overall the unit paved the way for 3.43 ypc rushing while allowing 38 sacks. This year the losses are very heavy. Gone are RT Kwame Harris who won the Morris Trophy as the top OL in the Pac 10 (PS#2, 2 yr st'r, #1DC of SF). C Tom Kolich (11 sts), RG Greg Schindler (10 sts, 4 yr st'r, HM P10), LG's Weinacht (6 sts) and Stimson (6 sts), and backup LT Edmond O'Neal. Only three of the top ten return and the last two years' outstanding recruiting class of OL's will mean rFr and true frosh will man the majority of the positions on this unit. There is some top-notch talent here as you can see by six VHT's listed in my 2 deep, but the unit will likely go through some growing pains.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 Stanford had a D-line which had just one starter returning but still led the Pac 10 in rushing defense. Overall they allowed 3.6 ypc rushing while recording 21 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 28 starts but did have five of the top eight back. Then after four games NT Craig Albrecht (2 sts) was lost for the year due to injury. This year once again basically two starters return. Gone are NT Trey Freeman (8 sts, 26 tkls, 1 tfl), DT Matt Leonard (11 sts, 25 tkls, 8 tfl, HM P10) as well as Albrecht. Six of the top eight are back and I'm impressed with the talent of my projected starting DE tandem of Julian Jenkins (PS#7) and Amon Gordon (PS#8). Stanford allowed 3.7 ypc rushing while recording just 23 sacks last year and I look for solid improvement.

LINEBACKERS - The Cardinal had to replace all three starters last year including their leading tackler who was a 3rd round DC. Six different players ended up starting last season and four of them were underclassmen. Surprisingly, their most talented player, OLB Michael Craven (PS#1), lost his starting job but should be more productive this season. I list a talented 2 deep below. This is one of the most improved LB corps in the country this year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - While this group was extremely inexperienced last year, they possessed outstanding speed and this year's three returning starters are all members of the track team. After finishing #117 in 2001, Stanford rose to #37 in my pass D rankings allowing 56% with a 22-16 ratio. CB Garry Cobb, who had one start and 27 tackles in 2001, was limited to two tackles last year and now departs. The only other losses are FS Colin Branch (11 sts, 69 tkls, HM P10, #4DC of CAR), CB Chijioke Asomugha (2 tkls) and FS Jason White (7 tkls). Basically the top three CB's return and they add VHT rFr Marcus McCutcheon (PS#22), and two of the top four safeties are back. This unit is much more experienced than last season and will also benefit from an improved front seven.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Willingham's first three years at Stanford they finished in the Top 25 of my special teams rankings all three times. In his last four years, their best finish was #82 and in 2001 they finished a surprising #112. They did have to replace K Mike Biselli last year but had two VHT's K's on the roster. Mike Sgroi (PS#10) won the job and hit 9 of 15 FG's despite being limited by a back injury. Two were blocked and he was only 4 of 10 from 30+. Eric Johnson (PS#17) has handled the punting the last two years. He had the second worst average in the Pac 10 in 2001 (37.9) but last year improved to a 39.8 average with a net of 33.0. Luke Powell averaged 14.7 on PR's in 2001 but last year he was injury plagued and averaged just 8.1. He should return to his 2001 form. The team must replace KR Ryan Wells but with talented athletes (lots of VHT true frosh added) and the unit underperforming last year I look for significant strides in the special teams rankings after their #107 finish in 2002.

COACHES - Buddy Teevens has been the head coach at Maine ('85-'86), Dartmouth ('87-'91), Tulane ('92-'96) and was most recently an assistant at Florida from 1999 to 2001 before taking over as the head man here. OC David Kelly was associate head coach here last season and he was the WR coach at LSU and Georgia Tech from 1996 to 2001. New QB coach Bill Cubit was previously the OC at W Michigan, Missouri and Rutgers. They have co-DC's in Tom Williams and AJ Christoff. Christoff was Cincinnati's DC last season and Williams was the co-DC last year after coming over as the LB coach from Washington from 1999 to 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Ty Willingham was a conservative, low key coach who guided Stanford to four bowls during his tenure and had a 9-3 record in 2001 with outstanding rushing attack (195 ypg). When Willingham left for Notre Dame the AD wanted a different type of coach bringing in the more energetic Buddy Teevens. Teevens' schemes were "more aggressive" and the offensive players were excited with the "wide open attack". Willingham's stodgy, run-based offense of 2001 produced 443 ypg and 35.2 ppg. With seven offensive starters back in 2002, Teevens' wide-open, full throttle offense averaged just 311 ypg and a paltry 20.5 ppg and a great majority of that was gained vs San Jose St when the team put up 63 points. They went through a stretch of six games failing to top 18 points for the first time since 1962. Teevens did have a tough act to follow as in 2001 Stanford knocked off Top 5 teams in back-to-back weeks for the first time in school history and was ranked as high as 10th in the polls. Last year's squad had just 9 returning starters with only two on defense. After finishing 6-2 in 2001 in league play I called for them to finish in the lower half of the Pac 10 last year and they finished tied for last in the league at just 1-7 with their only win vs the other one win team (Arizona). On the year Stanford was outgained by 119.1 ypg in Pac 10 play and outscored by 19.8 ppg, both the worst in the league. The overall finish was their worst season since 1983 and it was the biggest reversal in school history going from 9-3 to 2-9. This is the second year of Teevens' schemes so the team should be better prepared but have just 3 starters back on offense with a talented albeit very young O-line. The defense should be much stronger this year with 8 starters back. Overall Stanford's 11 returning starters is second fewest in the league and the 20 lettermen lost the 3rd highest. The schedule maker did them no favors this year by keeping Arizona off the Pac 10 schedule. While this team should be much more competitive, they do have a lot of ground to make up and they are probably still a year away from contending for a winning record.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CHRIS LEWIS SR. 6-3 215 **PS#2**. 12 career sts, 3278 yds (49%), 26-22 ratio, 192 rush. Kyle Matter (6-3 195 So) **PS#17**. 1219 yds (54%) 8-10 ratio. **Trent Edwards PS#5** LY.

RB Kenneth Tolon Jr. 6-1 190 PS#158DB. 346 yds (6.4) in '01. 346 yds (5.2) LY. **JR Lemon** (6-1 213 So) **PS#20**, 1 st, 113 ttl yds LY. **Jason Evans** is **PS#18**. **David Marrero** is **PS#25**.

FB Cooper Blackhurst Sr. 6-4 245 PS#82LB in '98. 3 tkls in 3Y @ LB, 31 ttl yds in 8 gms LY. Pat Jacobs (6-2 236 Jr) 9 yds LY. **Emeka Nnoli** is **PS#13**. Kris Bonifas (6-1 230 So) 5 tkls.

WR Grant Mason So. 6-0 190 **PS#58DB**. 23 rec (6.7), 150 return yds as rFr. Gerren Crochet (6-0 160 So) PS#63, 5 rec (10.2) LY. **Nick Sebes** (5-11 175 Jr) **PS#24QB**, 8 rec in 2Y.

WR Luke Powell Sr. 5-8 175 **PS#9**. 12 sts, 45 rec (19.6) in '01. 25 rec (10.7) LY (inj). Justin McCullum (6-4 215 So) PS#49. Brandon Royster (6-0 205 Jr) **PS#10RB**.

TE BRETT PIERCE SR. 6-6 250 **PS#9**. 12 starts in '01, 21 rec (14.5). Inj'd LY. **Alex Smith** (6-5 245 Jr) PS#34, 10 sts, 30 rec (12.7). Matt Traverso (6-6 245 So) PS#25.

C Brian Head So. 6-4 290 PS#121OL. 2nd string in 2002, 10 games and lettered as a rFr. Tim Mattran (6-5 292 rFr) is a walk-on. Preston Clover is PS#160OL.

RG Josiah Vinson rFr. 6-4 310 **PS#34OL**. Solid size. Zero sks allowed in last 2 years of high school. Jeff Edwards (6-7 265 rFr) **PS#42OL**. Mikal Brewer is PS#40.

LG David Beall rFr. 6-5 300 **PS#60OL**. Backup center, 1 game as true, but RS. Ismail Simpson (6-5 300 rFr) PS#128OL. Amir Malayery (6-5 275 Fr) is PS#323OL.

RT Mike Sullivan Sr. 6-7 310 **PS#63OL**. 4 games in '01. 8 games as 2nd string LY, 0 letters. Jon Cochran (6-6 290 rFr) **PS#68**. David Jackson (6-5 250 Fr) PS#486.

LT KIRK CHAMBERS SR. 6-7 315 '98-'99 mission. 11 sts at LT as "true". 12 sts in '01, HM Pac 10. 11 sts at LT LY. Matt McClernan (6-6 260 rFr) PS#451. David Long is PS#453.

K MIKE SGROI SO. 5-11 200 **PS#10K**. Hit 9 of 15 FG's as rFr, L/45 despite back inj. 23 of 24 xp's, only 4 of 10 from 30+. Jay Ottovegio is **PS#3**, 10 of 15 FG's in HS LY.

DE JULIAN JENKINS SO. 6-4 250 **PS#7**, 1 start as **true**, 9 gms, 17 tkls, 2.5 tfl. **Louis Hobson** (6-4 255 Sr) PS#216DL. 1 st, 13 tkls, 1.5 tfl, 2 int. 8 sts LY, 29 tkls, 1 sk, 4 tfl.

NT Babatunde Oshinowo So. 6-2 310 **PS#45**. 1 st as rFr, 23 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl. Ian Shelswell (6-4 320 Sr), Canadian. Harvard trans. Michael Lovelady (6-5 255 So) PS#131, 1 tkl LY.

DT Scott Scharff Jr. 6-5 285 **PS#92OL**. 1 tkl in 3 gms as rFr. 8 gms, 9 tkls, added 25 lbs. Casey Carroll (6-2 275 So) PS#95. 9 tkls, 1 tfl in '02. Michael Macellari is PS#68.

DE AMON GORDON JR. 6-3 285 **PS#8LB**. 16 tkls, 6 tfl as rFr. 7 sts LY, 22 tkls, 4 sks. Will Svitek (6-7 270 Jr) PS#17TE. 3 sts, 9 tkls LY, also TE. Drew Caylor (6-6 270 Sr) 7 sts, 2Y. C in spg.

OLB JARED NEWBERRY JR. 6-3 235 PS#118. 3 sts at OLB, 45 tkls, 3 sks, 1 tfl, 1 int, 4 pbu. **Jon Alston** (6-1 210 So) PS#126LB. **5 sts** as rFr. 30 tkls, 2 sks. Michael Okwo is **PS#23**.

MLB DAVID BERGERON JR. 6-4 245 **PS#36**, 10 sts at OLB. 38 tkls, 6.5 tfl LY. **Jake Covault** (6-3 230 Sr) PS#166. 9 sts, 52 tkls LY. Brian Gaffney (6-2 233 Sr) PS#87, 2 sts, 27 tkls, 2 tfl.

OLB MICHAEL CRAVEN SO. 6-1 215 **PS#1LB**. RS due to hamstring inj in '01. 4 sts LY, 28 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 int. Capp Culver (6-2 222 So) PS#70. 1 tkl as rFr. Mike Silva (6-3 220 rFr) PS#234.

CB LEIGH TORRENCE JR. 6-0 177 Sprinter on track. 10 tkls in '01. 11 sts in '02, 38 tkls. 3 int, 5 pbu. Marcus McCutcheon (6-0 180 rFr) **PS#22**. Calvin Armstrong (6-1 195 So) PS#118.

CB STANLEY WILSON JR. 6-0 184 PS#149RB. 10.47 in 100m on track. 11 sts LY, 32 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu. TJ Rushing (5-10 170 So) PS#128RB. 21 tkls, 1 sk, 3 tfl as #3 CB as **true**.

SS OSHIOMOGHO ATOGWE JR. 5-11 198 Canadian. Sprinter on track tm. 4 tkls in '01. 11 sts LY, 71 tkls, 3 int, 4 pbu, 1 sk. Kevin Schimmelmann (6-3 215 So) PS#97WR, 7 tkls as rFr.

FS Timi Wusu So. 6-3 195 Hurdler on track tm. Spec Tm Def MVP. 8 tkls, 1 pbu as rFr. Trevor Hooper (6-1 190 rFr) PS#185RB. Bryan Bentrott (6-1 180 rFr) PS#425RB.

P ERIC JOHNSON SR. 5-11 187 PS#17. 3 sts in 2000, 25 punts (34.0). 55 punts in '01, 37.9 avg, net of 28.8. 58 punts in '02, 39.8 avg, net of 33.0. Jay Ottovegio had 42.0 avg in HS LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

WR	Mark Bradford 6-2 190 PS#13
RB	Emeka Nnoli 6-1 225 PS#13
RB	Jason Evans 6-1 190 PS#18
QB	TC Ostrander 6-3 210 PS#21
LB	Michael Okwo 6-0 215 PS#23
RB	David Marrero 5-10 190 PS#25
OL	Mikal Brewer 6-3 285 PS#40
DL	Mike Macellari 6-5 270 PS#68
K	Jay Ottovegio 6-0 190 PS#3
TE	Patrick Danahy 6-5 230 PS#25
TE	Evan Moore 6-7 235 PS#31
WR	Jai Miller 6-4 190 PS#100
DL	Michael Horgan 6-6 230 PS#146
OL	Preston Clover 6-4 275 PS#160

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Teevens' records AT STANFORD

2-9	Straight Up	2-0	Home Favorite
4-6-1	Vs The Spread	1-2	Home Dog
3-5	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
2-5-1	Vs Conference	1-4-1	Away Dog
		2-1	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (2-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 3*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (15,21,2)
Lost: 20 (12,8,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 38,770

PAC 10

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#3

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30							
Sep. 6	San Jose St	G					
Sep. 13							
Sep. 20	at BYU	G					
Sep. 27	at Washington	A					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	at USC	G					
Oct. 18	Wash St (HC)	G					
Oct. 25	at Oregon	A					
Nov. 1	UCLA	G					
Nov. 8	Arizona St	G					
Nov. 15	at Oregon St	A					
Nov. 22	California	G					
Nov. 29	Notre Dame	G					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Cardinal are 13-7 ATS the last 20 games after a SU loss.
Stanford is 5-8 ATS the last 13 meetings vs Arizona (3-1 ATS L/4).
Stanford is 6-3 ATS since 2000 vs non-conference foes.

Stanford is 3-7 ATS their last 10 but 3-0 ATS the last 3 season openers.
Cardinal is 12-22 ATS as home chalk S/'93 & 6-14 ATS vs SJS the L/20.

Bonus: Stanford & San Jose St have averaged 70 ppg the last 5 years...
and San Jose St has 3 outright upsets in this backyard rivalry in that span.

After going 11-5 ATS from '98-'01 as an away dog, Stanford was 1-4-1 LY.
Stanford is 2-7 ATS after a bye since 1995.

Stanford is 2-17 SU & 5-13-1 ATS vs Washington since 1980.
Cardinal are 4-9 ATS on artificial turf since 1996.

The straight up winner has covered the last 7 in this matchup.
The visitor is 4-1 ATS the last 5 in this series.

Stanford is 12-6 SU & ATS since 1980 (0-2 L2Y) vs the Cougars.
In the last 12 games the margin of victory has been 20 ppg.

The visitor is 7-3 ATS the last 10 in this series.
The last 8 games between these 2 have averaged 74 ppg.

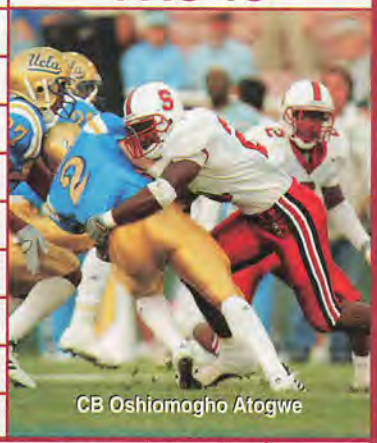
Stanford is 6-9 SU but 10-3-2 ATS vs UCLA since 1988.
The away dog is 5-0-2 ATS in this series.

The Cardinal is 4-7 ATS vs ASU the last 11, but 4-1 ATS the last 5 years...
and in those contests, they have averaged 73.2 ppg between the 2.

The dog has covered 7 of the last 10 in this series.
The Cardinal is 12-1 ATS in road finales since 1990.

The visitor has covered 9 of 11 in this series.
Stanford is 12-7 ATS the last 19 vs California (0-2 ATS L2Y).

The Cardinal is 3-5 SU & 2-6 ATS their last 8 vs Notre Dame.
The underdog is 4-2 ATS the last 6 in this series.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STADIUM: STANFORD STADIUM (85,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	5-6	3-8	8-3	5-6	9-2	2-9	38-39
ATS	4-7	4-7	5-6	6-5	8-3	7-4	4-6-1	38-38-1
Home Fav	1-3	1-3	1-1	2-3	1-2	2-3	2-0	10-15
Home Dog	1-1	1-1	1-3	1-0	3-0	1-0	1-2	9-7
Away Fav	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-1	0-0	3-4
Away Dog	2-2	2-1	3-2	3-2	3-1	2-0	1-4-1	16-12-1
Favorite	1-4	1-5	1-1	2-3	2-2	4-4	2-0	13-19
Dog	3-3	3-2	4-5	4-2	6-1	3-0	2-6-1	25-19-1
Grass	4-4	3-6	5-5	6-4	7-2	6-3	3-5-1	34-29-1
Artificial	0-3	1-1	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	4-9
vs Conf	4-4	2-6	4-4	6-2	6-2	5-3	2-5-1	29-26-1
vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-1	1-2	0-3	2-1	2-1	2-1	9-12
Off SU Win	3-2	3-1	1-1	4-3	2-2	4-4	0-1-1	17-14-1
Off SU Loss	1-4	1-5	4-4	2-1	5-1	2-0	3-5	18-20

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kerry Carter	149	549	25	524	2	3.5
Casey Moore	54	360	12	348	1	6.4
Kenneth Tolon II	**66**	**374**	**28**	**346**	**4**	**5.2**
Kyle Matter	**68**	**238**	**174**	**64**	**2**	**0.9**
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kyle Matter	**214**	**116**	**54.2**	**1219**	**8**	**10**
Chris Lewis	**139**	**68**	**48.9**	**712**	**5**	**9**
RECEIVING		REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Teyo Johnson		41	467	11.4	8	80
Alex Smith		**30**	**380**	**12.7**	**2**	**43**
Luke Powell		**25**	**268**	**10.7**	**1**	**49**
Ryan Wells		23	231	10.0	1	21
Grant Mason		**23**	**154**	**6.7**	**0**	**35**
Casey Moore		16	143	8.9	2	31
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Eric Johnson	**58**	**2306**	**39.8**	**64**	**33.0**	**0**	**7**
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Mike Sgroi	**23-24**	**5-5**	**0-3**	**4-7**	**0-0**	**9-15**	**45**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Oshiomogho Atogwe	**71**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**3**
Colin Branch	69	0	0	1	2
Jake Covault	**52**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Jared Newberry	**45**	**3**	**1**	**4**	**1**
Leigh Torrence	**38**	**0**	**2**	**5**	**3**
David Bergeron	**38**	**1.5**	**5**	**0**	**0**
Stanley Wilson	**32**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**2**
Jon Alston	**30**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Louis Hobson	**29**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Michael Craven	**28**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**1**
Brian Gaffney	**27**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Trey Freeman	26	0	1	3	0
Matt Leonard	25	2	6	0	2
Babatunde Oshinowo	**23**	**3**	**3**	**1**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Luke Powell	**19**	**154**	**8.1**	**0**	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Ryan Wells	36	715	19.9	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	Blockbuster	-1	Penn St	24-3	W
95	Liberty	-3'	E Carolina	13-19	L
96	Sun	+7	Michigan St	38-0	W
99	Rose	+14	Wisconsin	9-17	W
01	Seattle	-6	Georgia Tech	14-24	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

STANFORD'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	20.5	18	133	3.4	178	51.5	15.2	-5	2002	2	34.3	19	133	3.7	252	56.0	11.2
9*	35.2	22	195	4.3	248	52.7	12.6	+3	2001	7	28.3	18	112	3.6	274	47.8	13.7
7	23.7	20	139	3.4	237	48.3	15.8	0	2000	6	26.7	18	147	3.9	219	52.8	13.7
8*	34.8	21	140	3.9	309	56.4	12.8	+10	1999	10	30.3	22	154	3.7	288	53.7	14.6
5	23.7	22	76	2.4	320	51.3	16.7	+2	1998	3	33.2	21	181	4.4	263	57.1	13.4
6*	25.1	20	110	3.0	244	57.5	14.1	-9	1997	6	28.8	20	165	4.2	220	55.2	13.4

	OFFENSE					2002 STATS BY GAME	DEFENSE					
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Boston Coll	14	37-35	1.8	17-27	244	5	24	39-139	3.6	22-36	260	1	+1
San Jose St	28	47-258	5.5	19-32	305	1	9	23-34	1.5	18-34	177	3	+1
at Arizona St	17	40-239	6.0	16-36	179	1	22	34-114	3.4	23-39	421	2	-6
at Notre Dame	16	30-61	2.0	21-43	201	4	17	43-249	5.8	14-27	129	2	-2
Washington St	23	43-150	3.5	20-41	158	3	21	30-70	2.3	25-37	340	1	+1
Arizona	24	49-175	3.6	21-37	197	2	14	23-22	1.0	19-31	244	6	+3
at UCLA	16	49-166	3.4	10-22	75	6	17	46-128	2.8	7-19	142	2	+1
at Oregon	10	28-31	2.9	12-28	92	2	21	42-170	4.0	20-36	254	2	0
USC	19	40-78	2.0	23-35	165	7	21	29-87	3.0	23-33	327	2	-1
Oregon St	15	32-98	3.1	13-35	177	1	21	45-228	5.1	17-41	290	0	-1
at California	14	32-94	2.9	18-33	167	6	24	38-219	5.8	16-31	188	2	-2
TOTALS	196	427-1465	3.4	190-369	1960	38	211	392-1460	3.7	204-364	2772	23	-5
AVERAGES	17.8	39-133	3.4	17-34	178	3.5	19.2	36-133	3.7	19-33	252	2.1	-0.5

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Jose St	-15'	23-35	L
Arizona	+7'	14-31	L
N Carolina	+8	37-34	W
at Oregon	+17	28-63	L
at Notre Dame	+17	17-35	L
Oregon St	E	23-30	L
at Arizona St	+15'	38-44 OT	W
at UCLA	+28'	24-28	W
USC	+10'	9-34	L
Wash St	-7	38-28	W
at California	+7	10-3	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas	+10	17-69	L
Wash St	-6'	54-17	W
at Arizona	+13	50-22	W
UCLA	+1	42-32	W
San Jose St	-19	39-44	L
Oregon St	-8	21-17	L
at USC	+7'	35-31	W
at Washington	+3	30-35	L
at Arizona St	+2'	50-30	W
California	-10'	31-13	W
Notre Dame	-5'	40-37	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wash St	-2	24-10	W
San Jose St	-17'	27-40	L
Texas	+13	27-24	W
Arizona	-1'	3-27	L
at Notre Dame	+11'	14-20	W
at Oregon St	+9	6-38	L
USC	+5'	32-30	W
Washington	+7	28-31	W
at UCLA	+8	35-37	W
Arizona St	-2	29-7	W
at California	+1'	36-30 OT	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boston Coll	-5'	38-22	W
Arizona St	-3'	51-28	W
at USC	+1'	21-16	W
Wash St	-3'	39-45	L
at Oregon	+7'	49-42	W
UCLA	+7'	38-28	W
at Washington	-1	28-42	L
at Arizona	-7'	51-37	W
California	-24	35-28	L
Notre Dame	-7'	17-13	L
at San Jose St	-19'	41-14	W

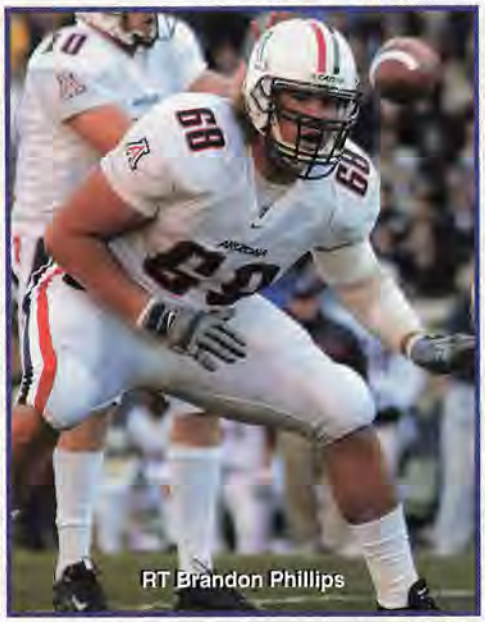
2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boston Coll	+8'	27-34	W
San Jose St	-18	63-26	W
at Arizona St	+1	24-65	L
at Notre Dame	+8'	7-31	L
Wash St	+8'	11-36	L
Arizona	-1'	16-6	W
at UCLA	+10	18-28	T
at Oregon	+14	14-41	L
USC	+18'	17-49	L
Oregon St	+12'	21-31	W
at California	+10'	7-30	L

ARIZONA WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Jason Johnson (PS#55) was #35 in the NCAA in pass efficiency. Last year he simply broke Tom Tunnicliffe's 1962 school record for passing yards in a season (2,520) by throwing for 3,327 yards (58.3%) with a 16-13 ratio. He had 797 yards in the first two games, the best ever for two games here but then followed that up with 129 vs Wisconsin. Prior to the UCLA game Mackovic said he would work Nic Costa more in the final three games and he did see extended action vs the Bruins. Johnson did not pout, but instead responded by throwing for a school record 492 yards in the upset of Cal. Costa did not throw a pass in the final two games. Johnson departs. Nic Costa is more of a running QB, and while he's listed at 5-11 205 he is closer to 5-9. He hit 7 of 19 for 150 yards in 4 games. I expect Ryan O'Hara (6-6 210 rFr) to win the job. He was PS#22 and threw for 3,950 yards with 43 TD's in his HS career and has 4.6 speed and great size. John Rattay (6-3 205 Jr, PS#9) had quit the team and went to a JUCO last year where he tore his ACL. He came back as a walk on and will be healthy in the fall. They signed two frosh HT QB's (see Top Newcomers) who WILL contend for the starting spot when they arrive in the fall. I like the talent of this group as there are 4 VHT's, but it will be tough to duplicate Johnson's numbers and this group is less experienced.


RT Brandon Phillips

RUNNING BACKS - Last year this unit appeared to be in great shape with the top two rushers returning including Clarence Farmer (see Hardcore Fans pg 319) but 2001's #2 rusher, FB Tremaine Cox, was ruled ineligible and transferred. The new starting FB was walk-on Joey Willrodt. Teams stacked the line early in the year to shut down Farmer but he still managed 309 yards (3.7) in the first four games but was then stunningly lost for the year with a knee injury. Mike Bell (PS#9) had five starts missing time due to a sprained toe. Bell still finished as the team's leading rusher with 341 yards (3.2). FB Willrodt went down to injury and then backup FB Sean Jones broke his arm in practice prior to Stanford. RFr Pedro Limon played FB after moving over from LB just four weeks prior. TB Ganius Scott (PS#37), got in one start but then broke an ankle and did not return until UCLA and finished with 68 yards (2.3). Beau Carr (5-10 206 So) was PS#136 and had 126 yards (3.2) in two starts as a true. Chris Harris (5-11 190 Jr) was PS#69. I list the 2 deep below. Not listed below is Matt Belshe (6-1 220 So, PS#51QB) who transfers in from Wyoming plus this year's true frosh. Arizona set a dubious record last year rushing for only 43.8 ypg (1.46) with the previous season low for rushing back in 1966 (71.2). With Farmer, Bell and Scott all back and healthy, this should be the most improved RB corps in the country but Farmer is a ? at presstime due to a suspension and his injury.

RECEIVERS - Bobby Wade (PS#15) had a big debut season as a true frosh with 30 rec's (15.1) and led the team in receiving in both 2000 and 2001 with 45 and 62 rec's, but even more was expected. In 2001, Wade had just 30 rec's after the first seven games but had 32 over the final four and that proved to be a foreshadowing of his 2002 performance. Last year Wade simply broke Dennis Northcutt's record for rec's in a season with 93. Wade was voted the team MVP and will clearly be missed (#5DC of CHI). Almost everyone else returns with the exception of TE James Hugo (9 sts, 4 rec, HM P10) and Justin Levasseur (PS#39, 11 rec, 13.0). Levasseur gained fame for being one of the key players complaining about Mackovic last year and was arrested in the offseason. I list the 2 deep below and five players are back with starting experience and there are some HT's in the group. The top returnee is Andrae Thurman who had nearly 1,000 yards with 61 catches (15.0). This has the makings of a decent group but minus its top guy and starting TE, I think it will be down a few notches in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Injuries have affected the unit in each of the last three years. The 2000 line was extremely depleted by injuries and in 2001 seven players drew four or more starts. However, 2001's O-line paved the way for 4.0 ypc rushing and the team allowed just 27 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters due to graduation and Mackovic signed five OL's who averaged 6-5 315 lbs as true frosh. Injuries did crop up again last year. Returning starter Darren Safranek only saw limited duty as a backup late in the year due to injury. None of the OL started all 12 games and only two were able to start 11. Three of those true frosh started games last season. They averaged just 1.46 ypc rushing while allowing 52 sacks. This year they should be much stronger as the only losses are LT Makoa Freitas (11 sts, 2nd Tm P10, 3 yr st'r, top OL award, #6DC of IND), LG Aaron Higginbotham (2 sts), LT Matt Lamatsch (2nd string) and RT Safranek.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cats are scrapping the Double Eagle Flex D and switching to a 3-4. In 2001 they allowed 3.5 ypc rushing while recording 36 sacks. Last year they had to replace 7 players from the front wall who combined for 35 starts. Just 1 player with experience returned and the unit was also on the small side. Surprisingly they allowed just 3.8 ypc but the sack total dropped to 26. Three freshmen and a JUCO who were expected to contend, were unable to play last year but two other frosh made the 2 deep. This year the only losses are DT Young Thompson (10 sts, 30 tkls, HM P10) and 3rd string DT Robert Ramsey (5 tkls). They also move starting DE Joe Siofele and backup DE Marcus Smith to LB so basically 2 starters return to the 3 man wall. They add a top-notch JUCO, David Sharp, (in for spring) and I expect much more out of Carl Tuitavuki (PS#48JC) who reported overweight at 360 lbs in 2002 but was down to 334 lbs this spring.

LINEBACKERS - The last time a player other than an MLB led Arizona in tackles was 1991 and six Arizona MLB's have gone on to play in the NFL in that span. Last year all three starters returned to the LB corps but OLB Joe Siofele moved to DE. True frosh Spencer Larsen (PS#110) stepped up at one spot and would have seven starts, 41 tackles and 2 sacks. MLB Lance Briggs led the team with 98 tackles and was 1st Tm Pac 10 for three straight years and he departs (#3DC of CHI). Also gone this year is Larsen who is going on a two year church mission as well as ROV Raymond Wells (11 sts, 77 tkls, 5 tfl) so basically all three starters depart. They also add a fourth LB slot but do move DE Joe Siofele back to MLB where he figures to lead the team in tackles. There is some talent in the 3 deep I list below but this unit is less experienced (even though five players in the 2 deep have starting experience) with Briggs being a big loss.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000 the Cats finished #10 in my pass efficiency defense rankings and were a respectable #30 in 2001 with their star player being CB Michael Jolivette setting a single season record with 20 pbu. Last year the unit had to replace two starters and two backups and then lost Jolivette to a torn ACL in just the second game. The group was injury plagued and not a single DB started all 12 games. As you would expect, the Cats dropped to #72 allowing 58.2% with a 15-7 ratio. This year they must replace FS Jarvie Worcester (9 sts, 45 tkls, HM P10) and CB David Hinton (8 sts, 39 tkls, 2 int). Basically three starters return and Jolivette is also back as their top cover CB. I basically list a 3 deep below and not listed is Ryan Patterson (6-1 200 Jr) who is PS#109JC. I look for the Cats to head back into the upper echelon of the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Not much went right and with the huge amount of injuries the team suffered during the year, the lack of depth showed on the special teams unit as it finished just #82. Much was expected of true frosh Danny Baugher (PS#6) who had hang times averaging from 4.5 to 5.2 seconds in August. Ramey Peru began the year as the starter but quit after the N Texas game. Baugher (37.7) shared the duties with James Molina (36.7). They are both back. K Sean Keel missed FG's from 23, 26 and 32 yards vs N Texas and Bobby Gill claimed that job. Gill hit 7 of 11 with a long of 47 and will battle Nicholas Folk (PS#57) and Ryan Slack (6-1 195 Jr) who has handled KO's the last two years. They lose the explosive Wade as a PR (14.0) and KR (19.5). They also must replace special teams MVP Raymond Wells (1st Tm Pac 10) who was solid on the coverage units. This group does have the potential to top last year's ranking despite the loss of Wade and Wells.

COACHES - John Mackovic survived a mutiny last year when 41 players met with the school president complaining about his coaching style. At one point last year there was talk of players not getting on the bus for the trip to California (Ariz beat Cal that day, 52-41). Mackovic has had previous head coaching stints at Texas and Illinois as well as with the Kansas City Chiefs and has a 94-78-3 record in college ball. His new OC this year is Mike Deal who was with the Scottish Claymores (WLAF) and with Mackovic at both Illinois and Texas as his OL coach. DC Mike Hankwitz also enters his first year. He's been the Texas A&M DC since 1997. They've scrapped the Double Eagle Flex defense which yielded a school record 377 points in 2001. Mackovic also hired coaches with coordinating experience to fill out the 5 assistant jobs that were open. LB coach Craig Bray was the DC at Oregon St the past three years and WR coach Mike Borich was the OC at BYU the last two years. Borich earned Div IA OC of the Year following BYU's 12-2 season in 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Arizona joined the Pac 10 in 1978 and is the only team in the conference that has not been to the Rose Bowl. In 1998 they got very close getting to the Holiday Bowl and beating Nebraska to finish 12-1. The Cats were ranked #3 in the Preseason Polls in 1999 but have gone just 20-26 overall the last four years with 11 straight home losses in Pac 10 play. The Wildcats were very injury prone and there were 120 games missed by starters and regulars throughout the year. Thirteen starters missed the Oregon game and 13 walk-ons (60 players travel) travelled to Washington. Arizona had 87% of their yards on offense via the pass setting a school record with 289.8 ypg and rushed for a paltry 43.8 ypg. In 2001 they had their worst Pac 10 record ever at 2-6. Last year they returned 13 starters but as mentioned had an injury plagued year and Arizona only won one conference game last year vs Cal but were outgained in league play by 117.5 ypg. While this year's offense must break in a new QB, the team overall should remain healthier and that should help improve upon the 18.9 ppg they scored last season. Defensively they have six starters back including a solid secondary. The non-conference schedule is tougher this year as it includes Purdue, LSU and TCU, and while Arizona may be more competitive this year (especially in league play) it may be tough to top last year's 4 win total.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Ryan O'Hara rFr. 6-6 210 **PS#22**. Nic Costa (5-11 205 So) **PS#15**. 4 games, 174 ttl yds in 2002. John Rattay was **PS#9** in 2000. Richard Kovalcheck is **PS#23**.
RB CLARENCE FARMER SR. 6-0 224 9 sts in '01, 1229 yds (5.9). Inj LY, questionable TY. Mike Bell (6-0 210 So) **PS#9**, 5 sts. 341 yds (3.2). Gainus Scott (5-10 195 So) **PS#37** 1 st, 68 yds.
FB GILBERT HARRIS SO. 6-1 220 PS#206. 3 sts as **true**, 56 rush (3.1), 5 rec (16.2). Sean Jones (5-11 230 So) 2 sts, 48 yds (missed 5 w/inj). Pedro Limon (6-0 235 So) PS#101LB.
WR Lance Relford Sr. 6-0 200 PS#72. 4 sts, 20 rec (14.4). Biren Ealy (6-2 175 So) PS#54, 6 rec as **true**. Mike Jefferson (6-2 195 rFr) **PS#39DB**. Marcus Thomas is **PS#23RB**.
WR ANDRAE THURMAN SR. 6-0 185 PS#63. 7 sts in '01, 30 rec (15.7). 10 sts LY, 61 rec (15.0). Ricky Williams (6-3 210 Jr) PS#69. 4 sts, 11 rec. Juan Valentine (6-1 200 Jr) PS#95. 1 st, 5 rec.
TE Steve Fleming Jr. 6-6 250 PS#117QB. 1 st at WR in '01, 1 rec. 1 st at TE LY, 2 rec. Matt Padron (6-5 260 rFr) PS#84. Ray Gurley is **PS#25JC**. Tommy Briggs (6-5 255 Jr) PS#246JC.
C KEOKI FRASER JR. 6-3 300 PS#85OL. 6 sts as rFr (3 at C, 3 at RG). 11 sts at C in '02. Tom Robinson (6-5 295 Jr) PS#87JC. In for fall. Erick Levitre (6-1 278 rFr).
RG Kili Lefotu So. 6-5 300 PS#156OL. 7 sts LY as **true**, 6 at RG, 1 at LG. Keith Jackson (6-5 315 rFr) PS#120. Offensive Scout Team MVP. John Abramo (6-4 290 So).
LG REGGIE SAMPAY SR. 6-3 295 PS#250. 7 sts as **true** (5 at C, 2 at G). 10 sts in '01 (8 at G, 2 at C). 9 sts in '02 (8 at G, 1 at C). Phil Clark (6-6 325 Jr) PS#118JUCO.
RT BRANDON PHILLIPS SR. 6-8 335 PS#43DL. DL in 1999 & 2000. 4 sts at RT in '01. 9 sts at RT in '02. Added 60 lbs in 3 years. **John Parada** (6-8 330 So) PS#55. 1 start.
LT TANNER BELL SO. 6-8 324 PS#138. Missed most of Sr year in HS inj. 2nd string in '02 but 2 sts as **true**. **Chris Johnson** (6-3 295 Jr) PS#276. 8 gms in '01. **8 sts** LY.
K BOBBY GILL SR. 5-11 190 Hit 7 of 11 FG's with long of 47 in '02, 17 of 17 xp's. Ryan Slack (6-1 195 Jr) KO's L/2Y. Nicholas Folk (6-1 180 rFr) PS#57, 52 yd FG in HS.

DE CARLOS WILLIAMS JR. 6-4 294 PS#57TE. 9 sts in '02, 27 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl. **Tim Volk** (6-2 260 rFr) **PS#41DL**. Paul Philipp (6-2 265 rFr) PS#119. Jake Belshe (6-2 260 rFr).
NT Carl Tuitavuki Sr. 6-4 334 **PS#48JC**. Reported at 360 LY, only 12 tkls, 1 sk, 12 gms. Trimmed 26 lbs. Vince Feula (6-0 300 Jr) PS#81DL. 2 sts, 11 tkls, 1 sk, 1 tfl in 2002.
DE DAVID SHARP JR. 6-3 290 PS#92JC in for spg. Brad Brittain (6-5 285 So) PS#79TE. 2 sts, 19 tkls, 1 sk (miss 3 inj) LY. **Fata Avegalio** (6-3 255 Jr) **9 sts**, 12 tkls, 1.5 tfl.
OLB Andre Torrey Jr. 6-4 250 PS#218JC. 12 sts at JC in '01. RS LY. Matt Molina (6-2 240 Sr) PS#91. 4 sts LY, 20 tkls, 1 sk. Antoine Singfield (6-1 225 So) PS#94RB.
ILB JOE SIOFELE SR. 6-3 260 **PS#11**, 6 sts at LB in '01, 21 tkls, 2 sks. 11 sts at DE LY, 66 tkls, 5.5 sks, Top DL Award. John McKinney (6-0 223 rFr) PS#106. Marquell Stinson PS#160JC.
ILB Pat Howard Jr. 5-11 225 PS#152, 20 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. 1 st, 30 tkls, 1 tfl in '02. Kirk Johnson (6-1 218 Jr) 5 sts in '01, 33 tkls. 1 st, 28 tkls LY. Akin Akinniyi (5-11 225 rFr).
OLB Marcus Smith So. 6-5 235 PS#82. 16 tkls, 1.5 sks, 2 tfl at DE as true in '02. **Copeland Bryan** (6-4 230 So) 3 sts, 26 tkls, **5 sks** in '02. Landon Kafentzis (6-0 220 So) PS#69DB.
CB MICHAEL JOLIVETTE SR. 5-10 180 **PS#41**. 11 sts in 2000. **2nd Tm P10**. 5 int, 14 pbu, 11 sts in '01, 5 int, 15 pbu. inj'd LY. Top cover CB. Luis Nunez (5-11 190 Jr) PS#125JC.
CB Gary Love Sr. 5-10 180 PS#131WR. 730 all-purp yds as WR/KR in '00 & '01. 7 sts LY, 39 tkls, 5 pbu. Jason Martin (5-10 175 So) PS#133. Gary Shepard (5-10 180 rFr).
SS CLAY HARDT SR. 6-2 200 2 sts, 40 tkls in 2000 & '01. 11 sts LY, 65 tkls, 1 sk, 3 pbu. Tony Wingate (6-1 200 Jr) PS#58. 1 st, 10 tkls LY. Marcus Hollingsworth is PS#120QB.
FS DARRELL BROOKS SO. 6-0 191 PS#132. 10 sts as rFr, 50 tkls, 3 pbu, **HM Pac 10**. Lamon Means (6-3 195 So) 3 sts, 26 tkls as **true**. Justin Jochum (6-0 188 Jr) **PS#37DB** 5 tkls in '01.
P DANNY BAUGHER SO. 5-10 185 **PS#6K**. 44.9 avg in HS, solid hang time. 38 punts as true, 37.7 avg. James Molina (5-11 195 Jr) 16 punts in '02, 36.7 avg. Ryan Slack (6-1 195 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

QB	Richard Kovalcheck 6-3 205 PS#23	
RB	Marcus Thomas 6-1 185 PS#23	
QB	Kris Heavner 6-3 215 PS#44	
RB	Brent Bolden 6-0 190 PS#51	
DL	Lionel Dotson 6-4 235 PS#93	
TE	Ray Gurley 6-5 255 PS#25JC	
DB	Syndric Steptoe 5-10 160 PS#68	
OL	Cedric Cofer 6-4 300 PS#131	
LB	Ryan Kilpatrick 6-4 220 PS#108	
RB	Chris Henry 6-1 210 PS#112	
OL	Tom Robinson 6-5 295 PS#87JC	
OL	Dane Krogstad 6-2 220 PS#166	
DL	David Sharp 6-3 290 PS#92JC	
QB	Marcus Hollingsworth 5-11 195 PS#120	

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Mackovic's records AT ARIZONA

9-14 Straight Up	1-2 Home Favorite
9-13 Vs The Spread	2-7 Home Dog
6-7 Off A SU Loss	1-0 Away Favorite
6-10 Vs Conference	5-4 Away Dog
3-3 Vs Non-Conf	

2002 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (21,19,5)
Lost: 18 (9,7,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 45,006

PAC 10

Phil's Homefield Edge-1.5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#9

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	UTEP	G					
Sep. 6	LSU	G					
Sep. 13	Oregon	G					
Sep. 20	at Purdue	G					
Sep. 27	TCU	G					
Oct. 4	at Washington St	A					
Oct. 11	UCLA	G					
Oct. 18							
Oct. 25	at California	G					
Nov. 1	at Oregon St	A					
Nov. 8	Washington (HC)	G					
Nov. 15	USC	G					
Nov. 22							
Nov. 28	at Arizona St (Fri)	G					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Wildcats are 3-13 ATS as home dogs since 1995.
Wildcats are 12-20 ATS vs the Pac 10 the last 4 years.
Arizona is 20-8 ATS as a road dog since 1995.

Arizona is 3-0 SU but 0-3 ATS vs the Miners since 1993.
The Wildcats are 2-12 ATS as a home favorite the last 4 years.

The Wildcats are 4-10 the last 4 years in September.
Last time these teams met was in '84. UA lost 27-26, but covered as 8' pt dogs.

Arizona is 4-12-1 ATS in their 1st conference home game.
The Wildcats are 3-9 ATS the last 12 vs the Ducks.

Arizona is 5-10 ATS in away openers the last 15.
U of A is 0-3 SU & ATS vs the Big 10 since 1999.

UA edged the Frogs 35-31 at TCU ('99), their only previous encounter.
Coming into 2003: Arizona is 4-9 ATS the last 13 non-conference games.

The underdog is 6-3-1 ATS the last 10.
Arizona has lost their last 8 games on artificial turf SU.

The Wildcats are 1-4 ATS the last 5 vs the Bruins.
Arizona is 2-8 ATS the week before a bye since 1997.

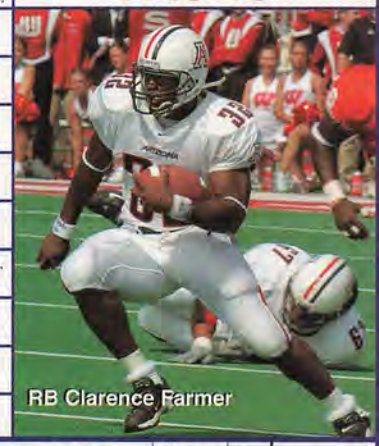
Arizona is 21-8-1 ATS after a bye the last 30.
However, UA is a poor 4-11 ATS vs Cal going back to 1986.

The Wildcats are 2-7 ATS away vs Oregon St the last 9.
The favorite is 6-1 ATS the last 7 in this series.

Wildcats are 5-6 ATS the last 11 vs Washington but 4-1 ATS the last 5.
Arizona is 3-12 ATS in November home games the last 15.

UA is just 3-7 ATS when hosting the USC Trojans since 1980.
The Wildcats are 0-9 ATS in their home finale the last 9.

Arizona is 4-8 ATS in season finales. All vs arch-rival Arizona St.
The underdog is 9-2 ATS the last 11 in this rivalry.


RB Clarence Farmer

STADIUM: ARIZONA STADIUM (56,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	6-5	11-1	6-6	5-6	5-6	4-8	42-38
ATS	5-5-1	5-6	9-3	2-10	5-6	5-6	4-7	35-43-1
Home Fav	3-1-1	1-3	4-1	1-5	0-5	1-1	0-1	10-17-1
Home Dog	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-4	2-3	3-11
Away Fav	0-2	0-1	4-1	1-3	0-0	1-0	0-0	6-7
Away Dog	2-1	3-1	1-0	0-2	5-0	3-1	2-3	16-8
Favorite	3-3-1	1-4	8-2	2-8	0-5	2-1	0-1	16-24-1
Dog	2-2	4-2	1-1	0-2	5-1	3-5	4-6	19-19
Grass	5-3-1	4-5	6-3	2-8	3-6	4-5	3-5	27-35-1
Artificial	0-2	1-1	3-0	0-2	2-0	1-1	1-2	8-8
vs Conf	3-4-1	4-4	5-3	2-6	4-4	3-5	3-5	24-31-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	4-0	0-4	1-2	2-1	1-2	11-12
Off SU Win	2-3	3-2	7-3	1-5	3-2	1-3	1-3	18-21
Off SU Loss	3-1-1	2-3	1-0	1-4	1-4	3-3	3-4	14-19-1

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	John Hancock	-6'	Baylor	15-20	L
93	Fiesta	+6	Miami, Fl	29-0	W
94	Freedom	-3'	Utah	13-16	L
97	Insight.com	-9'	New Mexico	20-14	L
98	Holiday	+3	Nebraska	23-20	W

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Mike Bell	106	400	59	341	1	3.2
Clarence Farmer	84	360	51	309	2	3.7
Beau Carr	39	151	25	126	4	3.2
Jason Johnson	60	36	409	-373	0	-6.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jason Johnson	410	239	58.3	3327	16	13
Nic Costa	19	7	36.8	150	1	1
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Bobby Wade		93	1389	14.9	8	74
Andrae Thurman		61	915	15.0	3	92
Lance Relford		20	289	14.4	1	43
Ricky Williams		11	166	15.1	0	46
Justin Levasseur		11	143	13.0	2	28
Mike Bell		13	136	10.5	1	25
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Danny Baugher	38	1434	37.7	56	31.0	1	5
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Bobby Gill	17-17	3-4	1-1	3-6	0-0	7-11	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Lance Briggs	98	3	7	2	1
Ray Wells	77	1	4	1	3
Joe Slofele	66	5.5	0	1	0
Clay Hardt	65	1	3	3	0
Darrell Brooks	50	0	1	3	0
Jarvie Worcester	45	0	0	2	1
Spencer Larsen	41	2	1	3	0
Gary Love	39	0	1	5	0
David Hinton	39	0	0	2	2
Patrick Howard	30	0	1	0	0
Young Thompson	30	1	2	0	0
Kirk Johnson	28	0	0	0	0
Carlos Williams	27	1	2	0	0
Copeland Bryan	26	5	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bobby Wade	16	224	14.0	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Bobby Wade	17	332	19.5	0

ARIZONA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	18.9	18	44	1.5	290	57.2	17.6	-7	2002	6	25.8	20	162	3.8	224	58.2	14.9
6	29.1	21	142	4.0	250	54.3	13.5	-7	2001	7	34.3	22	140	3.5	258	51.0	11.6
7	23.1	16	154	3.6	154	46.5	13.4	+10	2000	6	21.5	17	88	2.5	229	49.2	14.7
7*	28.3	21	219	5.2	253	57.9	16.7	-12	1999	9	30.3	20	143	3.7	235	55.2	12.5
7*	33.8	20	205	4.7	226	59.3	12.8	+11	1998	4	18.2	18	102	2.9	229	47.4	18.2
6*	26.4	20	175	4.0	220	48.4	14.9	+7	1997	8	26.0	16	112	3.0	218	51.5	12.7

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
N Arizona	25	41-103	2.5	23-41	407	4	9	28-115	4.1	11-25	87	4	+2
Utah	23	44-43	1.0	24-35	416	3	11	22-32	1.5	18-38	172	2	-2
at Wisconsin	13	30-154	5.1	14-32	138	0	21	47-260	5.5	15-22	165	1	-2
N Texas	20	35-121	3.5	16-27	189	2	21	60-282	4.7	12-18	149	1	+3
Oregon	16	27-30	1.1	23-41	302	5	21	43-188	4.4	18-27	244	2	0
at Washington	26	29-24	0.8	29-41	443	5	24	38-82	2.2	25-35	345	2	-1
at Stanford	14	23-22	1.0	19-31	244	6	24	49-175	3.6	21-37	197	2	-3
Washington St	14	21-(-17)	-0.8	22-46	224	7	24	46-149	3.2	20-35	275	3	-1
at Oregon St	12	25-(-23)	-0.9	15-33	116	6	20	48-193	4.0	14-31	264	2	-2
UCLA	9	28-12	0.4	13-27	237	6	21	51-242	4.7	13-20	201	0	0
at California	23	32-(-5)	-0.2	31-45	492	5	20	27-58	2.1	22-45	298	4	+1
Arizona St	20	25-62	2.5	17-31	269	3	27	49-166	3.4	25-35	295	3	-2
TOTALS	215	360-526	1.5	246-430	3477	52	243	508-1942	3.8	214-368	2692	26	-7
AVERAGES	17.9	30-44	1.5	21-36	290	4.3	20.3	42-162	3.8	18-31	224	2.2	-0.6

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Hawaii	-17	27-6	W
at Stanford	-7'	31-14	W
Iowa	-12	35-11	W
at San Diego St	-16	35-16	W
at Washington	+2	31-28	W
UCLA	+5	28-52	L
at Oregon St	-8	28-7	W
NE Louisiana	-33	45-7	W
Oregon	-2'	38-3	W
Washington St	-24	41-7	W
at California	-10'	27-23	L
Arizona St	-11'	50-42	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	+4'	7-41	L
at TCU	-13	35-31	L
Mid Tenn St	-44	34-19	L
Stanford	-13	22-50	L
at Washington St	-13'	30-24	L
USC	-1	31-24	W
UTEP	-22	34-21	L
Oregon	-3	41-44	L
at UCLA	-3'	33-7	W
Washington	-5'	25-33	L
at Oregon St	+3	20-28	L
at Arizona St	-1'	27-42	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Utah	+3	17-3	W
Ohio St	+5'	17-27	L
San Diego St	-19'	17-3	L
at Stanford	+1'	27-3	W
at USC	+7	31-15	W
Washington St	-12'	53-47 3OT	L
at Oregon	+9	10-14	W
UCLA	-5'	24-27	L
at Washington	+7	32-35	W
Oregon St	-1	9-33	L
Arizona St	-6'	17-30	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at San Diego St	+2	23-10	W
Idaho	-19	36-29	L
UNLV	-2'	38-21	W
Washington St	+2	21-48	L
Oregon	+5	28-63	L
at Oregon St	+7	3-38	L
at Washington	+16	28-31	W
USC	+6'	34-41	L
at California	-3'	38-24	W
Stanford	+7'	37-51	L
at Arizona St	+7'	34-21	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Arizona	NL	37-3	–
Utah	+3	23-17	W
at Wisconsin	+4'	10-31	L
N Texas	-14'	14-9	L
Oregon	+8	14-31	L
at Washington	+13'	28-32	W
at Stanford	+1'	6-16	L
Wash St	+12	13-21	W
at Oregon St	+15'	3-38	L
UCLA	+11	7-37	L
at California	+16'	52-41	W
Arizona St	+6'	20-34	L

ACC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 ACC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team
QB	Philip Rivers, NCSt	Chris Rix, Fla St	Matt Schaub, Virginia
RB	Greg Jones, Fla St	Bruce Perry, Maryland	Tony Hollings, Ga Tech
RB	T.A. McLendon, NCSt	Wali Lundy, Virginia	Chris Douglas, Duke
WR	Derrick Hamilton, Clemson	Craphonso Thorpe, Fla St	Sterling Hicks, NCSt
WR	Jerricho Cotchery, NCSt	Kevin Youngblood, Clemson	Jafar Williams, Maryland
TE	Bobby Blizzard, N Carolina	Heath Miller, Virginia	Jeff Dugan, Maryland
C	Jason Brown, N Carolina	Hugh Reilly, Georgia Tech	Jed Paulsen, NCSt
G	Lamar Bryant, Maryland	Tyson Clabo, W Forest	C.J. Brooks, Maryland
G	Elton Brown, Virginia	Jeb Terry, N Carolina	Cedric Johnson, Clemson
T	Christopher Colmer, NCSt	Ray Willis, Fla St	Drew Strojny, Duke
T	Nat Dorsey, Georgia Tech	D'Brickashaw Ferguson, Virginia	Alex Barron, Fla St
DL	Eric Moore, Fla St	Greg Gathers, Ga Tech	Terrance Chapman, NCSt
DL	Randy Starks, Maryland	Donnell Washington, Clemson	Jeff Womble, Fla St
DL	Darnell Dockett, Fla St	Travis Johnson, Fla St	Kwakou Robinson, Virginia
DL	Kevin Emanuel, Fla St	Chris Canty, Virginia	Jocques Dumas, N Carolina
LB	John Leake, Clemson	Michael Boulware, Fla St	Ahmad Brooks, Virginia
LB	Daryl Smith, Georgia Tech	Darryl Blackstock, Virginia	Ryan Fowler, Duke
LB	Kendyll Pope, Fla St	Keyaron Fox, Georgia Tech	Kai Parham, Virginia
CB	Justin Miller, Clemson	Rufus Brown, Fla St	Marcus Hudson, NCSt
CB	Domonique Foxworth, MD	Curome Cox, Maryland	Michael Waddell, N Carolina
SS	Jerome Carter, Fla St	Andre Maddox, NCSt	Dennard Wilson, Maryland
FS	Dexter Reid, N Carolina	Madieu Williams, Maryland	B.J. Ward, Fla St
K	Nick Novak, Maryland	Xavier Beitia, Fla St	Dan Orner, N Carolina
P	Ryan Plackemeier, W Forest	Austin Herbert, NCSt	Tom Hagan, Virginia
KR	Steve Suter, Maryland	Derrick Hamilton, Clemson	Wali Lundy, Virginia
PR	Steve Suter, Maryland	Torrance Washington, Fla St	Derrick Hamilton, Clemson

N Carolina
RG Jeb Terry

NC State
QB Philip Rivers

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 ACC FORECAST

1. FLORIDA ST - It used to be that FSU was the automatic pick to win the ACC every year and they did each and every season. In 2001 they were stunned with their first ever ACC home loss (NCSt) and actually finished in 2nd place to Maryland. Last year they regained their crown but they did not regain the fear factor or the dominance they had in previous seasons even though they outscored league foes by an average of 16.6, the best mark in the league. They wrapped up the ACC Title and a trip to the Sugar Bowl last year even though they lost SU to NCSt in their final ACC game. They face the key contenders (Maryland and NCSt) at home in Tallahassee. While it won't be the romp through the ACC that the Seminoles have become accustomed to in the past, I do think they'll get through the season unbeaten and throw themselves back into the National Title chase.

2. N CAROLINA ST - NC State has been a top-notch team the last two years but are actually only 9-7 in league play. In 2001 they were outgained by an average of 38.3 ypg in ACC contests. Last year they were a much stronger team despite finishing just 5-3. They outgained foes by 55.8 ypg which was the best mark in the league. They also beat Florida St SU for the second consecutive year. At one point last year, NCSt was 9-0 and ranked 8th in the country in the USA Today Poll, but they lost 3 straight ACC games and fell to fourth in the league. This year's team is just as experienced as last year but has more talent and the season will likely come down to their final two games. The Wolfpack looks to be not only a threat for the ACC crown, but could throw themselves into the National Title mix as well.

3. MARYLAND - Ralph Friedgen has done an incredible job in his two years here guiding the team to a pair of 10 win seasons. In 2001, he did the unthinkable which was winning the ACC Title outright, the first team other than FSU to do it since the Sem's joined the league. The Terps lose just 11 lettermen from last year and have 15 returning starters. Last season they outgained ACC foes by an average of 51.8 ypg, despite losing their star RB for most of the year due to injury. This looks like the Terps most talented team under Friedgen and 3 of my 7 sets of power ratings called them the most talented team in the league (yes, FSU is still a member). The schedule maker has them playing FSU, GT and NCSt all on the road this year which is the toughest schedule of the main contenders in the conference but the Terps are clearly capable of ascending to the top spot for the second time in three years.

4. VIRGINIA - Last year's team had just 6 seniors, 11 juniors, 12 soph and 18 frosh and was pegged for 8th in the ACC preseason poll. The team had just 29 lettermen returning last year which was their lowest total since 1981 (23). Of the 93 players on the roster, 26 were walk-ons. UVA finished #22 in the country last year and have only 8 Top 25 finishes in school history. In the near future, UVA will be a National Title contender. This year however, despite having 16 returning starters, UVA has just 13 upperclassmen starters which is the lowest and least experienced in the league. Most thought they were a year away from contending for a bowl bid last season. However, this year 3 of my 7 sets of power ratings rate them the second best in the ACC which makes them a league contender.

5. GEORGIA TECH - The top 4 teams in the ACC are all expected to contend and are clearly very talented, but GT could be the surprise team in the league this year. They were -8 in turnovers last season and return 14 starters. Last year they lost their off coor, Bill O'Brien. They also lost RB Tony Hollings and top defensive player, DE Greg Geathers, to injuries early in the year. They still managed to get to a bowl and knock off unbeaten #10 NC State on the road and nearly beat Florida St. This year's team looks much stronger than last year's version and could surprise as long as they can stay healthy.

6. CLEMSON - Clemson loses 25 lettermen which is the most in the conference and the 12 starters they have returning is the second fewest. After an 8-0 start in 2000, the Tigers are just 15-14 since. Bowden is changing the offense to more smashmouth and may even huddle which means their games should be lower scoring. The Tigers still have a bitter taste in their mouth after their 55-15 bowl loss to Texas Tech. Despite all of the gloom and doom, they are a respectable 14-10 in league play the last three years and capable of moving up in the standings.

7. N CAROLINA - N Carolina came within :04 of finishing in the basement last year as they nailed a 47 yard FG with :04 left to edge Duke in the season finale and avoid a winless conf season. Despite that fact, they have a lot of ground to make up in the conference, as the Tar Heels were outgained by 105.7 ypg and outscored by 21.5 ppg. They did have -15 in turnovers and only lose 14 lettermen (22%) with 16 starters back including QB Darian Durant, who missed 4 games last year due to injury. This is a much improved squad and they host Duke and Wake Forest, which should easily move them up from their unusually low finish in the ACC standings last year.

8. DUKE - Duke has lost 25 consecutive ACC games, a conference record with their last win back in 1999. While last year's team was fairly experienced (12 returning starters), they only had one scholarship senior on the team. This year practically everyone is back with an amazing 51 of 56 lettermen returning (91%), the highest in the NCAA and 20 starters back overall. Last year's Duke team lost four ACC games by five points or less. In a three game stretch, they outfirstdowned three ACC foes by a 64-46 margin. On the season, despite their 0-8 ACC record, they were actually only outgained by 17.4 ypg! The schedule is tough with teams like Florida St, NC State and Georgia Tech travelling to Durham. But I will call for Duke to finally escape the basement and they could easily move higher in the standings.

9. WAKE FOREST - In Jim Grobe's first two years, he had 18 and 16 starters returning and guided the team to a pair of winning seasons, being victorious in a lot of close games. Last year they benefitted from +18 in turnovers (see page 310). This year they have just 10 starters back, the fewest in the league, and it clearly looks like a rebuilding year. Keep in mind that despite their recent success of being bowl eligible the last two seasons, WF has won just 7 league games the last three years and may be a year or so away from returning to bowl eligibility.

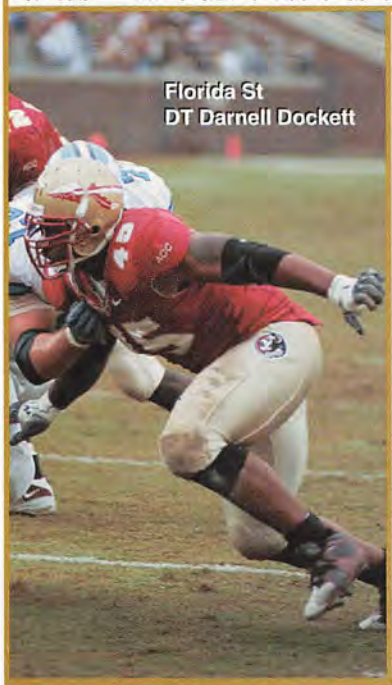
ACC Notes: Duke's Chris Douglas has 4,310 career all-purpose yards and is within range of N Carolina's Leon Johnson, who is the league's career leader with 5,828. Wake Forest is the ONLY team in the ACC that does not return their starting QB. Florida St used to be an automatic pick to win the league each year, but has actually lost 3 league games in 2 years after going 70-2 in ACC play their first 9 years!! The ACC was just 5-10 in bowls from '98-'00, but have gone 8-5 the last two years. The 7 bowl teams supplied by the ACC last year was a 50 year high for the league. The ACC suffered some upset losses in non-conf play (were 0-2 at one point vs MAC) and were 26-14 overall which was 6th best of the conferences. However, in games vs BCS conferences, they were 10-7 with the 58.8% mark being the 2nd best. Maryland thrashed Tennessee and NCSt whipped Notre Dame to add to league pride. This is the most wide open the conference race has been since FSU joined it.

2002 ACC vs ACC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
5	Florida St	34.4	1	413.9	2	190.1	3	4.8	2	223.8	6	53.9	7	12.0	1	11	1	18	7
26	Virginia	27.5	3	368.5	8	103.0	8	3.1	8	265.5	1	67.0	1	13.4	2	11	1	13	4
33	Maryland	30.9	2	422.9	1	212.6	2	5.0	1	210.3	8	57.1	5	13.7	3	17	7	13	4
37	NC State	24.0	6	372.4	5	139.0	6	3.9	5	233.4	4	60.9	2	15.5	5	13	3	9	1
46	Wake Forest	24.5	5	397.8	3	238.3	1	4.4	3	159.5	9	51.4	9	16.2	6	13	3	9	1
63	Clemson	24.6	4	369.1	7	128.1	7	3.7	7	241.0	3	59.1	3	15.0	4	19	9	17	6
64	GA Tech	18.5	7	378.4	4	151.4	4	4.0	4	227.0	5	57.1	4	20.5	7	14	5	12	3
70	N Carolina	14.1	9	340.6	9	94.6	9	2.8	9	246.0	2	53.7	8	24.1	9	15	6	33	9
91	Duke	17.1	8	372.1	6	149.5	5	3.8	6	222.6	7	54.1	6	21.7	8	17	7	29	8

2002 ACC vs ACC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
21	Florida St	17.8	2	367.3	3	139.4	5	3.8	3	227.9	6	52.3	1	20.7	1	24	1	16	4
24	NC State	15.9	1	316.6	1	120.3	2	3.4	2	196.3	2	53.0	2	19.9	2	13	5	27	1
29	Maryland	20.1	4	371.1	4	137.1	4	3.8	4	234.0	7	56.1	5	18.4	5	13	5	14	6
31	GA Tech	18.8	3	358.9	2	135.3	3	3.8	5	223.6	5	54.7	3	19.1	3	12	7	14	6
41	Clemson	27.9	7	377.4	5	196.8	7	4.3	7	180.6	1	55.9	4	13.5	7	17	3	19	3
60	Wake Forest	24.8	6	380.9	6	142.6	6	3.9	6	238.3	8	62.2	8	15.4	6	15	4	14	6
64	Duke	31.8	8	389.5	7	100.5	1	3.0	1	289.0	9	63.6	9	12.3	9	11	8	20	2
69	Virginia	23.1	5	427.9	8	204.5	8	4.5	8	223.4	4	61.4	7	18.5	4	19	2	15	5
91	N Carolina	35.6	9	446.3	9	230.3	9	4.9	9	216.0	3	57.2	6	12.5	8	6	9	14	6


Florida St
DT Darnell Dockett

2002 ACC STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Florida St	7	1	275	142	9	5	428	301
Maryland	6	2	247	161	11	3	451	228
Virginia	6	2	220	185	9	5	402	348
NC State	5	3	192	127	11	3	460	238
Clemson	4	4	197	223	7	6	330	349
Georgia Tech	4	4	148	150	7	6	280	267
Wake Forest	3	5	196	198	7	6	374	327
N Carolina	1	7	113	285	3	9	223	421
Duke	0	8	137	254	2	10	227	353

Coach of the Year: Al Groh, Virginia

2001 ACC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Maryland	7	1	261	173	10	1	390	210
Florida St	6	2	304	194	7	4	373	287
N Carolina	5	3	237	145	7	5	321	261
Georgia Tech	4	4	246	215	7	5	381	267
NC State	4	4	212	185	7	4	300	223
Clemson	4	4	246	268	6	5	320	315
Wake Forest	3	5	213	247	6	5	292	311
Virginia	3	5	178	244	5	7	249	331
Duke	0	8	164	390	0	11	212	491

Coach of the Year: Ralph Friedgen, Maryland

2000 ACC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Florida St	8	0	395	86	11	1	509	123
Georgia Tech	6	2	286	164	9	2	372	209
Clemson	6	2	280	189	9	2	396	212
Virginia	5	3	138	169	6	5	228	255
NC State	4	4	221	239	7	4	341	308
N Carolina	3	5	199	243	6	5	269	284
Maryland	3	5	168	217	5	6	247	284
Wake Forest	1	7	106	299	2	9	181	362
Duke	0	8	143	328	0	11	155	430

Coach of the Year: George O'Leary, GA Tech

Maryland
DT Randy Starks

2002 ACC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Matt Schaub, Virginia	418	288	68.9	7	2976	7.1	28	147.5
Scott McBrien, Maryland	284	162	57.0	10	2497	8.8	15	141.3
Philip Rivers, NCSt	418	262	62.7	10	3353	8.0	20	141.1
James MacPherson, WF	223	123	55.2	4	1837	8.2	8	132.6
Adrian McPherson, Fla St	155	80	51.6	1	1017	6.6	12	131.0
Chris Rix, Fla St	225	118	52.4	7	1684	7.5	13	128.2
Adam Smith, Duke	308	174	56.5	9	2031	6.6	12	118.9
Willie Simmons, Clemson	244	142	58.2	7	1559	6.4	6	114.2
A.J. Suggs, Georgia Tech	363	208	57.3	15	2242	6.2	12	111.8

RUSHING

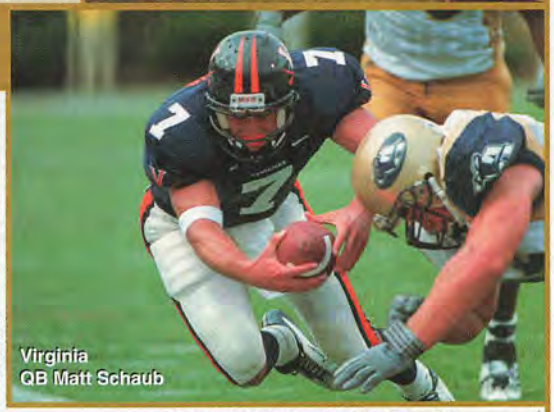
	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Greg Jones, Florida St	10	161	938	5.8	8	93.8
T.A. McLendon, NCSt	13	245	1101	4.5	18	84.7
Chris Downs, Maryland	14	208	1154	5.5	13	82.4
Alex Wade, Duke	12	201	979	4.9	4	81.6
Tarence Williams, WF	12	186	852	4.6	5	65.5
Wali Lundy, Virginia	14	196	826	4.2	6	59.0
Chris Douglas, Duke	11	131	640	4.9	2	58.2
Chris Barclay, Wake Forest	13	144	703	4.9	9	54.1
Nick Maddox, Florida St	12	106	602	5.7	4	50.2

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Jerricho Cotchery, NCSt	14	67	1192	7	85.1	4.8	17.8
Sam Aiken, N Carolina	12	68	990	4	82.5	5.7	14.6
Kerry Watkins, Georgia Tech	13	71	1050	5	80.8	5.5	14.8
Anquan Boldin, Florida St	14	65	1011	13	72.2	4.6	15.6
Billy McMullen, Virginia	14	69	894	3	63.9	4.9	13.0
J.J. McKelvey, Clemson	13	52	785	4	60.4	4.0	15.1
Jason Anderson, WF	11	23	535	6	48.6	2.1	23.3
Derrick Hamilton, Clemson	13	52	602	2	46.3	4.0	11.6
Kevin Youngblood, Clemson	13	59	591	2	45.5	4.5	10.0
Talman Gardner, Florida St	14	38	625	8	44.6	2.7	16.4

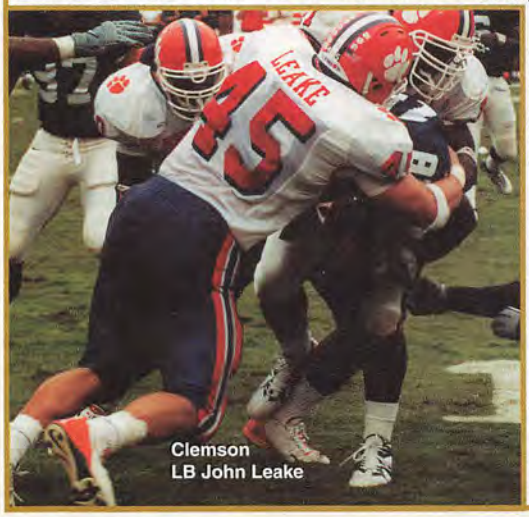
TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Philip Rivers, NCSt	14	57	100	418	3353	3453	246.6
Matt Schaub, Virginia	14	70	95	418	2976	3071	219.4
Scott McBrien, Maryland	14	88	284	284	2497	2781	198.6
Chris Rix, Florida St	11	86	289	225	1684	1973	179.4
A.J. Suggs, Georgia Tech	13	52	21	363	2242	2263	174.1
Adam Smith, Duke	12	62	(-119)	308	2031	1912	159.3
James MacPherson, WF	13	68	177	223	1837	2014	154.9
Willie Simmons, Clemson	10	59	49	244	1559	1608	160.8
Adrian McPherson, Fla St	9	48	180	155	1017	1197	133.0
C.J. Stephens, N Carolina	10	39	(-2)	156	921	919	91.9


Virginia
QB Matt Schaub

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Leon Washington, Florida St	13	368	0	28.3
Steve Suter, Maryland	22	546	0	24.8
Wali Lundy, Virginia	17	409	0	24.1
Greg Golden, NCSt	16	359	0	22.4
Derrick Hamilton, Clemson	32	696	0	21.8
Wallace Wright, N Carolina	29	624	0	21.5
Fabian Davis, Wake Forest	17	363	0	21.4
Kerry Watkins, Georgia Tech	23	481	0	20.9


Clemson
LB John Leake

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Brooks Barnard, Maryland	14	55	2373	43.1
Chance Gwaltney, Florida St	14	72	2862	39.8
Trey McDonald, Duke	10	49	1923	39.2
Austin Herbert, NCSt	14	61	2268	37.2
Wynn Kopp, Clemson	13	63	2340	37.1
Tom Hagan, Virginia	14	62	2273	36.7
John Lafferty, N Carolina	12	61	2235	36.6

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Steve Suter, Maryland	56	771	4	13.8
Leon Washington, Fla St	34	392	0	11.5
Derrick Hamilton, Clemson	35	377	0	10.8
Kelley Rhino, Georgia Tech	45	447	0	9.9
Fabian Davis, Wake Forest	39	363	1	9.3
Marques Hagans, Virginia	29	262	1	9.0
Khary Sharpe, Duke	26	162	0	6.2

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Nick Novak, Maryland	14	24	28	85.7	51
Aaron Hunt, Clemson	12	17	22	77.3	47
Luke Manget, Georgia Tech	12	12	17	70.6	41
Matt Wisnosky, Wake Foest	13	17	25	68.0	43
Xavier Beitia, Florida St	14	19	28	67.9	47
Dan Orner, N Carolina	12	9	14	64.3	55
Brent Garber, Duke	12	14	26	53.8	56

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
John Leake, Clemson	13	81	89	169	13.0
Dexter Reid, N Carolina	12	107	59	166	13.8
Rodney Thomas, Clemson	13	82	85	167	12.8
E.J. Henderson, Maryland	14	135	40	175	12.5
Ryan Fowler, Duke	12	78	67	145	12.1
Angelo Crowell, Virginia	14	92	63	155	11.1
Dantonio Burnette, NCSt	13	77	67	144	11.1
Kendyll Pope, Florida St	14	68	63	131	9.4
Michael Boulware, Fla St	14	67	60	127	9.1
Andre Maddox, NCSt	14	94	32	126	9.0
Merrill Robertson, Virginia	14	74	48	122	8.7
Jerton Evans, Virginia	14	82	34	116	8.3

TFL

	NO	YDS
Calvin Pace, Wake Forest	22.0	72
Shawn Johnson, Duke	19.5	115
E.J. Henderson, Maryland	19.5	86
Alonzo Jackson, Florida St	18.5	104
Matt Zielinski, Duke	18.5	73
Dantonio Burnette, NCSt	18.0	64
Kevin Emanuel, Fla St	15.0	50
Ryan Fowler, Duke	15.0	43
Daryl Smith, Georgia Tech	15.0	32

SACKS

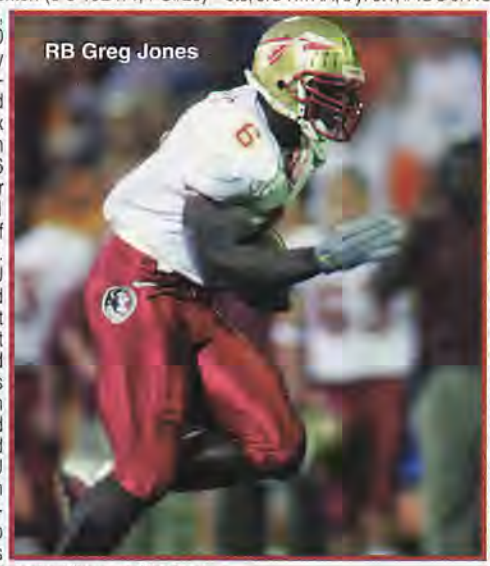
	NO	YDS
Alonzo Jackson, Fla St	13.0	79
Shawn Johnson, Duke	12.0	97
Darryl Blackstock, Virginia	10.0	44
Shawn Price, NCSt	9.0	79
Bryant McNeal, Clemson	9.0	63
Dantonio Burnette, NCSt	9.0	48
E.J. Henderson, Maryland	8.5	49
Calvin Pace, Wake Forest	8.0	43
Nick Eason, Clemson	7.0	63

FLORIDA ST SEMINOLES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - For the first time in Bowden's 26 years here, a freshman started the opener at QB in 2001. Chris Rix was trying to fill the large shoes of 26 year old Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weinke. Rix (PS#10) has outstanding size (6-4 205) and can throw a football 70 yards. Rix got off to a slow start that year completing 53.7% with a 9-8 ratio, but over the last six games hit 59.3% with a 17-6 ratio and had four 300 yard efforts. Adrian McPherson (PS#5) threw for 198 yards (48.6%) with a 2-0 ratio. Last year Rix was entrenched as the starter but after an interception in OT vs Louisville some members of the team lobbied to get McPherson in the lineup. McPherson came in with 4:11 left vs ND and hit 8 of 11 for 118 yards and 2 TD's. He started the next week vs WF hitting 28 of 44 for 278 yards but then did not top 50% in any of his final three starts including an 8 of 20 for 80 yard performance vs NC State. In the week prior to Florida, McPherson was permanently dismissed from the team so Rix was back as the starter and guided the team to the upset of the Gators with 83 yards rushing and 194 passing. Rix, however, overslept and missed a class prior to the bowl and was suspended (see Hardcore Fans page 319). This year Rix and bowl starter Fabian Walker are both back as well as Wyatt Sexton (6-3 192 rFr, PS#23) and Lorne Sam (6-2 200 rFr, PS#47WR). David Koral (6-1 200 So) was PS#35 and originally signed with Vanderbilt. Sam redshirted at WR last year but moved back to QB for this season. Rix threw for 1,684 yards (52.4%) with a 13-7 ratio while rushing for 386 yards while McPherson threw for 1,017 (51.6%) with a solid 12-1 ratio. I believe that Rix will be one of the top QB's in the NCAA in 2003.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 FSU had to replace Travis Minor who led the team in rushing for four straight years. Greg Jones, a bigger back at 248 lbs, with good speed (4.5) led the team in rushing with 833 yards (5.3) despite not starting until the 9th game. Nick Maddox (PS#1) added 444 (4.4). Last year Jones appeared on his way to becoming the first FSU RB to top 1,000 yards in a season since Warrick Dunn (1996). However, he was lost for the year to injury vs WF but in 8.5 games, Jones rushed for 938 yards (5.8) and clearly looked like one of the best RB's in the entire country. Maddox took over and rushed for 122 yards in consecutive outings until he was also injured. They almost took the redshirt off of prized recruit Lorenzo Booker (PS#1) but instead Leon Washington (PS#8) stepped to the forefront. Washington who was Mr. Florida coming out of HS, had 134 yards vs Florida but just 48 in the bowl game. He also was the team's top PR and KR. Willie Reid (5-10 190 So) was PS#21 and rushed for 130 yards (4.8) but injured his shoulder vs GT and was limited down the stretch. All of the top players except for Maddox (5 sts, 602, 5.7) return. I list the 2 deep below. When a team hasn't had a 1,000 yard rusher in six years it's hard to say that their RB unit could be the best in the country, but it's too bad this team only has one football with Jones, Booker and Washington all on hand to tote it.


RB Greg Jones

RECEIVERS - Last year this unit dropped over 35 passes. This year the losses are pretty significant. Gone are Anquan Boldin (11 sts, 65 rec, 15.6, #2DC of ARZ), TE Patrick Hughes (9 sts, 5 rec), WR Talman Gardner (13 sts, 38, 16.4, #7DC of NO) and WR Robert Morgan (8 sts, 17, 10.5). This is Florida St so you know this unit is loaded with VHT's. Chris Davis (PS#4QB) made an impression on Bowden last year with his 4.3 speed but missed the 2002 season with a knee injury. The leading returning receiver is Craphonso Thorpe (PS#4) who had 17 rec's (22.2). I list the rest of the 2 deep below, and naturally some of this year's outstanding true frosh could play immediately. The only experienced TE, Paul Irons, could drop to 3rd string due to some top-notch players behind him. I think this is a fine unit but it looks a little weaker with the loss of a player of Boldin's caliber.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 FSU had to replace four starters on the offensive front and the team averaged just 3.9 ypc and allowed 33 sacks. Last year all four starters returned but the unit was hit by injuries with just two players starting all 14 games and the other starters missing a combined 12 starts. The team did average a solid 4.7 ypc rushing but allowed 32 sacks. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are C Antoine Mirambeau (11 sts, 2nd Tm ACC) and ST Brett Williams (14 sts, 2nd Tm AA, Top OL Award ACC, 4 yr st'r, #4DC of KC), TG Montrae Holland (11 sts, 3rd Tm AA, 3 yr st'r, #4DC of NO) and SG Todd Williams (14 sts, 2 yr st'r, #7DC of TEN). Overall five players return who logged starts last year and naturally the unit is loaded with VHT's. Bowden was pleasantly surprised by the young O-line in the spring saying, "at times you didn't know the other guys (last year's starters) weren't there". This figures to be a top-notch unit but it is less experienced than it was last season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 FSU had four of their top eight DL's returning but allowed 3.3 ypc rushing, their highest total since 1995 and the team managed just 19 sacks. Last year everyone returned but NG Jeff Womble tore his Achilles and was hampered most of the season and DE Eric Moore underwent an appendectomy and missed five games. Not surprisingly, the inexperienced group allowed 3.7 ypc rushing, the worst in over a decade but they recorded 34 sacks. This year only one starter must be replaced in DE Alonzo Jackson (13 sts, 13 sks, 1st Tm ACC, #2DC of PIT) but a couple of backups also depart in Eric Powell (1 st, 34 tkls, 2 sks) and Tony Benford (2 sts, 38 tkls, 6 tfl). I list the 2 deep below and at the time of this writing star DT Darnell Dockett, who would have been a Top 20 DC in the NFL, was suspended pending a court hearing. If he returns, this unit looks to be in good shape and will be tougher to run against than it was last season.

LINEBACKERS - Last year two starters returned to the LB unit and two players split the MLB position with each logging seven starts. Surprising walk-on Allen Augustin continued to battle for a starting job and actually finished with 83 tackles while Jerel Hudson (7 sts) had 55 tackles. Augustin returns this year along with two of the best LB's in the NCAA in Michael Boulware and Kendyll Pope. Hudson departs along with MLB Robert May (14 tkls) but four of the top six are back and five LB's ranked among the top 12 at their position coming out of HS including this year's true frosh Ernie Sims (PS#5). This unit has even more experience and looks like one of the best in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - FSU is always at the top of my pass D rankings including four Top 2 finishes in the past nine years. After a rare low #27 finish in 2001, the team returned just two starters last year and fell to its lowest finish yet at #40 allowing 53.5% with a 21-16 ratio. This year the unit should be solidly improved as practically everyone returns with the lone losses being ROV Patrick Newton (21 tkls) and FS Yohance Buchanan (8 tkls). Seven players are back who logged starts last year and I list a very talented 2 deep below which includes Pat Watkins (PS#1) as the 3rd string FS! I look for FSU to easily climb back into the Top 10 in the pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - FSU was #60 in my special teams rankings last year. Kicker Xavier Beitia had a fine season with one notable exception. He hit 19 of 28 FG's with a long of 47 but his 43 yard wide left vs Miami leaves yet another scar on the Seminole psyche. Jesse Stein handled KO's in 2001 and left the team last year now returns. They must replace P Chance Gwaltney but his net punting was only 33.3. Leon Washington (PS#8) averaged 11.5 on PR's and 28.3 on KR's and he is back. The top PR from 2001, Dominic Robinson (PS#5) is also back. Even though a new punter must be found, I look for FSU to have a shot at breaking into the Top 25 in my special teams rankings this year.

COACHES - Bobby Bowden is only behind Joe Paterno in career wins and is now in his 28th season. His OC, Jeff Bowden, has been here for ten years and enters his third year as OC. DC Mickey Andrews is now in his 20th year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

FSU had an amazing run of 14 straight years finishing in the top 5 of the final polls!! They had just 8 starters back in 2001 and with only 5 seniors starters, they saw many streaks end. They had their worst loss to an unranked team since 1976 (Bowden's first year), a streak of 14 straight 10 win seasons was snapped, their 54 game home unbeaten streak ended, they lost their first home game ever in ACC play and had a 210 week stay in the top 25 end after their loss to Florida. In 2001 they outgained league foes by an average of 89.8 ypg which was the best in the league but shockingly finished 6-2 and for the first time since joining the ACC, did not finish the season in first place. Last year they had 14 starters returning and replaced just 14 lettermen so it looked like they would be back towards the top of the national polls but stunningly they plummeted to 9-5. They did miss a 40 yard FG "wide left" vs Miami and lost in the rain at Louisville. They had a 20-13 FD edge against ND but came up short at home and then were stunned by NCSt on the road after having clinched the ACC Title. In the bowl game it was a suspension-riddled team down to its 3rd and 4th string QB's that lost to an outstanding Georgia team. The nine losses that the team has absorbed the last two years equal the amount of losses they had compiled in the 8 previous years combined! Last year I thought FSU would snap right back to National Title contention but they proved they may be further away than expected. This year they have to replace 21 lettermen (31%). They outscored ACC foes by an average of 16.6 ppg last year which was the best mark in the league. They have just 10 seniors on this year's 2 deep. With 10 starters back on defense, they have my #8 rated defense in the NCAA. They should greatly improve upon the 25.3 and 21.5 ppg that they've allowed the last two years. If Chris Rix can keep his nose out of trouble, the FSU offense will be potent. The toughest games in league play are all in Tallahassee, so FSU should be able to hold on to its ACC crown despite the fact that they are far from a unanimous pick this year with others touting NCSt, Maryland and Virginia as being their favorites in the ACC. FSU has just two questionable road games (at Notre Dame, at Florida) and must face Miami at home, but have a chance at re-emerging in the National Championship chase this year.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CHRIS RIX JR. 6-4 205 **PS#10**. 12 sts as rFr, 3060 yds (57%) 26-14 ratio, 576 rush. 9 sts LY. 1684 yds (52%) 13-7 ratio, 386 rush. Fabian Walker (6-2 216 Jr) PS#13. 1 st LY.
RB GREG JONES SR. 6-1 248 **PS#17**. 1 st, 833 yds (5.3) as true. 9 sts LY, 938 yds (5.8), inj'd. **Lorenzo Booker** (5-11 182 rFr) **PS#1**. Leon Washington (5-9 190 So) **PS#8**. 273 yds LY.
FB BJ DEAN SO. 5-11 256 PS#66LB. 6 sts as rFr, 5 yds. Torrance Washington (6-1 245 So) **PS#91**. 2 sts as true, 86 yds (4.8), 1 rec. PJ Selvidio (6-2 235 Sr) 14 ttl yds LY.
WR Craphonso Thorpe Jr. 6-2 175 **PS#4**. 17 rec (19.6) as true. 7th in ACC in 100m. 17 rec (22.2) LY. Dominic Robinson (6-1 200 Jr) **PS#5DB**. 17 PR (9.0) as true. 2 sts, 9 rec (15.9) LY.
WR PK Sam Jr. 6-3 195 **PS#31**. 11 rec (14.4) as true. 1 st LY, 15 rec (11.5). Chris Davis (6-0 170 rFr) **PS#4QB**, Med RS LY. Chauncey Stovall (6-2 215 Jr) PS#22JC.
TE Paul Irons Jr. 6-2 250 PS#103RB. 12 gms as true, 1 rec. 14 gms LY, 1 rec. Matt Henshaw (6-4 209 So) PS#37QB. 10 gms LY. Donnie Carter (6-4 260 So) PS#65DL. 10 tkls.
C David Castillo Jr. 6-2 300 PS#287. Inj'd as rFr. 6 gms LY, 3 sts at C. Andrew Henry-Kennon (6-4 308 So) **PS#21**. 3rd string LY. Brian Sawyer (6-2 240 Sr) PS#191DL.
TG Bobby Meeks Jr. 6-3 295 **PS#41**. 3 games as rFr. 6 games in '02, 2 sts at TG. Eric Broe (6-6 327 So) **PS#38**. 14 games as rFr. Cory Niblock (6-4 300 rFr) PS#301.
SG Matt Meinrod So. 6-4 297 **PS#61**. 444 bench. 12 gms as backup SG as rFr. +22 lbs. Matt Heinz (6-4 273 So) PS#49DL. 6 gms LY, 1 st at TG. John Frady is **PS#29**.
TT RAY WILLIS JR. 6-6 295 **PS#70**. 3 sts at TT as rFr, 12 gms. 8 sts in '02 (inj'd in 6). Limited in spring. Ron Lunford (6-5 345 So) **PS#18**. 2 games as rFr. Added 21 lbs.
ST Alex Barron Jr. 6-6 316 **PS#12**. 4 games, 5 pancakes in '01. 14 games LY including 5 sts +14 lbs. **Aubrey McPhadden** is **PS#16**. Mario Henderson is PS#151.
K XAVIER BEITIA JR. 5-10 210 PS#14. 16 of 17 FG's as true, L/50, 2nd Tm ACC. 19 of 28 FG's LY, long of 47. Chase Goggans is **PS#1K** and in for spring practices.

DE KEVIN EMANUEL SR. 6-4 255 **PS#27**. 10 sts in '01, 40 tkls, 8 tfl. 13 sts in '02, 40 tkls, 15 tfl, 5 pbu. Kamerion Wimbley (6-4 230 So) **PS#6LB**. 17 tkls. Chauncey Davis **PS#7LB** in 2001.
DT DARNELL DOCKETT SR. 6-4 280 **PS#1**. 36 sts. 3Y. 8 sks in '00, 197 car tkls. FSU rec 24 ttl, 1st Tm ACC in '01. Brodrick Bunkley (6-3 285 So) PS#65, 13 tkls. Edgar Ter-Oganessian (6-2 240 Jr).
NG TRAVIS JOHNSON JR. 6-5 281 **PS#1DL**. 1 st, 33 tkls, 8 tfl in '01. 8 sts LY, 50 tkl, 4 sk, 9 tfl. Jeff Womble (6-3 306 Sr) **PS#11**. 11 sts, 38 tkls, 5 tfl in 2001. 5 sts, 37 tkls, 11 tfl LY.
DE Eric Moore Jr. 6-4 245 **PS#2DL**. 15 tkls, 2 tfl as true. 1 st LY, 25 tkls, 3 sks, 8 tfl. Charles Howard (6-3 258 Jr) PS#79. 17 tkls as true. 3 sts, 25 tkls, 2 sk in '01. Willie Jones **PS#8**.
SLB MICHAEL BOULWARE SR. 6-3 220 **PS#12. 4.36 spd**. 12 sts, 86 tkls, 8 tfl in '01. 14 sts, 127 tkls, 4 tfl, 2nd Tm ACC LY. Ray Piquion (6-0 215 Jr) **PS#26**. 11 tkls LY. Buster Davis (5-11 242 rFr) PS#8.
MLB ALLEN AUGUSTIN SR. 6-1 217 Walk-on. 1 st, 18 tkls in '01. 7 sts, 83 tkls, 2 sks LY. Sam McGrew (6-3 230 So) **PS#30**. 8 tkls as true. Nate Hardage (6-1 249 Jr) **PS#48**. JC in '01.
WLB KENDYLL POPE SR. 6-2 220 **PS#3**. 11 sts in '01, 113 tkls, 7 tfl. 14 sts LY, **Def MVP**, 131 tkls, 12 tfl, 5 pbu. AJ Nicholson (6-2 230 So) **PS#5**, 23 tkls as true. Marcello Church (6-1 221 So).
CB STANFORD SAMUELS SR. 5-10 190 **PS#43**. 11 sts, 41 tkls, 1 int, 8 pbu in '01. 12 sts, 53 tkls, 3 int. 14 pbu LY. Leroy Smith (5-10 190 Jr) PS#110. 2 sts, 22 tkls, 9 pbu LY. Antonio Cromartie **PS#3**.
CB RUFUS BROWN SR. 5-9 185 **PS#26**. 7 sts in '01, 32 tkls, 4 pbu. 14 sts in 2002, 31 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu. Bryant McFadden (6-0 180 Jr) **PS#1**. 22 tkls in 2001. 21 tkls, 3 int last year.
ROV JEROME CARTER JR. 6-0 217 **PS#7**. 11 tkls as true. 11 sts LY, 94 tkls, 3 pbu. Claudius Osei (6-0 195 Jr) PS#133. 3 sts, 41 tkls LY. Gerard Ross (6-2 185 So) **PS#13**. 2 tkls as rFr.
FS BJ WARD JR. 6-3 206 **PS#25LB**. 8 sts as FS in 2002, 51 tkls, 2 pbu. Kyler Hall (6-0 190 Jr) PS#76. 6 sts, 36 tkls, 1 int LY. **Pat Watkins** (6-4 195 So) **PS#1**. 10 tkls as true.
P Chris Hall So. 5-10 212 PS#55. Only punter in spring practice. RS after walking on in '01. 2 punts with 35.0 avg LY. Had a 45.4 avg on 42 punts as a senior in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

LB	Ernie Sims 6-0 220 PS#5	
DB	Antonio Cromartie 6-3 200 PS#3	
OL	Aubrey McPhadden 6-5 316 PS#16	
OL	John Frady 6-4 275 PS#29	
DL	Clifton Dickson 6-4 285 PS#51	
DL	Alex Boston 6-3 225 PS#61	
K	Chase Goggans 5-9 160 PS#1	
OL	David Overmyer 6-3 270 PS#78	
LB	Chauncey Davis 6-2 260 PS#17JC	
WR	DeCody Fagg 6-3 185 PS#70	
TE	DJ Norris 6-3 240 PS#28	
DL	Andre Fluellen 6-4 270 PS#97	
OL	Mario Henderson 6-6 330 PS#151	
DB	Anthony Kelly 6-3 230 PS#258	

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#2

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score FSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	at N Carolina	G						Florida St is 138-19-2 (88%) in Tallahassee since 1976. Bowden has taken the Seminoles to 21 straight bowl games. Florida St is 7-3 ATS the last 7 years off a SU loss.
Sep. 6	Maryland	G						The Seminoles are 2-5 the last 7 conference openers. The home team is 2-5 ATS in this series since 1996.
Sep. 13	Georgia Tech	G						The home team is 9-2 ATS the last 11 in this series. FSU is 2-5 as a home favorite in September the last 4 years.
Sep. 20	Colorado	G						The Seminoles are 7-2-1 ATS the last 10 vs Georgia Tech. Last year GT had a 24-12 FD edge, 396-279 yd edge & still lost SU & ATS.
Sep. 27	at Duke	G						Including bowl games, FSU is 1-4 ATS vs Big 12 foes since 1993. Could apply: FSU is 9-3 ATS as a single digit favorite since 1996.
Oct. 4								FSU is 5-0 ATS vs Duke when favored by 32' or less (1-5 ATS 33 or more). Florida St is 4-9-1 ATS before a bye since 1994.
Oct. 11	Miami, Fl	G						The home team is 11-6 ATS the last 17 in this Sunshine State battle. The favorite has covered 9 of the last 14 in this series.
Oct. 18	at Virginia	G						FSU is 3-0 SU & 2-1 ATS L/3 tries vs VA, outscoring them by an avg of 40-10. Florida St is 10-1 SU & 8-3 ATS vs Virginia since joining the ACC.
Oct. 25	Wake Forest	G						Wake Forest has not beaten Florida St SU since 1973! Florida St is 1-4 ATS vs Wake Forest the last 5 years.
Nov. 1	at Notre Dame	G						Florida St is 15-8 ATS the last 23 November contests. Including bowls, FSU is 1-4 ATS vs the Irish, with the dog a perfect 5-0 ATS.
Nov. 8	at Clemson	G						Father knows best as Bobby is 4-0 SU & 3-1 ATS vs his son, outscoring Tommy by an avg of 40-20. FSU is 11-0 SU & the home team is 6-1-1 ATS the last 8 years.
Nov. 15	NC State (HC)	G						Bowden has lost 2 in a row SU & ATS vs ex-asst Amato including only SU home loss in ACC play. Florida St is 10-1 ATS the last 11 home finales.
Nov. 22								
Nov. 29	at Florida	G						Florida St is 5-2 ATS the last 7 years vs the Gators. The home team is 7-1 ATS the last 8 years.

BOBBY BOWDEN (Career 332-96-4)
28th Year at Florida State
Bowden's records AT FLORIDA ST

259-64-4 Straight Up
135-107-2 Vs The Spread
25-12 Off A SU Loss
69-54-2 Vs Conference
67-51-2 Home Favorite
4-4 Home Dog
50-40 Away Favorite
14-12 Away Dog
66-53 Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (9-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (21,25,1)
Lost: 21 (10,10,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 81,766

ACC

QB Chris Rix

STADIUM: DOAK S. CAMPBELL STADIUM (82,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-0	10-1	11-1	11-0	11-1	7-4	9-4	70-11
ATS	6-4-1	6-5	7-5	5-6	8-4	5-6	6-7	43-37-1
Home Fav	2-4-1	4-1	5-1	2-5	5-1	2-3	2-4	22-19-1
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1
Away Fav	3-0	2-4	2-4	3-1	3-3	3-1	3-3	19-16
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-1
Favorite	5-4-1	6-5	7-5	5-6	8-4	5-4	5-7	41-35-1
Dog	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-0	2-2
Grass	6-4-1	6-5	7-4	5-6	8-4	5-6	6-7	43-36-1
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	3-4-1	5-3	4-4	4-4	6-2	5-3	4-4	31-24-1
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-2	3-1	1-2	2-2	0-3	2-3	12-13
Off SU Win	6-3-1	6-4	6-4	5-5	6-4	2-4	3-5	34-29-1
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	2-2	3-1	7-3

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Greg Jones	**161**	**968**	**30**	**938**	**8**	**5.8**
Nick Maddox	106	623	21	602	4	5.7
Chris Rix	**86**	**386**	**97**	**289**	**3**	**3.4**
Leon Washington	**60**	**291**	**18**	**273**	**1**	**4.6**
Adrian McPherson	48	243	63	180	0	3.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chris Rix	**225**	**118**	**52.4**	**1684**	**13**	**7**
Adrian McPherson	155	80	51.6	1017	12	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Anquan Boldin	65	1011	15.6	13	51
Talman Gardner	38	625	16.4	8	56
Craphonso Thorpe	**17**	**377**	**22.2**	**4**	**72**
Nick Maddox	23	197	8.6	1	29
Robert Morgan	17	178	10.5	1	19

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Chance Gwaltney	72	2862	39.8	55	–	1	25

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Xavier Beitia	**51-51**	**7-10**	**5-7**	**7-11**	**0-0**	**19-28**	**47**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kendyll Pope	**131**	**0**	**12**	**5**	**2**
Michael Boulware	**127**	**1**	**3**	**7**	**2**
Jerome Carter	**94**	**1**	**0**	**3**	**0**
Allen Augustin	**83**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Darnell Dockett	**57**	**2**	**5**	**0**	**0**
Jerel Hudson	55	1	2	3	1
Stanford Samuels	**53**	**0**	**2**	**14**	**3**
B.J. Ward	**51**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Travis Johnson	**50**	**4**	**9**	**0**	**0**
Alonzo Jackson	42	13	5	3	1
Claudius Osei	**41**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Kevin Emanuel	**40**	**4**	**11**	**0**	**0**
Tony Benford	38	2	4	1	0
Jeff Womble	**37**	**1**	**10**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Leon Washington	**34**	**392**	**11.5**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Leon Washington	**13**	**368**	**28.3**	**1**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Fiesta	-5'	Tennessee	16-23	L
99	Sugar	-5'	Virginia Tech	46-29	W
00	Orange	-10	Oklahoma	2-13	L
01	Gator	+2	Virginia Tech	30-17	W
02	Sugar	+8	Georgia	13-26	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

FLORIDA ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	30.6	21	187	4.7	211	51.8	13.0	+11	2002	8	21.5	18	131	3.7	235	53.5	17.0
3	33.6	22	155	3.9	271	56.0	12.7	+4	2001	4	25.3	19	119	3.3	234	55.0	13.9
6*	39.3	25	154	4.3	376	60.5	13.5	+11	2000	7	10.5	16	73	2.2	204	50.4	26.4
9*	38.2	23	115	3.3	305	59.1	11.0	+10	1999	7	16.9	18	114	3.1	207	52.7	19.0
5	30.8	20	147	3.4	243	51.2	12.6	+12	1998	5	12.4	13	83	2.3	146	42.1	18.4
5*	39.0	21	108	3.5	339	60.0	11.5	+16	1997	4	15.1	15	57	1.6	191	48.1	16.5

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
† Iowa St	22	43-239	5.6	17-25	210	3	23	38-130	3.4	22-33	313	2	+1
Virginia	27	60-397	6.6	14-23	157	2	16	33-62	1.9	20-32	251	1	-1
at Maryland	20	43-169	3.9	14-27	266	2	15	28-57	2.0	20-37	241	3	+4
Duke	30	32-113	3.5	29-44	404	4	16	35-147	4.2	16-32	239	2	+1
at Louisville	20	32-129	4.0	15-34	206	3	20	39-121	3.1	15-27	182	6	0
Clemson	19	49-272	5.6	8-20	114	3	18	33-107	3.2	18-28	334	2	+4
at Miami, Fl	25	52-296	5.7	8-20	83	1	19	30-115	3.8	20-45	362	0	+2
Notre Dame	20	32-93	2.9	21-43	325	1	13	32-116	3.6	13-21	185	2	-4
at Wake Forest	28	43-255	5.9	28-44	278	0	19	48-237	4.9	12-24	146	1	-1
at Georgia Tech	12	33-140	4.2	8-24	139	1	24	42-185	4.4	22-45	211	3	+3
N Carolina	23	38-141	3.7	16-32	289	2	19	30-129	4.3	19-50	230	2	+3
at NC State	13	21-34	1.6	13-27	143	4	20	46-191	4.2	18-29	171	2	0
Florida	22	43-225	5.2	13-30	194	0	21	27-83	3.1	24-47	303	2	+1
† Georgia	18	41-115	2.8	13-26	147	6	11	36-151	4.2	10-15	125	4	-2
TOTALS	299	562-2618	4.7	217-419	2955	32	254	497-1831	3.7	249-465	3293	34	+11
AVERAGES	21.4	40-187	4.7	16-30	211	2.3	18.1	36-131	3.7	18-33	235	2.4	0.8

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Texas A&M	-15'	23-14	L
at NC State	-26	7-24	L
Duke	-27'	62-13	W
USC	-13	30-10	W
at Maryland	-28	24-10	L
at Miami, Fl	-9'	26-14	W
Clemson	-26'	48-0	W
at Georgia Tech	-13	34-7	W
N Carolina	-27	39-13	L
Virginia	-17'	45-14	W
at Wake Forest	-28	24-7	L
Florida	-2'	23-12	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
LA Tech	-36	41-7	L
Georgia Tech	-18	41-35	L
NC State	-28	42-11	W
at N Carolina	-19'	42-10	W
† Duke	-40	51-23	L
Miami, Fl	-14	31-21	L
Wake Forest	-30'	33-10	L
at Clemson	-16	17-14	L
at Virginia	-13'	35-10	W
Maryland	-33	49-10	W
at Florida	-3	30-23	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† BYU	-25'	29-3	W
at Georgia Tech	-22	26-21	L
N Carolina	-25	63-14	W
Louisville	-33'	31-0	L
at Maryland	-30	59-7	W
at Miami, Fl	-6'	24-27	L
Duke	-48	63-14	W
Virginia	-32	37-3	W
at NC State	-18'	58-14	W
Clemson	-19	54-7	W
at Wake Forest	-48	35-6	L
Florida	-11'	30-7	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Duke	-30	55-13	W
UAB	-29	29-7	L
at N Carolina	-17	9-41	L
Wake Forest	-26'	48-24	L
Miami, Fl	+7'	27-49	L
at Virginia	-12'	43-7	W
Maryland	-8	52-31	W
at Clemson	-8	41-27	W
NC State	-18	28-34	L
at Florida	+16	13-37	L
Georgia Tech	-10	28-17	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Iowa St	-22	38-31	L
Virginia	-26'	40-19	L
at Maryland	-15	37-10	W
Duke	-44'	48-17	L
at Louisville	-14'	20-26 OT	L
Clemson	-14	48-31	W
at Miami, Fl	+13	27-28	W
Notre Dame	-10	24-34	L
at Wake Forest	-10	34-21	W
at Georgia Tech	-7	21-13	W
N Carolina	-31'	40-14	L
at NC State	-6	7-17	L
Florida	-3'	31-14	W

N CAROLINA ST WOLFPACK

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 the Wolfpack had to replace a four year starting QB and did so with true frosh Philip Rivers. Rivers is a big QB (6-5 236) who showed remarkable poise for a true frosh. He did participate in spring practice that year and led the team to comeback wins in three of their first four games. He ended up setting school records for completions, attempts and TD passes with 3,364 yards (54.4%) and a 27-12 ratio. In 2001 Rivers lost his top WR and OC Norm Chow but threw for 2,775 yards and completed 65.2% (a school record) and a jump of 10.8% from his frosh year with a 17-8 ratio. Rivers has a slightly side-armed delivery which is not attractive to NFL scouts, but won't change his motion. Last year he threw for 3,353 yards (62.7%) with a 20-10 ratio while rushing for 162 gross yards. His backup QB was Jay Davis (6-2 198 So) who was PS#21 and got in five games throwing 19 passes for 88 yards. Chris Moore (6-6 217 rFr) was PS#200. This year they signed Rivers' probable replacements in Marcus Stone (PS#11) and Chris Hawkins (PS#30). As long as Rivers remains healthy, he should have an outstanding senior season and is a Heisman candidate.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Wolfpack rushed for 144.1 ypg, their best total since 1997 thanks to the emergence of true frosh RB T.A. McLendon (PS#15) who rushed for 1,101 yards (4.5) with 18 TD's while also adding 42 receptions (8.4) and was 1st Team ACC. He accomplished this despite having wrist surgery after the UMass game and playing with a cast on his hand. His 5 TD's against Texas Tech tied a school record (but he did have 1 in OT). Converted CB Greg Golden was the starter in the opener last year (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). Josh Brown did get in one start with 483 rush yards (3.9). This year the team signed PS#6 Darrell Blackman who was in for the spring and I expect a big impact from him as well as Brian Dennison (PS#26, 4.39 spd) and Reggie Davis (PS#96). When the team used a FB, Chance Moyer (6-3 238 Jr, PS#154LB) got in two starts and 122 snaps last year and he is backed by Jeffrey Graves (5-9 228 Jr) and Chauncey Graham (5-10 217 Jr). As long as McLendon stays healthy, he should have a super sophomore season.

RECEIVERS - State returned their top 2 WR's last year but did have to replace their starting TE. PS#15TE Sean Berton, a W Virginia transfer, filled in and the unit was in very good shape. Bryan Peterson was the top WR in 2001 with 51 rec's (13.4) and last year he had 42 (13.3). Peterson (13 sts) and Berton (11 sts, 25 rec, 8.6, 1st TM ACC), as well as TE Joseph Gray (4 sts, 3 rec) are this year's losses. The unit gets a significant talent upgrade as Richard Washington (PS#11) was a PQ that participated on the scout team last year as did Tramain Hall (PS#23). Hall's debut has been much anticipated with some controversial ineligibility rulings, but he is finally ready to play. Cotchery led the team by far with 1,192 and a nifty 17.8 average. Sterling Hicks (PS#28) showed improvement last year with 37 rec's (13.8). I list the rest of the 2 deep below and even with the losses, the added talent will make this unit one of the ACC's top receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Wolfpack averaged 3.5 ypc rushing while allowing 25 sacks on a unit which had 3 starters returning. Last year the group had to replace 3 starters as well as a backup. Despite the losses, the group paved the way for 3.86 ypc rushing which was the team's best mark in four years. They also set a school record by allowing just 11 sacks in 14 games. This year their only losses are RT Scott Kooistra (14 sts, 2 yr st'r, #7DC of CIN) and LG Shane Riggs (13 sts, 2nd Tm ACC). They get a huge addition in Derek Morris (6-6 358 Fr) who was PS#1OL and originally signed at Ohio St, and he will step right into a starter's spot. This unit is deep and not even listed below is C Antoine Colvin (6-3 304 So) who got in 41 snaps in six games last year, Brian Archis (6-4 270 So, PS#79, 9 snaps) and John Holt (6-6 280 rFr). RG Sean Locklear is now in his second year on the OL after compiling 72 tackles on the DL in 2000 and 2001 and should be improved. This group is more experienced than it was heading into last year and should be one of the ACC's top O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Wolfpack had a veteran D-line in 2001 that helped the D yield just 3.4 ypc rushing while they recorded 34 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters due to graduation and then lost their projected starting DE Terrance Chapman, who led the team in sacks (8), to academics. Overall the unit played well and the defense allowed just 3.34 ypc rushing while they posted 48 sacks on the season. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are DE Shawn Price (8 sts, 39 tkls, 9 sks, 2nd Tm ACC), DE George Anderson (9 sts, 59 tkls, 6 sks), DE Drew Wimsatt (11 sts, 42 tkls, 5 sks), DT Terrance Martin (13 sts, 62 tkls, 7 tfl, HM ACC) and NT Jerrick Hall (12 sts, 40 tkls, 4 tfl). They hope to get Chapman back and two true frosh this year graduated from HS early and were in for the spring in Mario Williams (PS#10) and DeMarcus "Tank" Tyler (PS#116). I like the overall talent of the D-line this year but it is clearly an inexperienced group that will likely go through some growing pains.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the team had to replace two starting LB's including their all-time leading tackler, Levar Fisher (#2DC of ARZ). Dantonio Burnette (1st Tm ACC) was by far the team's top LB last season and led the team with 144 tackles, 9 sacks and 9 tfl and leaves as the #2 all-time leading tackler here. His loss will clearly be felt but overall the unit has more experience as four players return who started at times last season not including Avery Gibson (4 sts, 21 tkls) who moves to TE. I list the 2 deep below and this is one position where some true frosh could have a major impact as Amato signed three of the top sixty-five LB's out of HS (see Top Newcomers). Even with the loss of its top guy, this unit should be close to last year in terms of production.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Wolfpack finished #98 in my pass D rankings in 2001 but had seven of their top eight back last year only having to replace a 4th round DC. Returning starting ROV Julius Patterson lost his job to impressive Andre Maddox who finished #2 on the team with 126 tackles. During the year RB Greg Golden moved back to DB where he got in four starts and was very productive. True frosh AJ Davis (PS#3) was slated to play but he broke his leg, and I project him as a starter this year. Questionable for the season is CB Marcus Hudson who was suspended indefinitely in March after starting 13 games last year, but he'll have to fight for his starting spot regardless. They have a huge loss from the secondary in FS Terrence Holt, who was 2nd Tm AA with 14 starts and 100 tackles and also departing are Julius Patterson (1 st, 33 tkls) and FS Rod Johnson (23 tkls). They move in Dovonte Edwards who had 26 rec's (11.1) and 3 starts at WR to fill the FS opening. Overall the Wolfpack finished #32 in my pass D rankings allowing 49.7% with a 13-16 ratio against a light slate of opposing QB's. Not even listed in the 2 deep below is Garland Heath (6-2 210 Fr, PS#74) who signed last year, Craig Moody (6-0 193 Sr, PS#77) and this year's true frosh including 2 VHT's. Despite the loss of a player of Holt's status (#5DC of DET), I really like the CB depth here and expect them to improve in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The team blocked an amazing 7 punts and also had 3 kick returns for TD's and finished +10 in the TD/Blk category, the best in the country and was #19 in my rankings last year. Unfortunately this year they lose punt blocker extraordinaire Terrence Holt who owns the ACC record for the most blocked kicks in a career. The entire return game is back and Lamont Reid averaged a super 30.3 on 14 KR's. Reid returned the opening KO for a TD against E Tenn St, the first NC State player to accomplish that feat since 1980. The kicking game should be in better shape (see Hardcore Fans). Both return and Herbert handled the punting duties as well last year although his net punting average went from 35.2 in 2001 down to just 32.1. With basically everyone back, this unit can improve upon its net punting and KR defense, but it is doubtful they will end up +10 in the TD/Blk category so they may drop a little in the rankings.

COACHES - Chuck Amato enters his fourth year here and probably his most impressive record is his 2-0 mark the last two years against Florida St where he was the assistant head coach from 1986-'99. The team's OC for the last two years, Marty Galbraith, left for an NFL spot. The new OC is Noel Mazzone, who was Auburn's OC from '98-'00, and was the RB and special teams coach at Oregon St in '02. Last year Amato took over the defense himself and the unit simply led the ACC in total defense.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000 six of NCSt's wins came after they trailed in the 4Q but they finished an outstanding 8-4 under first year HC Chuck Amato. They set a record for season tickets sold and added 5,000 seats in a $102 million expansion of the stadium. Amato had just 64 scholarship players available for the first bowl and then had 76 in 2001 when the team went 7-5. In 2001 they went 4-4 in league play but were outgained by an average of 38.3 ypg. Last year Texas Tech missed a FG with less than 1:00 left forcing the game into OT and the Wolfpack prevailed. NCSt barely escaped with a 24-22 final when Duke missed a long FG at the end of the game but Duke had a 20-17 FD edge. NCSt still moved to 9-0 after their 38-6 win vs Clemson and was ranked 8th in the USA Today poll. The Wolfpack was talking National Championship and BCS bowl berth but would lose three straight ACC games and actually finished 4th in the conference. They finished out the season well beating Florida St for a second consecutive year and then knocked off Notre Dame in the bowl game. Last year's team had 12 returning starters as does this one but the key player, QB Philip Rivers, is back. They have a ton of VHT's at the skill positions on offense, a veteran O-line and will be potent. Defensively just 5 starters return and they lose the entire front wall. Last year the Wolfpack actually outgained ACC foes by an average of 55.9 ypg which was the best mark in the league. That plus the fact that they lose just 17 lettermen, have them poised to challenge for the ACC crown. They have an excellent shot at being 6-0 in league play when the season wraps up with a road trip to Fla St and a home game vs Maryland. Remember that Amato's group is the only conference team to have won in Tallahassee since FSU joined the ACC. If the Wolfpack pull a stunner on Sept 13th against defending National Champ Ohio St, they would throw themselves into the National Title race and unlike last year, this year's team has the talent to be cast in that role.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB PHILIP RIVERS SR. 6-5 236 PS#40. 12 sts as true, 3364 yds (54%) 27-12 ratio. 2775 yds (65%) 17-8 ratio in 2001. 14 sts LY, 3353 yds (63%), 20-10 ratio, 2nd Tm ACC.
RB T.A. McLENDON SO. 5-11 215 **PS#15**. 8 sts **true**, 1101 yds (4.5), 42 rec (8.4), 18 TD's. Darrell Blackman **PS#6**, in for spring. Josh Brown (5-10 185 Jr) 483 yds (3.9), 1 st.
WR STERLING HICKS JR. 6-2 180 **PS#28**. 13 rec (15.5) as **true**. 7 starts in 2002, 37 rec (13.8). Brian Clark (6-2 193 So) PS#108. 2 rec as true. Jimmie Sutton III **PS#21RB**.
WR JERRICHO COTCHERY SR. 6-1 200 4.53 spd, 31" VL. 11 sts, 42 rec (11.5) in 2001. 14 sts, 67 rec (17.8) LY, **1st Tm ACC**. Andy Bertrand (6-2 191 Jr) **4.34 spd**, 2 sts, 5 rec 2Y.
WR Richard Washington So. 6-1 160 **PS#11**. 4.41 spd. PQ LY. **Tramain Hall** (5-11 180 So) **PS#23RB** in '01. Fred Span (6-0 184 So) PS#153. 4.45 spd. Kennard France (6-4 212 Sr).
TE John Ritcher So. 6-2 236 PS#83LB. 1 st as rFr, 1 rec. TJ Williams (6-4 236 So) PS#64. 1 st as true, 3 rec (16.7). Avery Gibson (6-2 242 Jr) 4 sts at LB, 21 tkls.
C JED PAULSEN JR. 6-2 290 PS#83. 197 snaps as **true**. 11 sts at C LY, 74 KD's, 677 snaps, missed 3 inj. Brandon Sanders (5-11 281 Sr) 3 sts, 283 snaps, 19 KD's, 440 bench.
RG SEAN LOCKLEAR SR. 6-4 286 2 sts, 44 tkls, 4 sks, 6 tfl as rFr. 2 sts, 28 tkls, 4 tfl in '01. 14 sts, 902 snaps, 61 KD's LY. Brandon Moore (6-3 290 So) PS#175. 405 bench.
LG Ricky Fowler Jr. 6-2 287 PS#85DL. 3 sts, 23 tkls, 2.5 sks a true. 14 tkls in '01, 430 bench, RS LY. Ashley Wingate (6-3 301 Sr) 1 st, 182 snaps. Leroy Harris (6-3 285 rFr) PS#77.
RT Derek Morris Fr. 6-6 358 **PS#1OL** & orig at **Ohio St**. Still a true & in for spring game. John McKeon (6-5 306 So) PS#282, 62 plays, 3 KD's. Justin Wortham (6-4 302 Jr).
LT CHRISTOPHER COLMER SR. 6-5 305 PS#165. 11 sts as rFr. 12 sts in '01, 682 plays, Top OL Award. 14 sts LY, **2nd Tm ACC**, 902 snaps, 151 KD's. James Newby (6-6 265 rFr) PS#172.
K ADAM KIKER SR. 6-0 185 Hit 15 of 16 FG's, long of 41 as rFr. Injured LY, 5 of 7 FG's, L/44. John Deraney (6-4 208 rFr) PS#23. Austin Herbert hit 8 of 12 FG's in 2Y.

DE Terrance Chapman Sr. 6-3 250 PS#75JC. 26 tkls, tm high 8 sks here in '01. Ineligible LY. Renaldo Moses (6-6 210 So) PS#142. Scout Tm MVP in '01. 12 tkls, 2 sks, 73 snaps LY.
DT Alan Halloway Sr. 6-2 285 **PS#33JC**. 7 sks at JC in '01. 31 tkls here LY, 2 sks. Sheldon Lewin (6-4 270 Sr) PS#150JC, 13 tkls, 2 sks here LY. Dwayne Herndon (6-4 282 So) 7 tkls LY.
DT DeMarcus "Tank" Tyler Fr. 6-3 308 PS#115, 435 bench, in for spring. Kennie Covington (6-3 265 Jr) PS#41LB in '01. JUCO LY. John McCargo (6-2 286 rFr) PS#310DL.
DE Mario Williams Fr. 6-7 254 **PS#10**. 4.5 spd, 385 bench, in for spg. Manny Lawson (6-5 216 So) 35 tkls as **true**, 3 blk'd punts. Brian Cross (6-1 248 So) PS#220. 13 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr.
SLB Roger Pollard Sr. 6-0 216 3 sts in '01, 48 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl. 6 sts LY, 342 snaps, 31 tkls, 2 tfl. Ernest Jones (6-3 202 Fr) PS#40. In for bowl practices. Travis Singletary (6-2 235 rFr).
MLB FREDDIE AUGHTRY-LINDSAY JR. 6-1 224 PS#172RB. 4 sts LY, 86 tkls, 4 tfl, 403 snaps. Oliver Hoyte (6-3 230 So) PS#276. 1 st, 175 snaps, 51 tkls, 3 tfl. Corrie Dawson (6-3 230 Jr).
WLB PATRICK THOMAS JR. 6-2 224 PS#98LB. 17 tkls as true. 12 sts in '02, 106 tkls, 3 sks, 6 tfl, 625 snaps. Patrick Lowery (6-2 228 rFr) PS#65. Raymond Brooks (6-4 240 Fr) PS#43.
CB AJ DAVIS rFR. 5-10 176 **PS#3DB**. Inj LY. **Marcus Hudson** (6-2 183 Jr) PS#104, 5 sts, 54 tkls in '01. 13 sts, 36 tkls, 3 int LY. Victor Stephens (6-0 172 Sr) 4.38 spd, 27 tkls 3Y.
CB LAMONT REID JR. 6-0 185 4.36 spd. 21 tkls, 2 pbu as true. 14 sts LY, 40 tkls, 9 pbu, 439 ret yds. Greg Golden (5-11 185 Jr) PS#38. RB first 4 sts then 4 sts at DB, 26 tkls, 7 pbu.
ROV ANDRE MADDOX JR. 6-1 191 PS#88DB. 16 tkls as true. 14 sts in '02, 126 tkls, 4 sks, 1 int, 7 pbu. JJ Jones (6-0 185 So) 5 tkls as true. Andrew Purcell (6-2 190 Jr) 15 tkls.
FS Dovonte Edwards Jr. 6-0 170 PS#38WR. 19 rec (11.1) as **true**. 3 sts LY, 26 rec (11.1) Troy Graham (6-3 193 Jr) PS#290. 7 sts, 13 rec (9.2) in '01. 4.4 spd, track tm. 13 tkls LY.
P AUSTIN HERBERT SR. 6-0 207 PS#11K. 64 punts in 2000, 38.2 avg, net of 34.8. 58 punts in 2001, 40.8 avg, net of 35.2. 61 punts LY, 37.2 average and net of 32.1.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

RB	Darrell Blackman 6-1 200 PS#6	
DL	Mario Williams 6-7 254 PS#10	
QB	Marcus Stone 6-4 230 PS#11	
DB	Jimmie Sutton 6-1 170 PS#21	
RB	Brian Dennison 5-11 195 PS#26	
DB	LeRue Rumph 6-2 210 PS#28	
DL	Chad Green 6-6 220 PS#54	
QB	Chris Hawkins 6-3 190 PS#30	
LB	Ernest Jones 6-3 202 PS#40	
LB	Raymond Brooks 6-4 240 PS#43	
TE	Jamesly Jean 6-5 220 PS#16	
LB	Steve Tulloch 5-10 215 PS#64	
OL	Luke Lathan 6-5 295 PS#87	
DB	Miguel Scott 6-1 180 PS#64	
OL	Yomi Ojo 6-4 315 PS#92	
DL	DeMarcus Tyler 6-3 308 PS#116	
DL	Maurice Charles 6-3 225 PS#124	
RB	Reggie Davis 6-2 220 PS#96	
LB	James Martin 6-2 223 PS#119	

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Amato's records AT NC STATE

26-12	Straight Up	7-6	Home Favorite
19-14	Vs The Spread	1-3	Home Underdog
6-5	Off A SU Loss	4-5	Away Favorite
13-11	Vs Conference	7-0	Away Underdog
		6-3	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (11-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (17,18,4)
Lost: 17 (6,11,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 49,477

ACC

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#31

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NCST	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	W Carolina	G					
Sep. 6	at Wake Forest	G					
Sep. 13	at Ohio St	G					
Sep. 20	Texas Tech	G					
Sep. 27	North Carolina	G					
Oct. 4	at Georgia Tech	G					
Oct. 11	UConn	G					
Oct. 18	Clemson	G					
Oct. 25	at Duke	G					
Nov. 1	Virginia	G					
Nov. 8							
Nov. 15	at Florida St	G					
Nov. 22	Maryland	G					
Nov. 29							

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Wolfpack are 6-13-1 ATS prior to playing rival Wake Forest.
North Carolina St is 6-2 after a bye since 1997.
NCS is 6-3 ATS in non-conference play under Amato.

W Carolina was 5-6 last year in Division IAA Southern Conference.
NCS is 13-0 SU in their last 13 non-lined games outscoring foes 511-145.

Wolfpack are 5-1 SU & 4-2 ATS in their last 6 road openers.
NC St is 10-5 ATS vs WF since 1988, but only 2-4 ATS the last 6 years.

The Wolfpack is 4-3 SU & 7-0 ATS as a road dog under Amato and
NC St is 5-2 ATS vs teams currently in the Big 10.

N Carolina St is 3-0 SU & ATS vs Texas Tech in this short series with an average of 76.7 total ppg in those contests.

NCS comes into 2003 with a 7-3 ATS record the last 4 years in Sept.
The Wolfpack is 3-7 ATS their last 10 vs N Carolina.

NCS is 2-7 ATS after playing North Carolina.
The Pack is 2-8-1 ATS the last 11 vs the Ramblin Wreck.

Pending 9/20: NC St is 6-1 SU & 5-2 ATS in the 1st of 2+ HG's S/'97.
Wolfpack is 3-7-1 ATS since 1997 when favored by 14 or more.

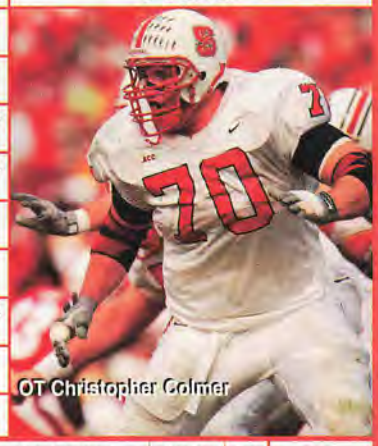
Pending 9/27: NC St is 4-8 ATS in their 2nd straight B2B HG since 1993.
NC St is 9-14 SU, but 15-8 ATS the last 23 vs Clemson.

Pending earlier results: NCS was 1-6 ATS from '99-'01 as an AF, but 3-1 LY.
The visitor is 8-1 ATS the last 9 series meetings.

NCS is 3-7 ATS prior to a bye, but 3-0 SU & 2-0 ATS under Amato.
NC State is 7-4 ATS the last 11 in this series.

Wolfpack is 3-8 SU & 4-7 ATS vs the Noles but won SU & ATS the L2Y.
NC St is 6-13 ATS in their last 19 road finales.

The Wolfpack is 7-1 SU & 6-2 ATS in their last 8 home finales.
The underdog is 14-3-1 ATS the last 18 in this series.



STADIUM: CARTER-FINLEY STADIUM (51,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	6-5	7-4	6-6	7-4	7-4	10-3	46-34
ATS	4-7	5-5-1	5-6	5-6	6-5	5-6	8-3	38-38-1
Home Fav	2-0	1-2-1	0-4	1-0	3-2	2-2	2-2	11-12-1
Home Dog	1-2	1-1	2-0	2-1	0-1	0-2	1-0	7-7
Away Fav	0-0	1-1	2-2	0-2	0-2	1-2	3-1	7-10
Away Dog	1-5	2-1	1-0	2-3	3-0	2-0	2-0	13-9
Favorite	2-0	2-3-1	2-6	1-2	3-4	3-4	5-3	18-22-1
Dog	2-7	3-2	3-0	4-4	3-1	2-2	3-0	20-16
Grass	4-7	4-5-1	5-6	5-6	6-5	5-6	7-3	36-38-1
Artificial	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0
vs Conf	3-5	3-4-1	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	5-3	26-29-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	3-0	12-9
Off SU Win	1-2	3-2	3-4	1-4	4-2	2-4	5-2	19-20
Off SU Loss	3-4	1-3-1	2-1	3-2	2-2	2-2	2-1	15-15-1

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
T.A. McLendon	245	1200	99	1101	18	4.5
Josh Brown	123	540	57	483	2	3.9
Greg Golden	60	280	15	265	3	4.4
Philip Rivers	57	162	62	100	10	1.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Philip Rivers	418	262	62.7	3353	20	10
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jerricho Cotchery	67	1192	17.8	7	72	
Bryan Peterson	42	559	13.3	6	88	
Sterling Hicks	37	510	13.8	2	53	
T.A. McLendon	42	354	8.4	0	25	
Dovonte Edwards	26	289	11.1	1	29	
Sean Berton	25	215	8.6	2	23	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Austin Herbert	61	2268	37.2	51	32.1	0	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Austin Herbert	38-43	3-3	1-4	1-1	0-1	5-9	43
Adam Kiker	14-16	3-4	1-2	1-1	0-0	5-7	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dantonio Burnett	144	9	9	2	2
Andre Maddox	126	4	1	7	1
Patrick Thomas	106	3	6	2	0
Terrence Holt	100	1	1	7	3
Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay	86	1	3	1	0
Terrance Martin	62	2	5	0	0
George Anderson	59	6	4	2	0
Oliver Hoyte	51	1	2	1	0
Drew Wimsatt	42	5	5	1	0
Lamont Reid	40	0	2	9	0
Jerrick Hall	40	0	4	0	0
Shawn Price	39	9	4	4	1
Marcus Hudson	36	0	2	3	3

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jerricho Cotchery	20	109	5.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Greg Golden	16	359	22.4	0
Lamont Reid	14	424	30.3	2

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Peach	+6'	Mississippi St	28-24	W
98	MicronPC	+6'	Miami, Fl	23-46	L
00	MicronPC	+3'	Minnesota	38-30	W
01	Tangerine	E	Pittsburgh	19-34	L
02	Gator	-1	Notre Dame	28-6	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NC STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	32.9	20	144	3.9	248	61.1	11.9	+7	2002	6	17.0	18	125	3.3	176	49.7	17.7
7*	26.6	20	111	3.5	242	64.5	13.3	+8	2001	6	21.4	21	142	3.4	222	58.6	17.0
4	31.6	21	104	3.3	294	53.8	12.6	+4	2000	8	28.2	22	200	4.2	186	55.2	13.7
5*	20.3	18	113	3.1	211	50.8	16.0	+2	1999	6	25.2	20	157	3.6	202	53.9	14.3
6*	30.5	22	147	4.0	300	51.7	14.7	0	1998	4	29.3	20	176	4.4	216	53.4	13.4
8*	29.6	22	179	4.4	222	56.8	13.6	-3	1997	9	24.4	19	131	3.5	249	55.3	15.6

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
2002 STATS BY GAME						SKS						SKS	
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	BY	TURN
New Mexico	23	46-134	2.9	15-27	276	0	15	24-85	3.5	19-35	157	1	+1
E Tennessee St	17	38-181	4.8	14-21	189	1	9	49-70	1.4	1-14	11	5	0
at Navy	18	40-171	4.3	11-18	328	1	14	54-243	4.5	2-9	33	1	+3
Wake Forest	18	37-98	2.6	17-27	223	2	18	44-149	3.4	13-29	152	4	0
at Texas Tech	22	44-179	4.1	20-32	301	0	33	39-207	5.3	28-51	292	5	+1
Massachusetts	28	41-178	4.3	23-37	252	0	17	35-101	2.9	13-37	194	7	-1
at N Carolina	26	44-258	5.9	16-26	170	1	22	37-85	2.3	18-36	266	5	+2
Duke	17	21-63	3.0	26-37	364	0	20	33-86	2.6	28-42	353	6	0
at Clemson	16	50-240	4.8	15-24	129	0	10	27-66	2.4	13-32	163	2	+3
Georgia Tech	16	22-57	2.6	21-41	277	1	21	42-143	3.4	22-37	214	2	-2
at Maryland	21	36-109	3.0	24-40	297	2	15	40-202	5.1	10-18	130	1	-2
at Virginia	18	31-96	3.1	28-47	236	1	22	42-197	4.7	14-26	149	3	-1
Florida St	20	46-191	4.2	18-29	171	1	13	21-34	1.6	13-27	143	4	0
† Notre Dame	21	26-62	2.4	25-41	255	1	23	38-86	2.3	23-44	200	2	+3
TOTALS	281	522-2017	3.9	273-447	3468	11	252	525-1754	3.3	217-437	2457	48	+7
AVERAGES	20.1	37-144	3.9	20-32	248	0.8	18.0	38-125	3.3	16-31	176	3.4	0.5

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio U	-12	34-31	L
Florida St	+26	24-7	W
at Baylor	-3'	30-33	L
Syracuse	+12'	38-17	W
Georgia Tech	-2	24-47	L
Duke	-10'	27-24	L
at Virginia	+10'	13-23	W
at Clemson	-4	46-39	W
Wake Forest	-14	38-27	L
at Maryland	-10	35-21	W
at N Carolina	-2'	34-37 OT	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas	+9'	23-20	W
S Carolina	-7'	10-0	W
William & Mary	NL	38-9	–
at Florida St	+28	11-42	L
at Wake Forest	-7	7-31	L
Clemson	+1'	35-31	W
Virginia	E/+1	26-47	L
at Duke	+2'	31-24 OT	W
at Georgia Tech	+17	21-48	L
Maryland	+1'	30-17	W
† N Carolina	-12	6-10	L
at E Carolina	+8	6-23	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-15'	38-31 2OT	L
at Indiana	+7	41-38	W
SMU	-9	41-0	W
Georgia Tech	-3	30-23 OT	W
at Clemson	+21'	27-34	W
at N Carolina	+1'	38-20	W
Florida St	+18	14-58	L
at Maryland	-6	28-35 2OT	L
Duke	-18'	35-31	L
at Virginia	-1	17-24	L
Wake Forest	-15	32-14	W

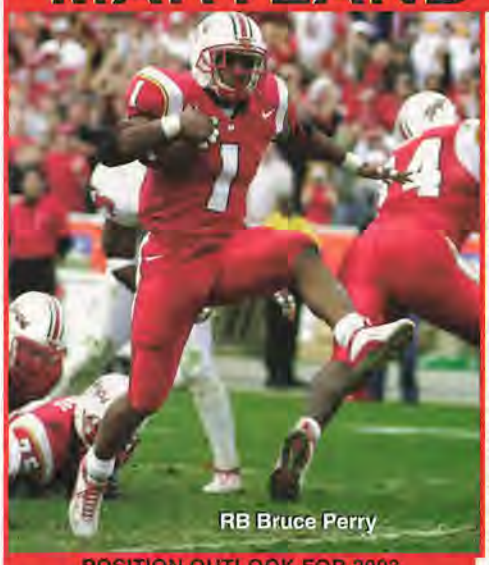
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana	-7	35-14	W
at SMU	-15'	26-17	L
N Carolina	-1'	9-17	L
at Wake Forest	-4	17-14	L
Clemson	+3	37-45	L
at Georgia Tech	+12	17-27	W
Virginia	-7	24-0	W
at Duke	-17	55-31	W
at Florida St	+18	34-28	W
Maryland	+3	19-23	L
Ohio U	-24'	27-7	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico	-13'	34-14	W
E Tenn St	NL	34-0	–
at Navy	-17'	65-19	W
Wake Forest	-13'	32-13	W
at Texas Tech	+1'	51-48 OT	W
UMass	NL	56-24	–
at N Carolina	-6'	34-17	W
Duke	-23'	24-22	L
at Clemson	-2	38-6	W
Georgia Tech	-11	17-24	L
at Maryland	+6	21-24	W
at Virginia	-7	9-14	L
Florida St	+6	17-7	W

MARYLAND TERRAPINS


RB Bruce Perry

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - The Terps were young at QB last year (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). In the first three games WV transfer Scott McBrien threw for just 127 ypg (50%) with a poor 1-4 ratio and Friedgen was on the verge of replacing him with Chris Kelley (PS#18). Luckily, the next foe for McBrien was E Michigan and he had a 300 yard passing game which cemented his starting spot. For the season McBrien would throw for 2,497 yards (192 ypg last 11) completing 57% with a 15-10 ratio while also rushing for 400 yards. Kelley had 38 pass attempts but completed just 17 and opted to move to DB in the offseason. Sam Hollenbach was PS#67, and I give him a solid shot at winning the #2 job. Joel Statham (6-1 205 rFr) was PS#143. This unit is more experienced than it was heading into last season and as long as McBrien stays healthy, I look for his continued improvement.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 LaMont Jordan became the school's all-time leading rusher and was the #2DC of the NYJ. The RB job in 2001 was a four-way battle. The diminutive Bruce Perry had 1,264 yards (5.5) as well as 43 rec's and was named the ACC Offensive POY. He was also one of three finalists for the Doak Walker Award. Unfortunately, Perry suffered a groin injury over the summer last year and would end up missing most of the first ten games. Without Perry in the opener, Jason Crawford (PS#43) rushed for 16 yards on 10 carries and Mario Merrills (5-10 196 So, PS#43) had 6 yards on 4 carries, and UM had 16 net rush yards. The running game did get better as the season went on and JUCO Chris Downs took control of the position. Downs finished the year with 1,154 yards (5.5) and was 1st Team ACC. True frosh Josh Allen (5-11 204 So, PS#69) had some big efforts early and led the team in rushing vs E Mich and WV. Allen finished with 405 yards and a super 6.8 ypc. Downs departs along with FB James Lynch who rushed for 118 yards (3.9) and left early for the NFL (was not drafted), as well as FB Chad Killian (5 sts, 59 ttl yds). Killian suffered a season ending knee injury vs Wofford which forced Lynch into the starting job for the final 9 games. Perry did see action late in the year and actually ended up rushing for 341 yards (4.7). The good news for Terps fans is that both Perry and Allen are back, as is Merrills and they get a super transfer in Sam Maldonado. Maldonado was PS#3 and originally signed at Ohio St where he rushed for 218 yards in two years. Even though the team loses its 1,000 yard rusher, this unit is in far better shape than it was heading into last season.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Terps had to replace a starting WR and their backup TE who was the #7DC of DET. They did return two of their top three from this unit. This year once again they lose their top WR, Scooter Monroe (37 rec, 16.6). Surprisingly TE Jeff Dugan, a three year starter and the best blocking TE in the ACC, had 25 receptions as a freshman but has just 16 total the last two years. Jafar Williams had 43 rec's (12.0) in 2001, but had more yards last year on less grabs (20.1) starting just five games. Latrez Harrison (PS#16QB) moved from QB and in his first year at WR had eight starts and 20 catches (18.5). A player to watch is the dangerous Steve Suter who has 4.34 speed and benches 340. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Not listed is TE Rob Abiamiri (6-3 223 Jr) and WR's Dan Melendez (6-2 175 So, PS#55), Jo Jo Walker (5-10 163 So, PS#110DB, 141 yds), Paschal Abiamiri (6-2 188 rFr, PS#97) and this year's top-notch true frosh including Vernon Davis (PS#8). This unit actually has a little more experience than it did heading into last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Former Coach Vanderlinden did a fine job recruiting OL's and Friedgen inherited a top-notch group in 2001. The line paved the way for 4.5 ypc rushing, while allowing just 21 sacks. Last year four starters returned and nine of the top 10 were back. They expected Kyle Schmitt to take the starting C job but he developed slower than expected and G Todd Wike moved to that position for the final 12 starts. This year the only losses from the group are C Todd Wike (13 sts, 2-time 1st Tm ACC, 4 yr st'r) and RT Matt Crawford (12 sts, 4 yr st'r, 1st Tm ACC). Eight of the top ten return and they add JUCO Robert Jenkins who was in for the spring. I list the 2 deep below. Schmitt, who is a VHT (PS#50), should be able to handle the C spot this year and Stephon Heyer (178 plays as a true frosh) should have a bigger impact. Also true frosh Donnie Woods (PS#26) was in for the spring. Overall last year, Maryland averaged 4.7 ypc rushing while allowing just 21 sacks and this looks to be a top-notch unit once again even though they must replace their top two OL's.

DEFENSIVE LINE - While Maryland uses the terminology of a 3-4 defense the LEO LB is basically a rush DE (generally 240-250 lbs), so I list that position in the DL writeup. Last year the Terps returned three starters from a defensive front that helped the team allow just 2.9 ypc rushing while recording 40 sacks in 2001. DE Durrand Roundtree benched 500 lbs last year and with 4.63 speed, broke the team's strength index record. LEO Michael Whaley was academically ineligible prior to the year which left two starters returning and then NT CJ Feldheim went down after eight starts due to injury. Overall the team allowed 3.4 ypc rushing while recording 37 sacks. This year they must replace DE Durrand Roundtree (14 sts, 45 tkls, 5 tfl) and NT William Shime (5 sts, 26 tkls, 2 tfl). The unit gets three solid additions this year in VHT Conrad Bolston (PS#37), David Quaintance (PS#72) and Robert Armstrong (PS#140DL) who attended Fork Union last year and was in for the spring. DT Randy Starks was the top DL here last year with 93 tackles, 6.5 sacks and 6 tfl after starting as a true frosh in 2001. Also look for a bigger impact from Shawne Merriman (PS#46LB), who had one start as a true. I expect the Terps to be stronger up front in 2003.

LINEBACKERS - The Terps had all three starters returning last season including their star, EJ Henderson. Henderson simply took home the Butkus and Bednarik Awards and was named the ACC Def POY along with 1st AA honors. Despite being bothered by a back injury during the summer and slowed in the first few games, he still finished with 175 tackles, 8.5 sacks and 11 tfl. Unfortunately he departs this year (#2DC of MIN). Leon Joe has 4.43 speed and yet benches 470 lbs and will probably be the Terps' top LB. They also bring in super true frosh Wesley Jefferson (PS#1) who could end up as a starter by season's end as well as a couple of VHT rFr in Reggie Holmes (PS#49) and Randy Earle (PS#26). I list a 2 deep below and while this is an experienced group and should be a top-notch unit, they will clearly be weaker with the loss of a player like Henderson.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The 2001 Terp secondary finished #31 in my pass D rankings and last year had to replace three starters. They dropped in the rankings moving down to #57 allowing 56.5% with a 12-18 ratio while taking on a light slate of opposing QB's. This year they only lose FS Tyrone Stewart (4 tkls) and the top eight DB's are back. They also get the solid addition of Jamal Chance (PS#30JC), who missed last year, and a couple of VHT rFr in Chris Choice (PS#58), and Marcus Wimbush (PS#34). Not listed in the 2 deep below are Gerrick McPhearson (5-11 195 So, PS#153RB) who had 16 tackles, QB Chris Kelley (PS#18) who moves to safety, Curtis Williams (6-2 200 Jr) who has 16 tackles in 2 years and Domonique Richmond (6-0 195 Fr) who was PS#77QB. Last year I projected Domonique Foxworth to be the top DB here, and he certainly lived up to my expectations earning 1st Tm ACC honors and leading the ACC with 22 PD (pbu+int). Naturally with everyone back, this unit should be solidly improved in the pass D rankings and should be one of the ACC's top secondaries.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Maryland finished #37 in my special teams rankings in 2000 but in 2001 had trouble with kick coverage and surprisingly in their 10-2 season dropped back to #89. Last year they had their punter and kicker returning as well as their top KR and made significant strides in the coverage area. Another big addition was Steve Suter who tied an NCAA record with 4 PR TD's in a single season. Those factors and the exceptional kicking of Nick Novak, who was a semifinalist for the Groza Award, helped Maryland move up to #6 including kickers. Novak hit 24 of 28 FG's with a long of 51, including 3 from 50+ and was my #2 rated kicker. Suter, with all of those TD's, averaged 13.8 on 56 PR's while also averaging 24.8 on KR's. This year they must replace outstanding punter Brooks Barnard (PS#25) whose net punting the last 3 years has been 37.9, 38.9 and 37.7! Special teams coordinator Ray Rychleski will need to uncover a new punter but has potential with Adam Podlesh (PS#13) who red-shirted last year. Provided Podlesh fills in ably for Barnard, this unit has Top 10 potential again in 2003.

COACHES - "The Fridge" has done an amazing job here taking over a team that had five straight losing seasons and has a 21-5 record in his first two years. He was a consensus National Coach of the Year in his first year, leading the team to the ACC Title. His OC is Charlie Taaffe who is in his third year here and has been head man with the Montreal Alouettes of the CFL, as well as The Citadel. The DC is Gary Blackney who was the head coach at Bowling Green from 1991 to 2000 and he is also in his third year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2001 Maryland had seven home games, a soft non-conference schedule and one of the most veteran teams in the ACC with 16 starters back and I said the team had the potential to open up the season 5-0 and get their first bowl bid since 1990. Maryland exceeded my expectations winning the ACC Title outright, the first non-Florida St team to accomplish that since the Sems joined the league, despite being picked 7th in the league by the media. It was their first ACC Title since 1985 and first ten win season since 1976. Last year I said they had a shot at matching the previous year's 10 win total and the team was ranked 21st in the AP Preseason Poll, the first time they were ranked in it since 1985. Last year things did not look good early as they lost star RB Bruce Perry (ACC POY in 2001) and QB Chris Kelley to injury early in the year and were whipped by ND (22-0) in the opener. Amazingly they won 10 of their last 11 games and are one of only five teams to win 10+ the last two seasons. After being embarrassed by an SEC team in their bowl game in 2001, they whipped Tennessee 30-3 last year for a perfect cap to the season. This year the Terps are loaded as they have 15 starters back and lose just 11 lettermen (16.4%). Last year they outgained league foes by an average of 51.8 ypg. I do 7 sets of power ratings at the start of every year and 3 of them have the Terps as the strongest rated team in the ACC!! I look for them to go 4-0 in non-league play once again and that means the Terps should be able to bag a 3rd straight 10+ win season and with 3 sets of power ratings calling them stronger than FSU, the Terps are a legitimate National Title contender.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB SCOTT McBRIEN SR. 6-0 178 PS#96. 1 st at W Virg, 755 yds (42%), 3-3 ratio, 14 sts here LY, 2497 yds (57%), 15-10 ratio, 400 rush. Sam Hollenbach (6-5 221 rFr) PS#67.

RB Bruce Perry Sr. 5-9 192 **PS#40**. 1264 yds (5.5), 43 rec (9.0), **ACC Off POY** in '01. 341 yds (4.7), 1 st LY (inj'd). **Sam Maldonado** (6-0 229 So) **PS#3**. Josh Allen 405 yds (6.8) LY.

FB Jason Crawford Jr. 6-2 219 PS#43. 146 yds (4.1) as true. 1 st LY, 53 yds (inj). Bernard Fiddler (6-1 240 Sr) PS#108LB. 26 gms, 34 yds 2Y. Maurice Smith (6-0 227 Jr) PS#118.

WR LATREZ HARRISON SR. 6-3 223 **PS#16QB**. 172 yds at QB in '01. 8 sts at WR LY, 20 rec (18.5). Steve Suter (5-9 188 Jr) PS#72. 4.34 spd. 17 rec (17.8), 82 rush, 1317 ret yds LY, 40.5* VL.

WR Jafar Williams Sr. 6-2 211 10.4 in 100m. 10 sts in '01, 43 rec (12.0), 5 sts, 28 rec (20.1) LY. Rich Parson (5-10 173 Jr) 25 rec (14.6) 2Y. **Maurice Shanks** (6-4 195 Jr) **PS#26**.

TE JEFF DUGAN SR. 6-4 260 Super blk'r, 10 sts, 25 rec (12.8) as rFr. 10 sts in '01, 7 rec (9.1). 14 sts, 9 rec (10.1) LY. Derek Miller (6-8 253 So) PS#67. Brad Schell (6-5 253 rFr) PS#37.

C Kyle Schmitt Jr. 6-5 302 **PS#50**. 1 st at LG as rFr. 2 sts LY, 294 plays, 0 pen. Robert Jenkins (6-2 310 Jr) PS#189JC, in for spg. Ed Tyler (6-3 312 Sr) PS#162, 1L, 7 gms LY.

RG LAMAR BRYANT SR. 6-3 308 PS#103. 6 sts as rFr. 12 sts in '01, Iron Terp. 14 sts in '02, **2nd Tm ACC**, 695 squat, 435 bench. Akil Patterson (6-3 287 So) PS#146DL.

LG CJ BROOKS JR. 6-6 323 PS#147. 12 sts as rFr, 14 sts LY, HM ACC, 53 big blocks. Russell Bonham (6-4 305 So) **PS#62**. 2nd string & lettered. Matt Powell (6-4 339 So).

RT ERIC DUMAS SR. 6-6 315 PS#151DL. 5 gms as rFr. 12 gms in '01. 14 sts in '02, 34* VL. Lou Lombardo (6-6 306 Jr) PS#114. 640 squat, 2L. Mike Steele (6-5 309 So).

LT Stephon Heyer So. 6-6 293 PS#251. 1 st, 13 gms, 178 plays as true. 365 bench, size 22 shoe. Donnie Woods is **PS#26,** in for spg. Ryan Flynn (6-4 266 Jr) PS#77TE.

K NICK NOVAK JR. 6-0 196 17 of 27 FG's in '01, L/51 (13 of L/16). **1st Tm ACC** in '02. Hit 24 of 28 FG's, long of 51. 5 of 6 from 40-49 and 3 of 4 from 50+. Avg 8.93 ppg.

DE Scott Smith Sr. 6-4 255 PS#244. 2 sts, 16 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl, '00 and '01. 28 tkls, 5 tfl LY. Kevin Eli (6-4 272 Jr) PS#117DL. 7 tkls, 2 tfl. Conrad Bolston is **PS#37DL**.

DT CJ FELDHEIM SR. 6-3 297 PS#137LB. 12 sts, 38 tkls, 4 sks, 2 tfl in '01. 8 sts, 36 tkls, 5.5 tfl (inj) LY. Justin Duffie (6-2 293 So) 1 st as true. David Quaintance (6-5 263 rFr) **PS#72.**

DT RANDY STARKS JR. 6-4 304 **PS#48**. 1 st, 39 tkls, 3.5 sks as true. 14 sts LY, 93 tkls, 6.5 sks, 6 tfl, 6 pbu, **2nd Tm ACC**. 720 squat. Landon Jones (6-4 248 Sr) PS#190, 11 tkls LY.

LEO JAMAHL COCHRAN JR. 6-0 246 PS#149LB. 13 sts LY, 69 tkls. 4 tfl, 705 squat. Shawne Merriman (6-3 246 So) **PS#46**, 1 st as true, 49 tkls, 6 tfl. Robert Armstrong (6-4 300 Fr) PS#140.

SLB LEROY AMBUSH SR. 6-1 223 **PS#56.** 17 tkls, 1 sk 2000-'01. 12 sts LY, 44 tkls, 4 tfl. Ricardo Dickerson (6-3 238 So) 1 st, 18 tkls in '02. **Randy Earle** (6-3 214 rFr) **PS#26DL**.

MLB D'Quell Jackson So. 6-1 217 PS#67, 51 tkls, 3 tfl as true. **Wesley Jefferson is PS#1.** William Kershaw (6-3 217 So) PS#163. 29 tkls as true. Andrew Henley (5-11 239 Sr) 2 sts, 2Y.

WLB LEON JOE SR. 6-1 223 PS#117. **4.43 speed, 470 bench.** 12 starts in 2001, 79 tkls, 8 tfl. 13 sts last year, 103 tkls, 9 tfl. Reggie Holmes (6-1 257 rFr) PS#49LB.

CB CUROME COX SR. 6-1 201 PS#125RB. 9 sts as rFr, 33 tkls, 2 int. 11 sts in '01. 38 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu. 14 sts LY, 58 tkls, 3 int, 11 pbu. Jamal Chance (6-1 191 Sr) PS#30JC, 13 tkls in '01.

CB DOMONIQUE FOXWORTH JR. 5-11 173 **PS#50**. Took off RS L/3 in '01, 2 sts. 14 sts LY, 54 tkls, 5 int, 17 pbu, **1st Tm ACC**. Reuben Haigler (6-0 179 Sr) PS#190JC. Chris Choice (5-11 195 rFr) **PS#58.**

SS DENNARD WILSON SR. 5-11 189 PS#124WR. 4 sts in '00 & '01, 44 tkls, 2 int. 14 sts LY, 72 tkls, 1 int, 9 pbu. Andrew Smith (6-0 204 Sr) 31 tkls, 2 sks LY. Chris Kelley (6-2 209 Jr) PS#18QB.

FS MADIEU WILLIAMS SR. 6-1 191 Towson St trans. 4.58 spd. 14 sts LY, 82 tkls, 4 int, 7 pbu, 2nd Tm ACC. Raymond Custis (5-8 186 Jr) PS#220. 14 tkls. Marcus Wimbush (5-11 207 rFr) **PS#34.**

P Adam Podlesh rFr. 5-10 201 **PS#13K**. Avg 40.7 as senior in HS, 86% of KO's were TB's, 92 tkls at LB. 21.58 in 200m. 2nd string P here LY. Max Rosenthal (5-11 185 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

LB	Wesley Jefferson 6-2 231 PS#1
WR	Vernon Davis 6-4 225 PS#8
OL	Donnie Woods 6-5 285 PS#26
RB	Lance Ball 5-9 220 PS#20
DL	Conrad Bolston 6-4 267 PS#37
WR	Drew Weatherly 6-4 200 PS#34
WR	Keon Lattimore 5-11 190 PS#39
QB	Ryan Mitch 6-3 201 PS#38
OL	Brandon Nixon 6-6 325 PS#81
DL	Omarr Savage 6-4 235 PS#101
DB	Josh Wilson 5-9 176 PS#70
LB	Jermaine Lemons 6-3 230 PS#73
LB	Tim Cesa 6-2 235 PS#75
OL	Brock Choate 6-6 275 PS#100

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Friedgen's records AT MARYLAND

21-5 Straight Up	10-1 Home Favorite
18-5 Vs The Spread	1-1 Home Dog
4-0 Off A SU Loss	5-1 Away Favorite
12-4 Vs Conference	2-2 Away Dog
	6-1 Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: **(11-3)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 9

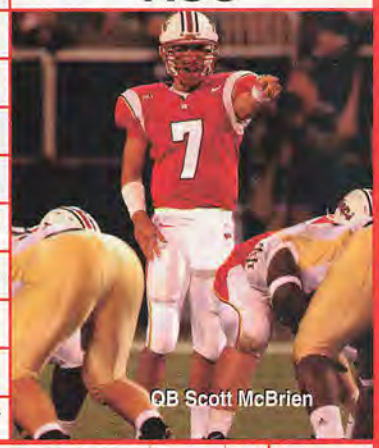
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 56 (28,27,1)
Lost: 11 (6,4,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 46,251

ACC

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#61

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MD	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Maryland is 6-1 SU & ATS vs non-conference teams under Friedgen. The Terps are 13-5 ATS their last 18 ACC road trips. Maryland is 9-2 SU & 8-3 ATS at home vs the ACC the last 11 meetings.
Aug. 28	at N Illinois (Thur)	A						The Terps are 5-1 SU & ATS vs MAC teams since 1989. Maryland is 8-13 SU, but 13-8 ATS their last 21 road openers.
Sep. 6	at Florida St	G						MD is 0-11 SU & 3-8 ATS vs Florida St since 'Noles joined the ACC in '92. Maryland is 5-0 ATS their last 5 conference road openers.
Sep. 13	The Citadel	G						The Citadel Bulldogs were 3-9 SU in Div IAA play in 2002. MD is 5-0 SU since 1982 in non-lined games with an avg score of 38-10.
Sep. 20	W Virginia	G						The underdog is 9-4-1 ATS in the last 14 meetings. The visitor is 2-5-1 ATS in this series over the last 8 years.
Sep. 27	at E Michigan	A						MD has outscored the Eagles 95-6 going 2-0 SU & ATS in this short series. Pending NIU game: The Terps are 14-8-1 their last 23 on artificial turf.
Oct. 4	Clemson	G						Maryland is 4-7-1 ATS the last 12 games vs Clemson (3-0 ATS L3Y). The home team is 9-4-1 ATS their last 14 years in this series.
Oct. 11	Duke	G						The favorite has covered only 5 of the last 17 meetings. Maryland is 2-5-1 ATS their last 8 games before a bye week.
Oct. 18								
Oct. 23	at Georgia Tech (Thur)	G						The Terps are 5-2 ATS their last 7 vs the Yellow Jackets. Maryland is 4-1 ATS their last 5 appearances on a Thursday night.
Nov. 1	N Carolina (HC)	G						Terps are 5-0 ATS their last 5 matchups vs N Carolina. Fear the turtle! Maryland is 12-6 ATS the last 18 games in November.
Nov. 8								
Nov. 13	Virginia (Thur)	G						Maryland is 4-1 ATS the last 5 vs Virginia. MD is 8-3 ATS their last 11 home finales.
Nov. 22	at NC State	G						The favorite is 2-6-1 ATS the last 9 outings. Terrapins are 7-3-1 ATS in their last 11 November road games.
Nov. 29	at Wake Forest	G						The favorite is 6-1 ATS the last 7 meetings & WF was only favored once. The Terrapins are 4-8 SU, but 8-4 ATS their last 12 season finales.


QB Scott McBrien

STADIUM: BYRD STADIUM (48,055)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	2-9	3-8	5-6	5-6	10-1	10-3	40-39
ATS	3-6-1	3-6-2	4-5-1	6-4	5-6	10-1	8-4	39-32-4
Home Fav	2-1	1-1	0-1-1	1-2	1-2	6-0	4-1	15-8-1
Home Dog	1-0	0-3-1	1-2	2-0	1-2	1-0	0-1	6-8-1
Away Fav	0-1	1-0	0-0	2-1	0-1	2-0	3-1	8-4
Away Dog	0-4-1	1-2-1	3-2	1-1	3-1	1-1	1-1	10-12-2
Favorite	2-2	2-1	0-1-1	3-3	1-3	8-0	7-2	23-12-1
Dog	1-4-1	1-5-2	4-4	3-1	4-3	2-1	1-2	16-20-3
Grass	3-6	2-6-2	4-4-1	5-4	5-5	10-1	7-4	36-30-3
Artificial	0-0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	3-2-1
vs Conf	2-6	2-4-2	4-4	4-4	5-3	7-1	5-3	29-25-2
vs Non-Conf	1-0-1	1-2	0-1-1	2-0	0-3	3-0	3-1	10-7-2
Off SU Win	0-4	1-1	2-1	2-2	2-3	8-1	5-3	20-15
Off SU Loss	2-2-1	2-4-2	2-4-1	3-2	3-2	1-0	3-0	16-14-4

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Downs	208	1194	40	1154	13	5.5
Josh Allen	60	407	2	405	8	6.8
Bruce Perry	72	357	16	341	1	4.7
Scott McBrien	88	400	116	284	7	3.2
Mario Merrills	40	168	11	157	0	3.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Scott McBrien	284	162	57.0	2497	15	10
Chris Kelley	38	17	44.7	171	0	3
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Scooter Monroe	37	614	16.6	2	80	
Jafar Williams	28	562	20.1	2	55	
Latrez Harrison	20	369	18.5	2	69	
Steve Suter	17	303	17.8	2	91	
Chris Downs	18	165	9.2	2	38	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Brooks Barnard	55	2373	43.1	60	37.7	0	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nick Novak	53-54	8-10	8-8	5-6	3-4	24-28	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
E.J. Henderson	175	8.5	11	4	2
Leon Joe	103	1	8	3	0
Randy Starks	93	6.5	6	6	0
Madieu Williams	82	1	1	7	4
Dennard Wilson	72	1	1	10	1
Jamahl Cochran	69	3	1	0	0
Curome Cox	58	2	5	11	3
Domonique Foxworth	54	0	0	17	5
D'Qwell Jackson	51	0	3	0	0
Shawne Merriman	49	5	1	5	0
Durrand Roundtree	45	3	2	1	0
Leroy Ambush	44	0	4	0	0
C.J. Feldheim	36	1.5	4	0	0
Andrew Smith	31	2	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Steve Suter	56	771	13.8	4

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Steve Suter	22	546	24.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
84	Sun	-7	Tennessee	28-27	L
85	Cherry	-7'	Syracuse	35-18	W
90	Independence	-1	Louisiana Tech	34-34	L
01	Orange	+14	Florida	23-56	L
02	Peach	-1	Tennessee	30-3	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MARYLAND'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	32.2	19	199	4.7	191	55.2	12.1	+1	2002	5	16.3	18	129	3.4	210	56.5	20.8
7	34.4	23	211	4.5	222	58.7	12.6	+18	2001	9	22.2	19	100	2.9	258	56.4	16.2
7*	22.5	17	124	3.6	211	54.5	14.9	+3	2000	6	25.8	23	186	4.1	254	58.2	17.0
9*	26.5	16	231	5.2	144	48.3	13.6	+9	1999	6	23.6	20	126	3.4	247	59.2	12.5
6	18.4	15	161	3.8	117	45.5	15.2	-2	1998	5	26.4	19	159	3.9	202	53.9	13.7
5*	14.6	16	88	2.3	174	58.6	18.0	+8	1997	4	32.3	22	175	4.2	227	62.5	12.5

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
† Notre Dame	8	21-16	0.8	12-32	117	3	15	45-130	2.9	17-27	226	4	-3
Akron	25	50-209	4.2	10-19	118	0	14	34-82	2.4	20-35	237	2	+4
Florida St	15	28-57	2.0	20-37	241	3	20	43-169	3.9	14-27	266	2	-4
E Michigan	27	46-238	5.2	17-23	329	1	14	31-105	3.4	16-32	173	0	0
Wofford	23	50-250	5.0	12-20	140	2	12	48-156	3.3	7-10	54	3	+2
at W Virginia	14	37-215	5.8	8-20	162	1	18	57-186	3.3	16-32	138	7	+1
Georgia Tech	21	43-222	5.2	12-21	210	3	26	31-180	5.8	30-53	305	0	+2
at Duke	20	40-151	3.8	17-24	277	2	18	34-129	3.8	19-34	202	1	0
at N Carolina	21	49-388	7.9	7-14	200	1	20	35-79	2.3	21-42	233	5	+1
NC State	15	40-202	5.1	10-18	130	1	21	36-109	3.0	24-40	297	2	+2
at Clemson	22	59-285	4.8	13-24	153	1	10	25-81	3.2	12-26	130	2	-2
at Virginia	14	32-138	4.3	13-25	196	2	23	40-152	3.8	24-28	286	1	-3
Wake Forest	28	52-258	5.0	17-28	275	0	19	45-198	4.4	8-21	153	2	0
† Tennessee	17	45-154	3.4	11-19	120	1	18	27-45	1.7	23-37	242	6	+1
TOTALS	270	592-2783	4.7	179-324	2668	21	248	531-1801	3.4	251-444	2942	37	+1
AVERAGES	19.3	42-199	4.7	13-23	191	1.5	17.7	38-129	3.4	18-32	210	2.6	0.1

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
James Madison	NL	23-15	–
at Virginia	+30	19-31	W
at W Virginia	+19	20-42	L
Temple	-10	30-20	T
Florida St	+28	10-24	W
at Clemson	+7	0-23	L
Wake Forest	-1	10-20	L
Georgia Tech	+13	14-31	L
at N Carolina	+16	13-24	W
at Duke	+9	42-25	W
NC State	+10	21-35	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Temple	-5'	6-0	W
W Carolina	NL	51-10	–
W Virginia	+6	33-0	W
at Georgia Tech	+19'	31-49	W
at Wake Forest	-1	17-14	W
Clemson	-1	30-42	L
N Carolina	-9	45-7	W
Duke	-9'	22-25	L
at NC State	-1'	17-30	L
at Florida St	+33	10-49	L
Virginia	+9	30-34	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Temple	-10	17-10	L
at W Virginia	+10	17-30	L
Mid Tenn	-20	45-27	L
Florida St	+30	7-59	L
at Virginia	+10'	23-31	W
at Clemson	+31'	14-35	W
Wake Forest	-12'	37-7	W
at Duke	-11'	20-9	L
NC State	+6	35-28 2OT	W
at N Carolina	+7	10-13	W
Georgia Tech	+10	22-35	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Carolina	+2'	23-7	W
E Michigan	-25	50-3	W
at Wake Forest	-6	27-20	W
W Virginia	-10	32-20	W
Virginia	-7'	41-21	W
at Georgia Tech	+8'	20-17 OT	W
Duke	-25	59-17	W
at Florida St	+8	31-52	L
Troy St	-22'	47-14	W
Clemson	-7'	37-20	W
at NC State	-3	23-19	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Notre Dame	+2	0-22	L
Akron	-21	44-14	W
Florida St	+15	10-37	L
E Michigan	-34'	45-3	W
Wofford	NL	37-8	–
at W Virginia	+4	48-17	W
Georgia Tech	-2	34-10	W
at Duke	-13'	45-12	W
at N Carolina	-14	59-7	W
NC State	-6	24-21	L
at Clemson	-6'	30-12	W
at Virginia	-9	13-48	L
Wake Forest	-13'	32-14	W

VIRGINIA CAVALIERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 when starting QB Dan Ellis was injured, former Head Coach George Welsh split the time between Bryson Spinner (PS#15) and Matt Schaub (PS#42). Schaub, more of a drop back passer, hit 13 of 18 for 97 yards in four games. Schaub began the 2001 season as new HC Al Groh's starting QB. However, he split reps with Spinner all year. Throughout the season, no matter which QB started, it seemed that the backup would do better and only once did one QB play from start to finish. Schaub threw for 1,524 yards (58.3%) with a 10-8 ratio. Schaub was much maligned heading into the 2002 season by Virginia fans and in the opener it appeared that Marques Hagans would win the starting job. Hagans electrified the offense against Colo St, mostly with his running ability. Hagans started vs Florida St but hit just 1 of 7 for 4 yards. Schaub came in and hit 19 of 25 for 247 yards and took a hold of the starting job. It was an amazing season for Schaub. He set the school single season record for TD passes (28). Versus Georgia Tech he set the school record for attempts (58) and completions (41). Schaub's 68.9% was the second best % in the NCAA. He was named the ACC POY and finished with 2,976 yards and only 7 int's. Hagans saw very little action at QB and instead saw more time on the return team. Both players return but Hagans, who may return to QB next year, may work at WR to get more playing time this year. Anthony Martinez was PS#15 and has a 94 mph fastball and should be the #2 QB. Billy Schweitzer (6-3 206 Jr) is also in the mix along with true frosh Kevin McCabe (PS#16). While Schaub is back for his senior season, it will still be tough to improve on 2002's numbers.

QB Matt Schaub

RUNNING BACKS - UVA has had the ACC's top rusher in four of the last seven years but in 2001 the group was beset with injuries and Alvin Pearman (1st true frosh RB to start here since 1988) led the team in rushing, with just 371 yards, the lowest for the Cavs' top rusher since 1977. He returned last year but the #2 and #3 rushers departed. Projected starting FB Jon Ward gave up football for medical reasons. Pearman started 3 games and played in nine before a knee injury knocked him out for the season (343 yds, 21 rec). Wali Lundy (PS#21) finished the year with 826 yards (4.2) while also being the team's #2 receiver (58). Lundy averaged 112.7 ypg over the last three games while taking on 3 very tough defenses! He topped off an exceptional true frosh season by being named bowl MVP after scoring 4 TD's. Michael Johnson (PS#5) had 133 yards rushing (5.1) in nine games as a true frosh. Marquis Weeks (5-11 210 Jr) was PS#52 and had 210 yards (5.1) and also had 396 yards in KR's. Tony Franklin (5-11 186 rFr) was PS#55 and also not listed is Kenneth Tynes (6-0 191 rFr, PS#89). I list the FB's below. This group has plenty of talent and I look for Lundy to easily top 1,000 yards provided he stays healthy.

RECEIVERS - Billy McMullen (#3DC of PHI) leaves as the school's all-time career leading receiver. McMullen has great size (6-4 205) with 4.45 speed and a 38" VL. He set the Cavs single season record with 83 rec's in 2001. Last year he returned but they did have to replace their TE Chris Luzar (#4DC of JAX). His shoes were ably filled by Heath Miller (PS#55QB) who beat out Patrick Estes (PS#1) for the spot and his nine TD's set an ACC record for TD's by a TE. Miller, who came here as a QB, enters his second year at TE and should be even stronger. Estes added 13 rec's (7.5) to give them the best TE corps in the ACC. McMullen departs but everyone else returns including the other starting WR, Michael McGrew. Ryan Sawyer (PS#65) moved over from SS at the start of last year and did well when called upon with 11 rec's (17.7). I list the rest of the 2 deep below and not listed is Scott Robinson (6-1 173 So, PS#32). It wouldn't surprise me to see a freshman step into one of the key spots as Groh is not bashful about using them. QB Marques Hagans also moves in and CB Art Thomas (PS#31) could also move here in the fall. I like the potential of this group but with the loss of their star, call it down a few notches in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The 2001 O-line underperformed and with four games remaining, Groh shook up the line inserting two freshmen into the lineup. After the team averaged just 17.9 ppg in the first eight, they averaged 26.5 over the last four. Last year they had to replace four starters but the two freshman who started at the end of the year returned. Unfortunately prior to the year, projected starter Jay Green quit and Kevin Bailey was lost for the season after two games. Elton Brown missed two games with injury and Mike Mullins missed the bowl game. A true frosh, D'Brickashaw Ferguson, started all 14 games and took all but six snaps during the year. For the bowl the team had three freshmen starters. The unit paved the way for 3.66 ypc rushing and allowed just 22 sacks. This year the only losses are RT Mike Mullins (13 sts, HM ACC) and OG Ben Carber (5 sts). With Bailey's return to the lineup, this unit has a lot more experience than it did heading into last season and looks to be much stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Cavs allowed 4.3 ypc rushing and had 23 sacks. After ten straight years of having a 1st or 2nd Team ACC pick from the DL, they did not have one for three years heading into the 2002 season. DE Chris Canty broke that streak last year earning 2nd Tm ACC honors. Last year the team had to replace all three starters including a 7th round DC and a backup and then projected starting DE Larry Simmons quit prior to the year. Also Canty, was recovering from a broken ankle and was not 100% at the start of the year. Of the top ten DL's last season, none were seniors and two true frosh played early. The only loss this year is Justin Walker (37 tkls, 2 tfl). The D allowed 4.6 ypc while recording just 26 sacks. This looks like a much more formidable front in 2003.

LINEBACKERS - The Cavs had to replace two starting LB's last year but signed PS#2 and PS#4 LB's and both were expected to start. Unfortunately Ahmad Brooks (PS#2) did not qualify and spent the year at Hargrave while Kai Parham (PS#4) redshirted due to injuries. Starting OLB Ray Mann was injured and missed five games so the unit was rather young and inexperienced for a good portion of the season. This year they must replace ILB Angelo Crowell (14 sts, 1st Tm ACC, 155 tkls, #3DC of BUF) who leaves as the #3 all-time leading tackler here and LB Merrill Robertson (14 sts, 122 tkls, 9 tfl). Darryl Blackstock was given #56 (Lawrence Taylor's #) showing how highly Groh thought of him and he set the ACC record for sacks by a freshman (10) while recording 107 tackles. Rich Bedesem started the last four games at ILB and was very productive. Both Brooks and Parham were in for the spring and should make big contributions this year. This could be the ACC's best LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cavs secondary had a streak of 20 or more interceptions for four straight years, but the last five years have totalled 12, 19, 11, 18 and 15. In 2001 UVA finished #74 in my pass D rankings. Last season they basically had everyone returning plus some VHT frosh signees so improvement was expected. CB Art Thomas lost his starting job to Jamaine Winborne however and Thomas may end up at WR this year. Due to the inexperienced front seven, perhaps putting less pressure on opposing QB's, the Cavs allowed 60.5% completions although with a respectable 14-15 ratio and finished #82 in my pass D rankings. This year they have to replace SS Jerton Evans (12 sts, 116 tkls, 4 tfl, 2nd Tm ACC), FS Shernard Newby (8 sts, 50 tkls), FS Chris Williams (4 sts, 15 tkls, 2 int), S Alex Seals (23 tkls) and perhaps Thomas. They do have plenty of VHT's contending for time and I list the 2 deep below. Despite the losses, I look for UVA to move up in the pass D rankings this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2001 the Cavs were #48 in my special teams rankings. The Cavs had all of their key players back in Groh's first season but surprisingly dropped to #76. Last year the team had to replace their punter, kicker and top KR man and dropped even further to #84. Kurt Smith and Brian Smith split the FG duties but after three games had missed three xp's and the team did not make a FG in the first four games. Connor Hughes took over as the kicker vs Penn St and finished hitting 5 of 6 FG's with a long of 47. Kurt Smith handled KO's and had four TB's vs Maryland with the team allowing 21.1 per return. Marques Hagans averaged 9.0 on PR's and is back and so is KR Marquis Weeks who had 172 yards on three KR's vs N Carolina, topping the school record for KR even though the previous record holder had 8 returns. Weeks' 4.3 speed is a plus and he averaged 30.5 on KR's while Wali Lundy averaged 24.1. The good news this year for UVA is that all the key players are back including punter Tom Hagan who struggled a little as a true frosh last year with a net of 30.2. This unit will likely go from a weakness to a strength in 2003.

COACHES - Not much was expected out of Virginia last year but Al Groh simply guided them to a Continental Tire Bowl victory over W Virginia and earned ACC Coach of the Year honors in just his second year at the school. UVA's 5-7 record in 2001 was the school's first losing season since 1986. Groh previously coached at Wake Forest from 1981 to 1986 and was HC of the NY Jets in 2000. Groh did lose his OC, Bill Musgrave, who left for the same position with the Jacksonville Jaguars. OL coach Ron Prince, who is in his third year on the staff, takes over that position. Al Golden enters his third year as the DC and previously was the LB coach and recruiting coordinator at Penn St.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year's team had just 6 seniors, 11 juniors, 12 soph and 18 frosh and was pegged for 8th in the preseason ACC poll. The team had just 29 lettermen returning which was their lowest total since 1981 (23) and of the 93 players on the roster, 26 were walk-ons. Virginia got 44 starts from six different true frosh, not including kickers and punters. They made five 2H comebacks last year and not only earned a bowl bid, but actually beat W Virginia for their first bowl since '95. The offense had just one senior in the 2 deep last year but was the first UVA team since 1985 to return their leading passer, rusher and receiver. UVA finished #22 in the country last year and keep in mind they've only had 8 Top 25 finishes in the school history (#13 in 1951 is the highest). In terms of pure athletic talent, UVA rivals that of Florida St with HT's and plenty of VHT's at most positions including their star-studded LB corps which has just one returning starter but may be the most athletically talented in the league. In the near future UVA will be a National Title contender, but this year despite having 16 returning starters, UVA has just 13 upperclassmen starters. This is the lowest in the league and if you check out my Team Experience Rating article (page 309) you will see they are the least experienced in the ACC. Most thought they were a year away from contending for a bowl bid last season and this year 3 of my 7 sets of power ratings list them the second best in the ACC which makes them a league contender. They should have no trouble getting back to a second straight bowl.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB MATT SCHAUB SR. 6-5 240 PS#42. 5 sts in '01, 1524 yds (58%), 10-8 ratio. 13 sts LY, **ACC POY**, #6 pass eff, 2976 yds (69%) 28-7 ratio. Anthony Martinez (6-3 249 rFr) **PS#15.**

RB WALI LUNDY SO. 6-1 212 PS#21. 9 sts as true, 826 yds (4.2), 58 rec (7.5). Alvin Pearman (5-10 198 Jr) 714 rush (4.2), 46 rec (10.3) 2Y. **Michael Johnson** (5-10 190 So) **PS#5.**

FB KASE LUZAR SR. 6-2 236 67 ttl yds in '01. 7 sts LY, 12 rec (6.8). **Jason Snelling** (6-1 228 So) PS#86. 2 sts as true, 31 rec (10.1). Brandon Isaiah (6-0 227 Jr) 61 ttl yds LY.

WR MICHAEL McGREW SR. 6-2 200 PS#116. 10 sts, 31 rec (9.7) in '01. 14 sts LY, 27 rec (15.9). Ottowa Anderson (6-0 186 Jr) PS#61. 29 rec (10.2) 2Y. Ron Morton (6-1 176 rFr) PS#61.

WR Ryan Sawyer Sr. 6-2 209 PS#65. 11 rec (17.7) last year. **Marques Hagans** 1 st @ QB in '02, 245 yds. Art Thomas (6-2 205 Sr) PS#31, 2 sts, 23 tkls last year.

TE HEATH MILLER SO. 6-5 254 PS#55QB. 14 sts as rFr, 33 rec (9.9) **2nd Tm ACC**. Patrick Estes (6-7 262 Jr) **PS#1**. 4 sts, 16 rec, 2Y. Marcus Hardy (6-3 240 Jr) PS#35.

C ZAC YARBOROUGH JR. 6-4 275 PS#101TE. Lettered at TE in '01. Last 12 sts at C LY. Phillip Sims (6-2 248 rFr). Jordy Lipsey is **PS#14.** Ryan Childress (5-11 202 Sr). LS.

RG ELTON BROWN JR. 6-6 333 **PS#88OL.** 4 sts as **true** (1st here in 25 yrs). 12 sts LY, HM ACC. Ron Darden (6-4 309 rFr) PS#137. Wesley Wilson (6-4 286 So) PS#241.

LG BRIAN BARTHELMES SO. 6-7 286 PS#463OL. Last 8 starts as rFr LY. Mark Farrington (6-2 280 Jr) PS#160. 3 starts at LG in 2002. Tom Howell (6-4 286 Jr) PS#334.

RT Kevin Bailey Sr. 6-6 293 PS#234. 1 st at T as rFr. 12 sts in '01 (8 @ T, 4 @ C). 2 sts at C LY until inj. Brad Butler (6-8 274 So) PS#136. Started bowl. Davon Robb (6-8 259 rFr).

LT D'BRICKASHAW FERGUSON SO. 6-5 265 PS#51. 87" wingspan. 14 sts at LT as **true.** Ian-Yates Cunningham is **PS#20.** Eddie Pinigis is PS#56. Marshal Ausberry is PS#102.

K CONNOR HUGHES SO. 6-0 178 PS#18. #3 in nation (HS) in career FG's. Hit 5 of 6 FG's here as **true**, L/47. Kurt Smith (6-1 181 So) 7 of 12 FG's, L/42. Bryan Smith PS#27.

DE BRENNAN SCHMIDT SO. 6-3 269 PS#235. 14 sts as rFr, 87 tkls, 4 tfl. Braden Campbell (6-5 278 So) PS#102. 17 tkls as true. Matt Stone (6-5 261 So) PS#174. Chris Johnson is PS#149.

NT ANDREW HOFFMAN JR. 6-5 285 PS#110. 3 tkls as true. 14 sts LY, 56 tkls, 1 tfl. Melvin Massey (6-2 262 So) **PS#23LB.** 3 tkls. DJ Bell (6-4 306 rFr) PS#87. Allen Billyk (6-4 255 Fr) PS#84 TY.

DE CHRIS CANTY JR. 6-7 280 NFL size & spd. L/8 sts LY (inj 4) 86 tkls, **2nd Tm ACC**, 4 tfl. **Kwakou Robinson** (6-4 327 So) **PS#9.** 6 sts as **true**, 34 tkls. Keenan Carter (6-3 325) PS#63 LY.

OLB Ahmad Brooks Fr. 6-4 249 **PS#2LB.** Hargrave. **Ray Mann** (6-1 233 Sr) **PS#7.** 11 sts in '01, 80 tkls, 6 tfl. 4 sts, 28 tkls LY (inj'd). Mark Miller (6-0 214 So) 10 tkls as true.

ILB Kai Parham rFr. 6-3 238 **PS#4LB.** RS in '02. Bryan White (6-2 227 Jr) PS#85. 4.6 spd. 12 tkls as true. 5 sts LY, 37 tkls, 2 tfl. Alex Hall (5-11 227 So) 1 tkl LY.

ILB RICH BEDESEM JR. 6-2 232 PS#87RB. 30 tkls as true. RS in '01. Last 4 sts in '02, 58 tkls, 4 tfl. **Jermaine Dias PS#13.** Dennis Haley (6-1 241 Jr) PS#98LB. 1 st (acad).

OLB DARRYL BLACKSTOCK SO. 6-4 230 PS#30TE. Hargrave. 13 sts here LY, 107 tkls, ACC Fr rec 10 sks, 4 tfl, HM ACC. Vince Redd (6-6 243 Fr) **PS#48.** Marvin Richardson is PS#85.

CB ALMONDO "MUFFIN" CURRY SR. 5-8 175 PS#182. 6 sts in '01, 32 tkls, 3 sks. 12 sts LY, 59 tkls, 3 sks, 2 int, 3 pbu, HM ACC. **Marcus Hamilton** (6-0 187 rFr) **PS#31.** Tony Franklin (5-11 186 rFr) PS#55

CB JAMAINE WINBORNE SR. 5-10 202 6 sts in '01, 27 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu. 14 sts LY, 61 tkls, 6 pbu. Art Thomas (6-2 205 Sr) **PS#31.** 7 sts in '01. 2 sts LY. Randy Jones (5-10 182 rFr) **PS#14.**

SS Jermaine Hardy Jr. 5-11 208 PS#101. 48 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu at CB in '02. Robbie Catterton is **PS#35.** Marshall Tucker (5-11 197 rFr). Stefan Orange (6-2 184 rFr) **PS#30.**

FS Willie Davis So. 6-2 185 PS#53. 5 sts as true, 33 tkls, 2 pbu, 8 KR (23.4). Jay Dorsey (6-2 191 Jr) PS#86. 14 tkls, 1 tfl in '02. Lance Evans (6-4 200 rFr) PS#75DB.

P TOM HAGAN SO. 6-2 176 PS#5K. Avg 43.0+ as punter in HS. Also 52 yd FG, 26 TB's on 35 KO's. 62 punts here LY, 36.7 avg and net of 30.2. Connor Hughes is PS#18.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

OL	Jordy Lipsey 6-3 272 PS#14	
LB	Jermaine Dias 6-3 223 PS#13	
OL	Ian-Yates Cunningham 6-6 309 PS#20	
QB	Kevin McCabe 6-3 192 PS#16	
TE	Jon Stupar 6-5 246 PS#6	
WR	Shannon Lane 6-1 185 PS#32	
OL	Eddie Pinigis 6-7 282 PS#56	
DB	Robbie Catterton 6-2 185 PS#35	
OL	Gordie Sammis 6-4 292 PS#58	
LB	Vince Redd 6-6 243 PS#48	
WR	Fontel Mines 6-5 205 PS#62	
DL	Allen Billyk 6-4 255 PS#84	
WR	Emmanuel Byers 5-9 175 PS#80	
OL	Marshal Ausberry 6-6 318 PS#102	

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#35

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score VA	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	Duke	G						Virginia is 3-9 ATS prior to playing N Carolina. The Cavs were 1-4 ATS vs non-conference foes last year. Virginia is 13-25 ATS the last 6 years after a SU win.
Sep. 6	at S Carolina	G						UVA has covered just 3 of the last 10 lined home openers. Virginia is 2-7 ATS their last 9 vs Duke.
Sep. 13	at W Michigan	A						The Cavaliers are 11-5 ATS in their 1st away game of the year. UVA is 0-2 SU & ATS in their 2 visits to Columbia, outscored 79-13.
Sep. 20								Virginia is 4-0 SU, but only 1-3 ATS vs teams from the MAC. Cavs are 6-2 ATS prior to a bye week since 1998.
Sep. 27	Wake Forest	G						The Cavaliers are 4-1 SU but 1-4 ATS their L/5 at home vs Wake Forest. The visiting team has covered 9 out of the last 10 meetings.
Oct. 4	at N Carolina	G						Pending 9/6: Virginia is 6-2 ATS in their 1st of 2+ road games. Virginia is 8-2 ATS the last 10 meetings.
Oct. 11	at Clemson	G						The Cavaliers are 8-14 ATS vs Clemson. The underdog is 11-2 ATS in the last 13 series meetings.
Oct. 18	Florida St	G						Could apply: Al Groh is 7-1 ATS as a home dog with Virginia. Virginia is 3-8 ATS their last 11 vs FSU and 1-5 ATS the last 6 years.
Oct. 25	Troy St (HC)	G						Could apply: Cavs are 17-8 ATS the last 7 years off a SU loss. Virginia is 5-0 SU & 4-1 ATS vs the Independent teams since 1990.
Nov. 1	at NC State	G						Cavaliers are 14-9 ATS vs NC State (4-7 ATS last 11 years). UVA is 14-22 ATS in November since 1992.
Nov. 8								
Nov. 13	at Maryland (Thur)	G						Virginia is 8-15 ATS vs the Terps. The Cavaliers are 1-7 ATS in their last 8 road finales.
Nov. 22	Georgia Tech	G						Virginia is just 2-5 ATS the last 7 meetings vs Georgia Tech. The home team has covered 5 straight in the GA Tech/Virginia series.
Nov. 29	Virginia Tech	G						Virginia has covered 6 out of the last 7 home finales. Cavaliers are 8-15 ATS their last 23 vs their arch rival Hokies.

AL GROH (Career 40-52)
3rd Year at Virginia

Groh's records AT VIRGINIA

14-12 Straight Up	2-3 Home Favorite
14-10 Vs The Spread	7-1 Home Dog
6-4 Off A SU Loss	0-1 Away Favorite
10-6 Vs Conference	5-5 Away Dog
4-4 Vs Non-Conf	

2002 RECORD: (9-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (21,16,4)
Lost: 15 (6,9,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 56,428

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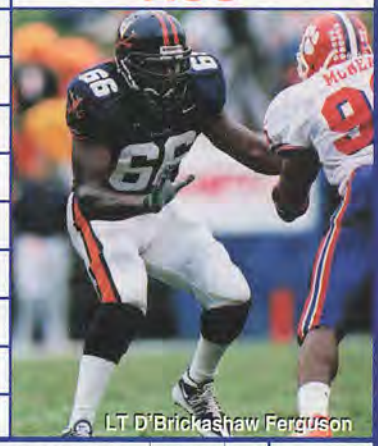

LT D'Brickashaw Ferguson

STADIUM: SCOTT STADIUM (61,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	7-4	9-2	7-4	6-5	5-7	8-5	49-31
ATS	7-4	3-7	6-5	5-6	3-7	7-4	7-6	38-39
Home Fav	4-1	1-3	2-3	1-2	1-2	1-1	1-2	11-14
Home Dog	1-0	0-2	0-0	1-2	1-1	3-1	4-0	10-6
Away Fav	1-2	1-1	3-1	1-2	1-1	0-0	0-1	7-8
Away Dog	1-1	1-1	1-1	2-0	0-3	3-2	2-3	10-11
Favorite	5-3	2-4	5-4	2-4	2-3	1-1	1-3	18-22
Dog	2-1	1-3	1-1	3-2	1-4	6-3	6-3	20-17
Grass	7-4	3-7	6-5	5-6	3-7	6-4	7-6	37-39
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
vs Conf	5-3	2-6	3-5	4-4	3-5	4-4	6-2	27-29
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-1	3-0	1-2	0-2	3-0	1-4	11-10
Off SU Win	4-3	1-5	4-4	1-5	0-6	3-1	4-4	17-28
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-1	1-1	3-1	3-0	3-3	3-1	17-8

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Wali Lundy	196	901	75	826	6	4.2
Alvin Pearman	83	360	17	343	4	4.1
Marquis Weeks	41	225	15	210	0	5.1
Michael Johnson	26	143	10	133	1	5.1
Matt Schaub	70	273	178	95	2	1.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Matt Schaub	418	288	68.9	2976	28	7
Marques Hagans	25	14	56.0	143	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Billy McMullen	69	894	13.0	3	59
Wali Lundy	58	435	7.5	4	48
Michael McGrew	27	428	15.9	2	54
Heath Miller	33	327	9.9	9	42
Jason Snelling	31	314	10.1	4	30

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Tom Hagan	62	2273	36.7	55	30.2	3	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kurt Smith	22-24	3-5	3-6	1-1	0-0	7-12	42

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Angelo Crowell	155	3	3	1	0
Merrill Robertson	122	5	4	1	0
Jerton Evans	116	0	4	6	0
Darryl Blackstock	107	10	4	4	1
Brennan Schmidt	87	0	4	3	0
Chris Canty	86	2	2	4	0
Jamaine Winborne	61	0	3	6	0
Almondo Curry	59	3	1	3	2
Rich Bedesem	58	1	3	1	1
Andrew Hoffman	56	0	1	3	0
Shernard Newby	50	0	1	2	3
Jermaine Hardy	48	0	2	3	2
Bryan White	37	0	2	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marques Hagans	29	262	9.0	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Wali Lundy	17	409	24.1	0
Marquis Weeks	13	396	30.5	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Carquest	+3'	Miami, Fl	21-31	L
98	Peach	-2'	Georgia	33-35	L
99	MicronPC	-2'	Illinois	21-63	L
00	Oahu	+9'	Georgia	14-37	L
02	Continental Tire	+6	W Virginia	48-22	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

VIRGINIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	28.7	20	127	3.7	230	68.3	12.4	+15	2002	6	24.9	22	209	4.6	216	60.5	17.1
5	20.8	19	106	3.4	239	58.3	16.6	+4	2001	6	27.6	23	203	4.3	228	58.9	15.6
7*	20.2	18	162	4.0	198	54.1	17.9	0	2000	6	24.3	21	182	4.4	238	59.4	17.3
7	28.8	22	190	4.4	211	57.3	13.9	+4	1999	5	30.4	20	180	4.1	233	56.0	16.6
6*	29.8	21	212	5.0	215	51.7	14.3	+11	1998	8	20.6	17	122	3.3	215	50.7	16.4
4	25.2	18	118	3.2	232	59.6	13.9	+6	1997	4	25.2	16	114	3.2	210	58.9	14.8

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Colorado St	25	49 - 221	4.5	18 - 27	193	2	20	41 - 187	4.6	17 - 27	229	3	-3
at Florida St	16	33 - 62	1.9	20 - 32	251	1	27	60 - 397	6.6	14 - 23	157	3	+1
S Carolina	20	40 - 143	3.6	22 - 32	196	0	17	38 - 142	3.8	12 - 21	119	3	+4
Akron	19	30 - 212	7.1	19 - 27	202	0	27	48 - 154	3.2	28 - 50	341	2	+3
at Wake Forest	18	27 - 49	1.8	24 - 30	349	1	29	68 - 349	5.1	13 - 24	146	1	-1
at Duke	17	20 - 2	0.1	27 - 45	315	2	24	47 - 158	3.4	26 - 44	256	4	+2
Clemson	20	40 - 80	2.0	23 - 32	208	2	25	40 - 189	4.7	23 - 33	223	2	+1
N Carolina	23	47 - 229	4.9	14 - 27	194	2	20	38 - 98	2.6	24 - 34	353	3	+1
at Georgia Tech	22	20 - 53	2.7	41 - 59	372	2	25	44 - 211	4.8	26 - 42	220	0	0
at Penn St	18	22 30	1.4	30 - 38	260	4	30	51 - 289	5.7	21 - 32	244	1	-1
NC State	22	42 197	4.7	14 - 26	149	3	18	31 - 96	3.1	28 - 47	236	1	+1
Maryland	23	40 152	3.8	24 - 28	286	0	14	32 - 138	4.3	13 - 25	196	2	+3
at Virginia Tech	11	37 - 152	4.1	13 - 24	51	3	17	50 - 272	5.4	5 - 11	85	1	+2
† W Virginia	20	39 - 195	5.0	17 - 23	196	0	21	52 - 244	4.7	12 - 20	215	0	+2
TOTALS	274	486 - 1777	3.7	306 - 448	3222	22	314	640 - 2924	4.6	262 - 433	3020	26	+15
AVERAGES	19.6	35 - 127	3.7	22 - 32	230	1.6	22.4	46 - 209	4.6	19 - 31	216	1.9	1.1

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Auburn	-2	19-0	W
Maryland	-30	31-19	L
Clemson	-15	20-18	L
at Duke	-10	24-0	W
San Jose St	-28	52-14	W
at Georgia Tech	-2'	38-41	L
NC State	-10'	23-13	L
at Wake Forest	-12'	38-17	W
at Florida St	+17	14-45	L
N Carolina	-10	30-13	W
at Virginia Tech	+2'	36-32	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Carolina	+2'	20-17	W
at Clemson	-5	14-33	L
Wake Forest	-10'	35-7	W
at BYU	+7	45-40	W
Virginia Tech	+5'	7-31	L
Duke	-17	17-24 2OT	L
at NC State	-1	47-26	W
Florida St	+13'	10-35	L
Georgia Tech	+7	45-38	W
Buffalo	-49	50-21	L
at Maryland	-9	34-30	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
BYU	-6'	35-38 OT	L
Richmond	NL	34-6	–
at Duke	-20	26-10	L
Clemson	+9	10-31	L
at Wake Forest	-16'	27-10	W
Maryland	-10'	31-23	L
at Florida St	+32	3-37	L
N Carolina	-4'	17-6	W
at Georgia Tech	+9'	0-35	L
NC State	+1	24-17	W
at Virginia Tech	+20	21-42	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wisconsin	+10'	17-26	W
Richmond	NL	17-16	–
at Clemson	+11'	26-24	W
Duke	-17	31-10	W
at Maryland	+7'	21-41	L
at N Carolina	+8'	24-30	W
Florida St	+12'	7-43	L
at NC State	+7	0-24	L
Wake Forest	-3	30-34	L
Georgia Tech	+14'	39-38	W
Virginia Tech	+15	17-31	W
Penn St	+5'	20-14	W

2002 RESULTS

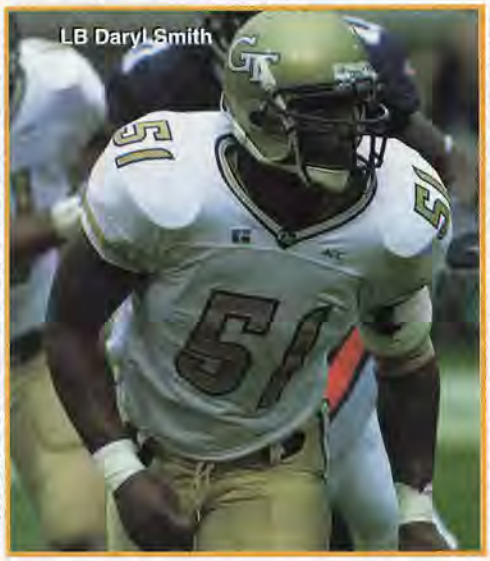
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Colorado St	E	29-35	L
at Florida St	+26'	19-40	W
S Carolina	+4'	34-21	W
Akron	-23	48-29	L
at Wake Forest	+2	38-34	W
at Duke	-11	27-22	L
Clemson	+5'	22-17	W
N Carolina	-5	37-27	W
at Georgia Tech	+5	15-23	L
at Penn St	+16	14-35	L
NC State	+7	14-9	W
Maryland	+9	48-13	W
at Virginia Tech	+7	9-21	L

GEORGIA TECH YELLOW JACKETS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Last year Tech had to replace their #3 all-time career passing leader in George Godsey who threw for 3,351 yards (64.6%) with a 19-11 ratio. Andy Hall, who was the backup in 2002, quit the team in the spring. AJ Suggs (PS#17) had 4 starts at Tennessee in 2000 throwing for 785 yards (58.3%) with a 5-3 ratio but opted to transfer here and sat out 2001. He was the front-runner for the QB spot and beat out Damarius Bilbo (PS#13). Bilbo is the most athletic of the QB's, has the strongest arm and was a 22nd round DC in major league baseball. Brian Camp (6-1 225 Sr, PS#29) was also in the mix. Suggs got off to a slow start and the home crowd booed him vs both BYU and Wake Forest. He was almost benched after NC and was rated #8 in the ACC in pass efficiency at that time. He came into his own throwing for 223 ypg from game 7 to game 11. Suggs struggled some vs Georgia, but so did the whole team. Prior to the bowl game Gailey anointed Suggs the starter for 2003. Suggs responded by hitting 2 of 7 for 40 yards with 2 interceptions and was relieved at the half while Bilbo threw for 178 yards with 4 int's. After the game, Gailey was noncommittal, not even ruling out a frosh to start this year. Tech was the only team in the ACC to throw more int's than TD passes. For the season, Suggs threw for 2,242 yards (57.3%) with a 12-15 ratio. Bilbo threw for 487 (43.3%) with a 3-5 ratio. This year they signed 3 true frosh including Al Peña (PS#91) who was in for the spring. No matter who wins the starting job, I expect improved play from this position in 2003.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year Tech had to replace Joe Burns who had rushed for 1,165 yards (4.1). The leading returning rusher, Sidney Ford (293 yds), was able to play in just one game and his career ended due to concussions. Converted DB Tony Hollings had problems with fumbles during the spring but spent the offseason carrying a football around campus. His 4.39 speed and 211 lb frame makes him dangerous and he started with 92 carries without a fumble. Hollings was leading the NCAA in rushing (158 ypg) and was #2 in scoring (66 pts), but was lost for the season with a knee injury in just the fourth game. The RB corps was banged up with Ford and Gordon Clinkscale (PS#97) injured and Jermaine Hatch (6-2 205 Sr) not fully recovered from his knee injury. True frosh Ace Eziemefe (PS#46) started vs NC and had 136 yards. He finished with 282 yards (4.0). Walk-on PJ Daniels entered the rotation and rushed for 255 yards (3.5). Clinkscale started 5 games rushing for 468 yards (6.2) but he was injured prior to the bowl. Hatch had just 79 yards (4.4). This year they must replace Clinkscale and Ford and I list the rest of the 2 deep below. When the team uses a FB they have Jimmy Dixon (PS#59) who had two starts, Johnathan Jackson and Mike Sampson as well as Brian Johnson (6-3 250 So, PS#64DL). This year they add super signee Rashaun Grant (PS#15). If Hollings can stay healthy, this group will be significantly improved.



RECEIVERS - Last year Tech had to replace its fastest player in Kelly Campbell who left as the career leader in TD's, receptions and yards as well as their starting TE. Three of the top four receivers were back but the unit was banged up early as Nate Curry suffered a knee injury and missed three of the first 4 games and Jonathan Smith also missed the opener. This year the team must replace its top two wideouts. Gone are Kerry Watkins (PS#14) who finally lived up to his VHT billing with 71 receptions (14.8) as well as Will Glover who had 47 rec's (9.2). They also must replace TE Will Heller (6 rec) who developed into an NFL prospect (FA signee) and TE Brian Lee (2 sts). I list the 2 deep below and Curry should have a much bigger impact this year. They have 3 TE's who ranked in the top 30 out of HS. This group is in similar shape to what it was heading into last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Georgia Tech had a rather inexperienced offensive front in 2001 and averaged just 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 20 sacks. Last year four players returned who had started six or more games in 2001. The offense improved their ypc rushing to 4.3 while allowing just 20 sacks in 13 games. The only losses from last year's 2 deep are RG Ray Roberts-Blake (13 sts, 3 yr st'r) and Beau Cleland who was a backup center. Six players return with starting experience and the four full-time returning starters are All ACC honors candidates. This should be one of the top O-lines in the ACC.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 Tech allowed 3.3 ypc rushing while recording 39 sacks. Last year they had to replace a sixth round DC in the NFL but had six of their top 8 back. Unfortunately their star DE, Greg Gathers, suffered from kidney disease and was out for the rest of the year after just three games. Starting DT Gary Johnson was banged up for most of the season. Projected starting DE Hobie Holiday quit the team after three games. Overall the defense allowed 3.6 ypc while recording 32 sacks. This year almost everyone returns. The only losses are DE Fred Wright (4 sts, 26 tkls), DT Johnson (1 st, 9 tkls) and Holiday (7 tkls, 2 sks). Gathers was not cleared for contact work in the spring but his return in the fall would be huge and give them 5 full-time starters returning. DE Tony Hargrove is a solid blend of speed and strength and should continue to emerge after playing QB in HS. As long as this group stays healthy, it looks like one of the best in the ACC.

LINEBACKERS - Tech had one of the top LB units in the ACC last year with all three starters returning. This year they must replace Recardo Wimbush (13 sts, 94 tkls, 6 tfl, 2nd Tm ACC) and backup Matthew Etheridge (19 tkls). Daryl Smith has led the team in tackles in two of the last three years and Keyaron Fox led the team in 2001. These two make a formidable duo. Ather Brown was a full-time starter in 2000 and they have three VHT's or near-VHT's in the lineup behind them in the 2 deep I list below. Losing Wimbush is tough, but this group looks to be just as solid in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 GT finished #47 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace a 7th round NFL DC but had seven of their top eight players returning. The Jackets finished #33 in my pass D rankings. This year the losses are much heavier. FS Jeremy Muyres (13 sts, 5 int, 76 tkls, 1st Tm ACC), SS Cory Collins (13 sts, 64 tkls, 7 tfl, 5 pbu), CB Marvious Hester (12 sts, 39 tkls, 9 pbu) as well as backups Kelley Rhino (1 st, 12 tkls) and Albert Poree (2 tkls). The team looks to be in pretty good shape at CB with four VHT's, but the safeties are very inexperienced. This has the makings of a decent group, but it is a lot less experienced than it was heading into last season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tech had my #47 rated special teams in 2001 but only had to replace their top KR. They did have a couple of record setters in the group. PR Kelley Rhino is the career PR leader here, breaking his father's record set back in 1972-'74. Rhino nearly set the ACC record of career PR yards but missed the final two games and ended up 57 yards short. K Luke Manget became the career scoring leader here (322 pts), topping Scott Sisson (299 from '89 to '92). Manget actually opened the season in a slump but then would hit a school record 10 consecutive and finished 12 of 17 with a long of 41 and two of his misses came from 50+. They used two punters in Chris Morehouse and Dan Dyke. Morehouse was used for his booming leg and Dyke was more of a pooch punter. Dan Burnett saw action in one game when Manget suffered a groin injury and missed both of his FG's. The bad news for Tech is that all of their key players from last year depart including top KR Kerry Watkins (20.9). With all of the talent they had here last year I would have expected a top 25 finish but they finished #50 and this group looks weaker in 2003.

COACHING - Chan Gailey is now in his second year as head coach and was previously the head coach of the Dallas Cowboys in 1998-'99. In college he was also the head man at Troy St for two years, compiling a 19-5 record. He will be doing most of the offensive play calling as their OC from last year, Bill O'Brien, left for Maryland. "Buddy" Geis will be the passing game coordinator this year and Patrick Nix the running game coordinator. Geis worked with Gailey in Dallas. They have one of the best DC's in Jon Tenuta who was in charge of the Ohio St defense in 2000 and N Carolina's D in 2001. This is his second year at GT.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

Georgia Tech has now had six straight winning seasons with a school record six straight bowl games. In 2000 Tech was +13 in turnovers and in 2001 they had to also replace their OC Ralph Friedgen. Many had them contending with Florida St for the ACC Title but they finished just 4-4 in conference play. Last year Chan Gailey got a late start on recruiting due to the head coaching change but GT did have a veteran squad with 14 returning starters and only 15 lettermen lost. Injuries hurt this team badly as they lost their top offensive player in RB Tony Hollings and top defensive player in DE Greg Gathers early in the season. A bright spot came when they beat undefeated #10 ranked NC State on the road and then almost beat Florida St but were intercepted in the EZ with :17 left. Unfortunately the final two games last year left a bad taste in the Yellow Jacket's mouths as they were destroyed by arch rival Georgia, 51-7 and then lost their bowl game to Fresno St. Tech must replace 21 lettermen which is the second most in the league but were -8 in turnovers last year. They should get improved QB play and with the return of Hollings, I look for them to be much more potent on offense. Defensively they have 7 starters back including a top-notch LB corps and if Gathers is 100% healthy, the Tech D should be a force. Tech is 19-13 in league play the last 4 years and could be the ACC's surprise team. This season I rate both their offense and their defense in the upper half of the league and they host both NC State and Maryland. The Jackets have an excellent shot at getting to a seventh consecutive bowl game.

2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB AJ SUGGS SR. 6-4 215 **PS#17**. 4 sts @ Tenn, 785 yds (58%), 5-3 ratio. 13 sts, 2242 yds (57%) 12-15 ratio LY. Damarius Bilbo (6-3 225 So) **PS#13**, 487 pass (43%) 3-5 ratio.

RB TONY HOLLINGS SR. 5-11 215 **PS#52DB**. 17 tkls 2000 & '01. 4.39 spd. 4 sts LY, 633 yds (6.9). #1 NCAA when inj'd. Rashaun Grant **PS#15**. Ace Eziemefe (6-1 225 So) PS#46.

WR Levon Thomas Jr. 6-0 195 PS#113. 4 rec (29.0) as true. 3 sts LY, 20 rec (11.1), 1 TD. **FB** Jimmy Dixon (6-1 220 Jr) PS#59. 2 sts in '02. Johnathan Jackson (6-2 225 Jr) PS#31TE.

WR JONATHAN SMITH SR. 5-10 189 10 sts, 57 rec (11.4) in '01. 5 sts LY, 36 rec (11.9), 118 yds rush. Lekeldrick Bridges (6-0 170 So) PS#89. 11 rec as true. Chris Dunlap (6-0 185 Fr) PS#233.

WR Nate Curry Jr. 5-10 190 PS#57. 2 sts as true, 24 rec (13.5). ACL out '01. 1 st, 1 rec LY recovering. Mark Logan (5-11 190 Jr) PS#26QB. Xavier McGuire (6-3 215 rFr) PS#56.

TE John Paul Foschi Sr. 6-4 270 PS#24. 4 rec as true. 3 sts, 4 rec (14.8) in '01. 5 sts LY, 9 rec (8.3). Darius Williams (6-6 265 Jr) PS#28. George Cooper (6-5 252 rFr) PS#23.

C HUGH REILLY SR. 6-4 285 PS#145DL. 5 gms as rFr. 13 sts at RG in '01. 13 sts LY, **HM ACC**. Gavin Tarquinio (6-3 270 So) PS#202. Surg, rehab, has not played.

RG Brad Honeycutt So. 6-4 295 PS#114. 1 st as rFr and 1L. Clay Hartley (6-4 280 Sr) PS#123. 6 gms as rFr. 2nd string in '01. 2 gms in '02. Andy Tidwell-Neal (6-4 295 Jr) PS#174.

LG LEON ROBINSON JR. 6-4 320 PS#122. Backup as true but RS. 6 of L/7 sts as rFr. 13 starts in 2002, bench 225 25 times. Garren Findlay (6-5 290 Sr) is PS#84JUCO.

RT KYLE WALLACE JR. 6-6 285 **PS#91**. 2nd string as true. 12 sts in '02 at RT. Jeremy Phillips (6-7 285 Jr) **PS#59**. 225 bench 29 x's. ACL in '01. 2 sts LY but not 100%.

LT NAT DORSEY JR. 6-6 335 PS#102. 10 sts as true, **1st Tm ACC**. 11 starts LY, 2nd Tm ACC. Zeb McHargue (6-4 285 rFr) **PS#77**. Reggie Koon (6-4 310 Sr) PS#76DL.

K Dan Burnett Sr. 6-2 240 0-2 FG's, 5 of 5 xp's, 1 st in 2000. 0-2 FG's, 3-3 xp's, 1 st in '02. David Jordan (6-4 200 rFr) PS#12. 6 of 10 FG's in HS (2 misses 50+) L/52.

DEFENSE

DE TONY HARGROVE JR. 6-4 266 QB in HS. 21 tkls as true, 2 sks, 4 tfl. 13 sts LY, 49 tkls, 4 sks, 9 tfl. Anthony Lawston (6-3 225 Sr) PS#16WR, 29 tkls, 3Y. Jose Anoai is PS#237.

DT TRAVIS PARKER SO. 6-5 265 12 sts as rFr, 42 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl, 2 pbu. Brad Brezina (6-2 275 rFr) PS#140 LY. Omar Billy (6-2 270 So) PS#148. LeShawn Newberry is PS#200.

DT ALFRED MALONE JR. 6-4 300 PS#142. 9 sts as rFr, 19 tkls, 3 tfl. 12 sts in 2002, 25 tkls, 4 tfl. LeRon Lee (6-2 277 So) PS#88, inj'd as rFr. Terron Pullen (6-2 270 rFr) PS#125.

DE GREG GATHERS SR. 6-1 270 **PS#54**. 74 tkls as true. 64 tkls, 14 sks, **2nd Tm AA** in '00. 57 tkls, 11 sks, **1st Tm ACC** in '01. RS LY. Eric Henderson (6-3 265 So) PS#58, 6 sts, 58 tkls, 15 tfl.

LB Ather Brown Sr. 6-3 230 PS#270. 12 sts as rFr, 51 tkls, 3 tfl. 4 sts L/2Y, 37 tkls. Kingi McNair (6-1 220 rFr) PS#138. Sterling Green (6-2 210 Jr) PS#69. 11 tkls, 2 tfl in '01.

LB DARYL SMITH SR. 6-2 235 PS#71. 10 sts as true, 101 tkls, 10 tfl. 10 sts in 2001 (inj 3) 63 tkls, 8 tfl. 13 sts LY, #1 w/99 tkls, 5 pbu, 10 tfl. Gerris Wilkinson (6-3 230 So) PS#34.

LB KEYARON FOX SR. 6-3 220 PS#89. 41 tkls, 2 tfl as true. 11 sts in '01, #1 w/103 tkls, 2.5 sks, 6 tfl. 12 sts LY, 92 tkls, 13 tfl, 6 pbu. Tabugbo Anyansi (6-1 220 Jr) PS#45LB. 11 gms 2Y.

CB JONATHAN COX SR. 5-10 185 **PS#28**. 5 sts as true, 25 tkls, 4 pbu, 1 int. 11 tkls in '01 (inj). 13 sts LY, 51 tkls, 3 tfl, 8 pbu. Dennis Davis (6-0 185 Jr) **PS#49**. GT track, #6 in 60m in ACC.

CB Reuben Houston So. 6-0 195 **PS#28**. GT track tm. 1 st as rFr, 33 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu as NB LY. **Kenny Scott** (6-1 175 Fr) is **PS#12**. I-Perfection Harris (5-10 170 rFr) PS#52.

SS James Butler Jr. 6-3 210 PS#112. 11 tkls, 2 pbu as true. 19 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 pbu LY. Nathan Burton (6-2 200 Jr) PS#255WR. 10 tkls, 2Y. Joe Gaston (6-0 200 rFr) is PS#159.

FS Dawan Landry So. 6-2 215 PS#45QB. Scout Tm QB as true. 8 tkls as rFr, 13 games LY. Avery Roberson (6-2 190 Fr) **PS#33**. Chris Reis (6-0 210 So) PS#73. 4 tkls as true.

P Hal Higgins Sr. 5-10 195 All area punter in HS. Holder and #3 punter L/3Y. Andy Thomson (5-11 180 Jr). Travis Bell 1st TM Class 5A All GA. Avg 42 ypp as a HS senior.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

RB	Rashaun Grant 5-11 190 PS#15
DB	Kenny Scott 6-1 175 PS#12
QB	Pat Carter 6-3 185 PS#33
DB	Avery Roberson 6-2 190 PS#33
QB	Reggie Ball 6-0 180 PS#54
LB	Nick Moore 6-0 225 PS#101
QB	Al Peña 6-3 205 PS#91
DL	Adamm Oliver 6-4 250 PS#173
DB	Joe Gaston 6-0 200 PS#159
DL	Eddy Parker 6-5 280 PS#185
DL	LeShawn Newberry 6-0 310 PS#200
OL	Matt Rhodes 6-4 275 PS#250
LB	Philip Wheeler 6-2 215 PS#203
LB	KaMichael Hall 6-1 205 PS#219

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#7

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score GT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 28	at BYU (Thur)	G						GT is 7-0 SU & 5-1 ATS in their last 7 Homecoming games. Tech is 7-1 SU & 5-2 ATS prior to FSU since 1995. GT is 15-0-1 the last 16 non-lined games with an avg score of 35-12.
Sep. 6	Auburn	G						Yellow Jackets are 7-3 ATS the last 10 road openers (0-3 ATS L3Y). Georgia Tech is 3-6 ATS the last 9 Thursday games.
Sep. 13	at Florida St	G						GT is 17-11 ATS since 1995 in September. Could apply here: GT is 8-3 ATS their last 11 as a home dog.
Sep. 20	Clemson	G						GT is 9-5 ATS the last 14 as an away dog. Yellow Jackets are 2-7-1 ATS vs the Seminoles since 1993.
Sep. 27	at Vanderbilt	G						An amazing 7 straight series meetings have been decided by 5 pts or less & Georgia Tech is 4-3 SU but 2-5 ATS in that span.
Oct. 4	NC State (HC)	G						In their only lined meeting LY GT won 45-3 & covered as a 20' pt favorites. That was the 1st time GT has played a SEC team (other than GA) S/'91.
Oct. 11	at Wake Forest	G						In their last 8 trips to Atlanta, NC St is 2-5-1 ATS, not winning here S/'88. Georgia Tech is 8-2-1 ATS in the last 11 series meetings.
Oct. 18								GT is 0-4 ATS at WF. Those gms decided by a total of 11 pts since 1994. The home team is 7-1 ATS in the last 8 meetings.
Oct. 23	Maryland (Thur)	G						Note: This is the 9th straight year GT has a bye before a Thursday game.
Nov. 1								Yellow Jackets are 7-15 ATS their last 22 games after a bye. GT is 3-6 ATS the last 9 vs the Terrapins.
Nov. 8	at Duke	G						
Nov. 15	N Carolina	G						Tech is 12-29-1 ATS in their last 42 November games. GT is 9-18-1 ATS vs Duke since 1976.
Nov. 22	at Virginia	G						Georgia Tech is 4-18-1 ATS the last 23 November home games. Techsters are 7-2 ATS the last 9 years vs the Tar Heels.
Nov. 29	Georgia	G						GT is 5-2 ATS L/7 meetings vs VA, but 1-4 ATS L/5 trips to Charlottesville. Ramblin' Wreck have covered just 5 of the last 16 road finales.
								Georgia Tech is 3-10 ATS in their last 13 home finales. GT has won 3 of 5 SU but is 3-9 ATS the last 12 years in this rivalry.

CHAN GAILEY (Career 7-6) (Div IAA 24-11)
2nd Year at Georgia Tech

Gailey's records AT GEORGIA TECH

7-6	Straight Up	2-3	Home Favorite
4-8	Vs The Spread	0-1	Home Dog
1-3	Off A SU Loss	1-2	Away Favorite
3-5	Vs Conference	1-2	Away Dog
		1-3	Vs Non-Conference

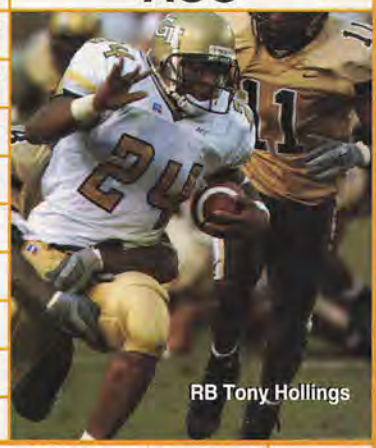
2002 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (26,23,3)
Lost: 21 (9,8,4)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 43,156

ACC


RB Tony Hollings

STADIUM: BOBBY DODD STADIUM (55,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	6-5	9-2	8-3	9-2	7-5	7-5	51-28
ATS	4-6	7-4	8-3	4-7	9-2	3-8	4-8	39-38
Home Fav	2-1	1-1	3-1	2-4	4-1	1-4	2-3	15-15
Home Dog	1-1	3-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	6-3
Away Fav	1-2	1-2	1-1	1-3	2-0	2-3	1-2	9-13
Away Dog	0-2	2-1	3-0	1-0	2-1	0-1	1-2	9-7
Favorite	3-3	2-3	4-2	3-7	6-1	3-7	3-5	24-28
Dog	1-3	5-1	4-1	1-0	3-1	0-1	1-3	15-10
Grass	4-6	6-4	8-3	4-7	9-2	3-8	4-8	38-38
Artificial	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	6-2	2-6	7-1	2-6	3-5	28-28
vs Non-Conf	0-2	3-0	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	1-3	11-10
Off SU Win	2-3	4-2	6-2	2-5	7-1	2-4	2-5	25-22
Off SU Loss	1-2	2-2	2-0	1-2	2-0	1-3	1-3	10-12

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tony Hollings	**92**	**649**	**16**	**633**	**11**	**6.9**
Gordon Clinkscale	75	481	13	468	3	6.2
Ajenavi Eziemefe	**70**	**305**	**23**	**282**	**2**	**4.0**
P.J. Daniels	**72**	**284**	**29**	**255**	**2**	**3.5**
Damarius Bilbo	**43**	**176**	**58**	**118**	**2**	**2.7**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
A.J. Suggs	**363**	**208**	**57.3**	**2242**	**12**	**15**
Damarius Bilbo	**67**	**29**	**43.3**	**487**	**3**	**5**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Kerry Watkins	71	1050	14.8	5	69
Will Glover	47	434	9.2	3	27
Jonathan Smith	**36**	**430**	**11.9**	**3**	**42**
Levon Thomas	**20**	**222**	**11.1**	**1**	**42**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Dan Dyke	39	1531	39.3	55	–	0	13
Chris Morehouse	33	1396	42.3	57	–	0	7

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Luke Manget	29-29	5-5	4-4	3-6	0-2	12-17	41

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Daryl Smith	**99**	**5**	**10**	**5**	**1**
Recardo Wimbush	94	2	4	3	0
Keyaron Fox	**92**	**3**	**10**	**6**	**1**
Jeremy Muyres	76	0	3	0	5
Cory Collins	64	2	5	5	1
Eric Henderson	**58**	**5**	**10**	**2**	**0**
Jonathan Cox	**51**	**1**	**2**	**8**	**0**
Tony Hargrove	**49**	**4**	**9**	**3**	**0**
Travis Parker	**42**	**2**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Marvious Hester	39	0	3	9	0
Reuben Houston	**33**	**2**	**1**	**3**	**1**
Fred Wright	26	3	2	1	0
Alfred Malone	**25**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kelley Rhino	45	447	9.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kerry Watkins	23	481	20.9	0
P.J. Daniels	**11**	**234**	**21.3**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Gator	-2'	Notre Dame	35-28	W
99	Gator	+4'	Miami, Fl	13-28	L
00	Peach	-8'	LSU	14-28	L
01	Seattle	+6	Stanford	24-14	W
02	Silicon Valley	-6'	Fresno St	21-30	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

GEORGIA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	21.5	20	164	4.3	211	54.9	17.4	-8	2002	9	20.5	18	135	3.6	221	53.4	17.3
7*	31.2	22	139	3.4	278	63.6	13.4	+1	2001	9	21.6	18	118	3.3	217	54.0	15.5
5	32.2	23	162	3.9	263	60.7	13.2	+13	2000	8	19.8	21	94	2.7	285	57.6	19.2
9*	38.4	26	222	4.8	280	63.5	19.1	-12	1999	6	30.6	22	186	4.3	229	54.8	11.5
8*	35.5	21	185	4.3	208	55.5	11.1	+5	1998	7	24.6	20	167	4.1	223	55.1	15.9
6*	26.2	20	156	3.7	220	62.2	14.4	+5	1997	7	24.7	22	126	3.8	301	63.8	17.3

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Vanderbilt	21	51-279	5.5	15-24	182	0	9	31-109	3.5	13-28	116	2	+2
at Connecticut	17	43-226	5.3	14-21	189	2	13	34-64	1.9	15-32	185	5	+1
at Clemson	14	32-102	3.2	17-31	201	5	18	41-195	4.8	18-31	176	1	+2
BYU	19	50-210	4.2	11-26	117	2	21	27-79	2.9	28-57	274	4	+1
at N Carolina	24	49-185	3.8	19-33	211	1	12	27-68	2.5	14-25	231	3	-1
Wake Forest	15	21-78	3.7	18-30	254	1	28	60-209	3.5	19-32	238	0	-2
at Maryland	26	31-180	5.8	30-53	305	0	21	43-222	5.2	12-21	210	3	-2
Virginia	25	44-211	4.8	26-42	220	0	22	20-53	2.7	41-59	372	2	0
at NC State	21	42-143	3.4	22-37	214	2	16	22-57	2.6	21-41	277	1	+2
Florida St	24	42-185	4.4	22-45	211	3	12	33-140	4.2	8-24	139	1	-3
Duke	19	42-127	3.0	18-30	200	0	12	36-138	3.8	13-34	146	4	+2
at Georgia	12	22-71	3.2	18-36	222	2	24	57-230	4.0	17-25	322	3	-5
† Fresno St	16	31-130	4.2	9-27	218	2	20	55-186	3.4	16-31	188	3	-5
TOTALS	253	500-2127	4.3	239-435	2744	20	228	486-1750	3.6	235-440	2874	32	-8
AVERAGES	19.5	38-164	4.3	18-33	211	1.5	17.5	37-135	3.6	18-34	221	2.5	-0.6

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boston College	-13	31-41	L
New Mexico St	-34	42-7	W
at N Carolina	+4'	43-21	W
Duke	-10'	41-13	W
at NC State	+2	47-24	W
Virginia	+2'	41-38	W
Florida St	+12'	7-34	L
at Maryland	-13	31-14	W
at Clemson	-8	24-21	L
Wake Forest	-17	63-35	W
at Georgia	+3	21-19	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Navy	-18	49-14	W
at Florida St	+18	35-41	W
UCF	-29'	41-10	W
Maryland	-19'	49-31	L
N Carolina	-17	31-24 OT	L
at Duke	-16'	38-31	L
NC State	-17	48-21	W
at Virginia	-7	38-45	L
Clemson	-4	45-42	L
at Wake Forest	-9	23-26	L
Georgia	-5	51-48 OT	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCF	-15'	21-17	L
Florida St	+22	21-26	W
Navy	-16	40-13	W
at NC State	+3	23-30 OT	L
at N Carolina	+3	42-28	W
Wake Forest	-24'	52-20	W
Duke	-29	45-10	W
at Clemson	+12	31-28	W
Virginia	-9'	35-0	W
at Maryland	-10	35-22	W
at Georgia	-1'	27-15	W

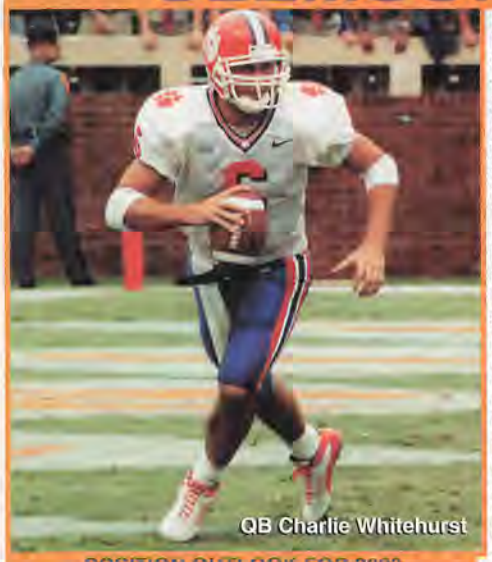
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Syracuse	-8	13-7	L
The Citadel	NL	35-7	–
at Navy	-25'	70-7	W
Clemson	-12'	44-47 OT	L
at Duke	-24'	37-10	W
Maryland	-8'	17-20 OT	L
NC State	-12	27-17	L
N Carolina	-4	28-21	W
at Virginia	-14'	38-39	L
at Wake Forest	-8	38-33	L
Georgia	-2'	17-31	L
at Florida St	+10	17-28	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Vanderbilt	-20'	45-3	W
at Connecticut	-23	31-14	L
at Clemson	-1	19-24	L
BYU	-9'	28-19	L
at N Carolina	-2'	21-13	W
Wake Forest	-13	21-24	L
at Maryland	+2	10-34	L
Virginia	-5	23-15	W
at NC State	+11	24-17	W
Florida St	+7	13-21	L
Duke	-16'	17-2	L
at Georgia	+9	7-51	L

CLEMSON TIGERS


QB Charlie Whitehurst

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the team had to replace three year starter Woodrow Dantzler who was 1st Team ACC and a Heisman candidate. In 2001 Willie Simmons (PS#14) threw for 292 yards (36.4%) with a 2-3 ratio. Last year he started the first eight games but the team generated just 509 yards of offense vs Wake Forest and NCSt combined. Simmons also had fumble problems and was last in the ACC in pass efficiency. Bowden decided to go to Charlie Whitehurst (PS#53). At the beginning of the season, Whitehurst had hit his first eleven passes including a perfect 7 for 7 leading a late TD drive against Virginia. In Whitehurst's first start, he set school records for completions (34), yards (420) and tied the school record with 4 TD passes. It must be pointed out that in Whitehurst's first two starts, he threw for 694 yards with an 8-0 ratio but it was against the bottom two teams of the ACC (Duke and N Caro). He hit just 12 of 26 for 130 yards against Maryland. Although Whitehurst started just five games he set 15 Clemson freshmen records throwing for 1,554 yards (57.5%) with a 10-6 ratio while Simmons threw for 1,559 yards with a 6-7 ratio (58.2%). Simmons transferred after spring and I list the backups below. Stuckey is very mobile and may be used to run the option in short yardage situations. Whitehurst should improve with experience.

RUNNING BACKS - Clemson has had just one RB top 1,000 yards in a season since 1996 and that was Travis Zachery in 2000 when he rushed for 1,027 yards (5.0). Zachery had just 576 yards (4.1) to lead the RB's in 2001 and had to be replaced last season. Projected starter Bernard Rambert (PS#32) had rushed for 206 yards in 1999, 222 in 2000 and 368 in 2001. He was the projected starter. Unfortunately Rambert suffered through an injury plagued season and while he would get nine starts, he was rarely 100% and rushed for just 488 yards (4.2). Yusef Kelly (PS#24) rushed for 243 yards (5.0) as a true and after redshirting in 2001, he led the team last year with 520 yards (4.2). Tye Hill (PS#134) has perhaps the best speed of the RB's and had the season's longest gain with a 32 yard TD vs Virginia. Hill wasn't deemed tough enough between the tackles to log substantial carries and finished with 225 yards (5.4) and was moved to CB. Duane Coleman (PS#77) was a PQ last year and was impressive on the scout team. Coleman and Kyle Browning (5-7 160 rFr, PS#151) have the best speed of the RB's. The only losses from this unit are Rambert and Hill. FB Chad Jasmin (5-10 225 Sr, PS#147) had 172 total yards last year in ten starts and is backed by Clifford Harrell (6-1 260 So, 20 yds, 1 st) and David Dunham (6-2 215 So, PS#83DB). Bowden bemoaned the fact that they had just 9 rushes of 20 yards or more and said they needed some more breakaway speed. He also worked the team in the I-formation in the spring to improve the rush attack. Last season Clemson rushed for just 120.7 ypg, their second lowest total since 1970 and should have some substantial improvement in that area this year.

RECEIVERS - In 2001 Bowden signed a tremendous crop of true freshmen and the top four signees were three WR's and a TE. All four were VHT's and three of the four ended up starting some games. Last year they appeared to be in good shape with practically everyone returning but Roscoe Crosby (PS#1) missed the season due to elbow surgery and Ty Zimmerman (PS#13) did not qualify. Derrick Hamilton led the team in 2001 with 53 rec's (12.9). He suffered through a high ankle sprain early missing most of the first few games, but then had 256 all-purpose yards against GT and would lead the ACC in all-purpose yards with 144.8 ypg. He did have some problems with fumbles and drops and finished 3rd on the team in receiving with 52 (11.6). Kevin Youngblood suffered a separated shoulder against NC St but toughed it out for the rest of the year and led the team with 59 rec's (10.0). This year the only losses are WR's Jackie Robinson (PS#30, 13 sts, 18 rec), JJ McKelvey (#2 receiver, 52, 15.1, 1 st) and Crosby who will pursue his baseball career. TE Ben Hall (PS#8), who has played in 25 consecutive games, quit the team and missed all of spring drills but rejoined it in May. The team gets some talented additions in Michael Collins (PS#49), who transfers in from Tennessee (if he does not move to DB) and rFr Kelvin Grant (PS#19). Call this unit improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 Clemson averaged 4.4 ypc rushing while yielding 30 sacks. Last year they had to replace four starters due to graduation and the group was inexperienced and somewhat injury plagued. Starting tackle Derrick Brantly went down after two starts and was lost for the season and G Nick Black got in one start before a broken leg ended his season against Florida St. Starting C Jermyn Chester lost his job to walk-on Tommy Sharpe who had 33 KD's over the last three games. The team averaged just 120.7 ypg rushing (3.4) while allowing 31 sacks. This year they must replace LT Gary Byrd (13 sts, HM ACC, 816 snaps, 2 yr st'r), Jermyn Chester (8 sts), Nick Black, Derrick Brantley, OT Mark Jetton (2nd string) and RT Nathan Gillespie (108 snaps, 11 KD's). Backups were not used very much last year, in fact, the starters played every snap in a combined 35 games last year. This group has a lot more experience than it did heading into last season and should put up much better numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - An inexperienced defensive front for Clemson in 2001 allowed 3.8 ypc rushing while the defense recorded just 27 sacks. Last year the team had to replace one starter but had seven of their top eight back. Surprisingly the Tigers allowed 3.9 ypc rushing, the worst here in over a decade, but did have 31 sacks. DT Nick Eason (1st Tm ACC, 64 tkls, 7 sks, 13 sts, #4DC of DEN) along with DE Bryant McNeal (13 sts, 67 tkls, 9 sks, 2nd Tm ACC, #4DC of DEN) both depart. Those two produced nearly half the sacks for the defense last year but six of the top eight overall return and I look for a bigger season out of former TE Todd McClinton, a VHT who enters his second year on the D-line and hopes to stay healthy. This group does have good bulk inside and I look for them to improve upon the ypc rushing although the sack total may drop a little this year.

LINEBACKERS - The Tigers had a veteran LB corps in 2002 with five of their top six players returning but they did have to replace one starter. John Leake, who has been termed a freak of nature due to his size and speed, was dominating once again leading the team with 169 tackles (#4 in NCAA with 13.0 tkl pg). This year the team loses starting MLB Rodney Thomas (13 sts, 167 tkls, 9 tfl) as well as backup Rodney Feaster (44 tkls). OLB Eric Sampson (12 sts, 79 tkls, 2 tfl, 753 plays) was suspended for the bowl game and Bowden may allow him to return to the team this season. Kelvin Morris (PS#25JC) replaced him and had 13 tackles and a sack in his first start. Unfortunately, Morris tore his ACL in spring and is questionable of the 2003 season. This unit is a little less experienced than it was heading into last year, but I like the overall talent level and they should come close to 2002's standards as long as Morris, Jamison (acad ?) and Sampson are available.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year this unit looked experienced but suffered losses early in the year (see Hardcore Fans). Justin Miller took over a CB spot and in just seven starts recorded 8 int's and was the only true frosh to play last year. Overall Clemson finished #43 in my pass D rankings allowing 59.8% with a 20-21 ratio. They had finished the regular season #35 in my pass D rankings but were shredded by Kliff Kingsbury in the bowl game. This year they must replace CB Brian Mance (13 sts, 2nd Tm ACC, 62 tkls, 6 int, 11 pbu), FS Eric Meekins (13 sts, 97 tkls), SS Altroy Bodrick (13 sts, 65 tkls, 7 tfl) and CB Kevin Johnson (5 sts, 17 tkls). They bring in speedy former RB Tye Hill to the CB slot plus Touré Francis returns so they look set at the CB position. The safeties are a big question mark however and I list the candidates below. This has the makings of a decent group but is clearly less experienced and will probably drop a notch or two in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The special teams have been up and down in Bowden's four years here finishing at #70, #16, #40 and last year a very poor #105. In Clemson's history the most returns for TD's they had allowed on special teams had been two in a season but last year they allowed five (one was on a blocked punt). While they were -4 in the TD/Blk category last year, they had been +5 in Bowden's first three years, so they should be able to correct that problem. Georgia transfer Wynn Kopp averaged just 37.1 on his punts with a poor net of 29.7. Their top return man was Derrick Hamilton who averaged 10.8 on PR's and 21.8 on KR's but Justin Miller proved dangerous on KR's averaging a school record 35.1 on 13 returns. K Aaron Hunt hit 17 of 22 FG's with a long of 47 and was a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award. The only loss this year is Kopp but Cole Chason (PS#22) had a 45.6 punting average in HS and should be an improvement in that department. I look for significant strides to be made by Clemson's special teams this year and they could even challenge for Top 20 honors.

COACHES - Tommy Bowden enters his fifth year at Clemson after being the HC at Tulane and has compiled a 47-24 overall record. His OC is Brad Scott who enters his third year and he used to be the HC at S Carolina. DC John Lovett was Auburn's DC from 1999-2001 and is now in his second season here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Tommy Bowden got off to a great start taking a young team in his first year and guiding them to a 6-6 finish. In 2000 it appeared he had Clemson on the verge of greatness as they opened up the season 8-0 outscoring foes by an average of 30.2 ppg. Since then the team is just 15-14 and the wild expectations that were raised in 2000 have instead created disgruntled fans. Clemson is just 5-20-1 SU in bowls, the worst in the NCAA and last year ended the season with a thud in a 55-15 loss to Texas Tech. The team has achieved four straight bowl trips for the first time since 1988-1991. The Tigers had 11 returning starters in 2002 and just 12 this year which is the second lowest amount in the ACC. They lose 25 lettermen which is the most in the ACC. Bowden's offenses have tailed off the last three years going from 34.7 ppg to 30.8 and down to 25.4 last year. This year he has promised more smashmouth football incorporating the TE and the FB into the offense and possibly huddling which they have not done in his tenure. It probably won't aide the offensive ppg but should help the defense improve from the surprisingly high 28.3 and 26.8 ppg allowed the last two years (alarming for a school known for its defense). Last year they had a 19-14 FD edge against eventual Sugar Bowl champion Georgia but missed a potential game tieing 46 yard FG at the end. Bowden will be on the hot seat this year but this team in clearly capable of getting to its fifth straight bowl game and making some noise in the ACC conference.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CHARLIE WHITEHURST SO. 6-4 206 PS#53. Last 5 starts, 1554 yds (58%), 10-6 ratio, 106 rush. Will Proctor (6-2 190 rFr) PS#47. Chansi Stuckey (6-0 170 rFr) PS#52.

RB YUSEF KELLY JR. 6-0 225 **PS#24**. 243 yds (5.0) as true. 4 sts LY, #1 w/ 520 yds (4.2). Duane Coleman (5-10 185 So) PS#77. Reggie Merriweather (5-8 195 rFr).

WR DERRICK HAMILTON JR. 6-4 200 **PS#29**. 10 sts, 53 rec (12.9), 499 ret yds in '01. 10 sts LY, 52 rec (11.6), 208 rush, 1073 ret yds. Michael Collins (6-3 205 So) PS#49. Tenn trans.

WR Airese Currie Jr. 5-11 175 **PS#10**. 3 sts, 18 rec (17.8) as true. 6 sts, 16 rec (17.6) LY. AA on track. Ronnie Thomas (5-11 190) PS#54. Curtis Baham (6-1 195 So) PS#135.

WR KEVIN YOUNGBLOOD SR. 6-5 219 5 sts, 13 rec (17.3) in '00. Broke leg in '01. 11 sts LY, 59 rec (10.0). Kelvin Grant (6-2 205 rFr) **PS#19**. 4.45 spd. Tony Elliott (6-0 210 Sr) 10 rec (16.6).

TE Ben Hall Jr. 6-5 250 **PS#8**. 12 rec (13.4) LY. Quit tm but returned. Bobby Williamson (6-3 246 So) PS#59. 1 st LY, 5 rec (9.4). Rod Whipple (6-5 201 So) PS#143DL. 1L.

C TOMMY SHARPE SR. 6-0 253 Former walk-on. Started L/5 games as rFr, 33 KD's in last 3. **Dustin Fry** (6-3 319 rFr) **PS#50**. Benches 225 29x's, added 29 lbs, 4.9 spd.

RG Chip Myrick So. 6-0 253 PS#173OL. 2nd string in 2002. 3 games, 20 snaps. Nathan Bennett (6-5 312 rFr) PS#302. Steve Creed (6-0 250 Jr) PS#245OL. LS in '01.

LG CEDRIC JOHNSON JR. 6-4 318 **505 bench**. Dominant as rFr. Trimmed 40 lbs in '01, 38 plays. 12 sts LY, #2 on team w/887 plays, 60 KD's. Tim DeBeer (6-6 280 rFr) PS#299.

RT GREG WALKER SR. 6-5 330 PS#241OL. 161 snaps in 2001, 25 KD's. 13 sts in '02, 93 KD's. Trimmed 20 lbs. Brad Lee (6-4 265 rFr) PS#484. Marion Dukes is PS#93.

LT WILLIAM HENRY SR. 6-4 276 **PS#42OL**. 3 games, 42 snaps as rFr. 11 sts in '02, 797 snaps, 35 KD's. Roman Fry (6-4 260 rFr) PS#98DL. Nicholas DePrimio is PS#315.

K AARON HUNT SR. 5-11 208 Hit 10 of 16 FG's in 2000, long 31. Hit 10 of 12 FG's in '01, long 48. Hit 17 of 22 FG in '02, long 47. Stephen Furr (6-1 177 Jr) KO's.

DE KHALEED VAUGHN SR. 6-4 260 11 sts, 64 tkls, 2 sks, 7 tfl in '01. 13 sts LY, 60 tkls, 4 sks, 18 QBH. Vontrell Jamison (6-6 260 Jr) JC. 4.7 spd. OL LY. Gaines Adams PS#113TE.

DT DONNELL WASHINGTON JR. 6-6 315 **PS#39**. 44 tkls, 4 sks, 4 tfl in '01. 13 sts LY, 55 tkls, 5 tfl. Eric Coleman (6-5 293 Jr) PS#120TE. 31 tkls LY, 265 plays. Trey Tate (6-4 265 So).

DT Todd McClinton Sr. 6-6 295 **PS#9TE**. PQ. 1 st at TE in '01. 141 plays at DT LY, 15 tkls (inj). DeJuan Polk (6-2 285 Sr) PS#96. 25 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Donnell Clark (6-2 266 rFr) PS#167LB.

DE JJ Howard Sr. 6-3 225 PS#93LB, 4.5 spd, 43.5" VL. 16 tkls, 1 sk in '01. 34 tkls, 2 sks LY. Mo Fountain (6-4 240 Jr) PS#135. 46 tkls, 8 tfl, 2Y. Brandon Cannon (6-4 240 rFr).

LB JOHN LEAKE SR. 6-1 225 4.4 spd. 400 bench, 41.5" VL. 134 tkls, 6 tfl, 12 sts in '01. 169 tkls, 7 tfl, 13 sts LY. Anthony Waters (6-3 215 rFr) PS#56. Nigel Vaughan (6-0 223 Jr) 10 tkls.

MLB Brandon Jamison Sr. 6-1 215 PS#102JC. (PS#52 in '00). 4.36 spd. #1 in tkl per play (4.6) LY, 48 tkls. Acad ? LeRoy Hill (6-1 205 Jr) PS#111. 60 tkls, 2Y. Charles Bennett PS#55DL.

WLB Kelvin Morris Sr. 6-4 220 **PS#25JC**. 1 st in 2002, 44 tkls, 3 tfl. Torn ACL in spg, ? for fall. Roosevelt Nelson (6-2 214 So) PS#123. Brian Carr (5-11 192 Jr) PS#92QB.

CB Brian Staley Jr. 5-10 180 PS#80JC. 19 int, 2 yr JC (9 TD's), JCAA. **Tye Hill** (5-10 175 So) PS#134. Track tm 60m. 225 rush (5.4) LY. Touré Francis (5-11 184 Sr) 4 sts, 38 tkls L2Y.

CB JUSTIN MILLER SO. 5-11 180 PS#53RB. 4.47 spd. L/7 sts LY & **8 int**, 61 tkls, 9 pbu, 1 st at WR. Ryan Hemby (5-10 186 Jr) **PS#41**. 2 sts, 13 tkls in '01. Buddy Williams (5-11 167 rFr) PS#71.

ROV Ronny Delusme Jr. 6-1 200 PS#107. 10 tkls as rFr, 50 snaps. 7 tkls LY until torn ACL. Jamaal Fudge (5-10 180 So) PS#117DB. 27 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Gerald McCloud (6-2 175 rFr) PS#93WR.

FS Travis Pugh Jr. 6-1 190 PS#78DB. 7 tkls as true. 34 tkls, 2 pbu in 2002. Tavaghn Monts (6-2 191 Jr) PS#125DB. 6 tkls, 9 games 2Y. Maurice Nelson is **PS#19DB**.

P Cole Chason rFr. 6-0 155 PS#22K. Averaged 45.6 as senior in HS. 39 TB's on 76 KO's, 52 yds FG. Kyle Tucker (5-10 155 Sr). Jad Dean (5-11 190 Fr) PS#25K.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

DB	Maurice Nelson	6-2 205 PS#19
QB	CJ Gaddis	6-1 205 PS#26
RB	Tramaine Billie	6-1 195 PS#50
OL	Marion Dukes	6-4 295 PS#93
OL	Clint LaTray	6-3 270 PS#123
OL	Brandon Pilgrim	6-5 285 PS#141
DB	Brian Staley	5-10 180 PS#80JC
WR	Chris Jefferson	6-2 175 PS#130
RB	Brandon Nolen	5-11 185 PS#124
K	Jad Dean	5-11 190 PS#25
DB	Robert Reese	5-11 185 PS#179
WR	Sergio Gilliam	6-3 185 PS#180
OL	Christian Capote	6-5 290 PS#242
DL	Kwam Williams	6-3 220 PS#306

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5th Year at Clemson

Bowden's records AT CLEMSON

29-20	Straight Up	7-8-1	Home Favorite
19-22-2	Vs The Spread	3-4	Home Dog
6-6-2	Off A SU Loss	4-6-1	Away Favorite
14-16-2	Vs Conference	8-8	Away Dog
		5-6	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (17,24,3)
Lost: 25 (13,10,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 77,525

ACC

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#29

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	Georgia	G						Clemson is 6-2 ATS L8Y in their 1st ACC battle of the season. The Tigers have gone "Bowling" 7 of the last 8 years. Clemson is 7-15-2 ATS the last 3 years in ACC play.
Sep. 6	Furman	G						CU is 19-3-1 SU in home openers S/'80, but only 3-7 ATS in lined games. The Tigers are 3-6 SU & ATS vs Georgia since 1984.
Sep. 13	Middle Tennessee	G						Furman Paladins were 8-4 LY as a member of Div IAA Southern Conf. Clemson is 19-0 SU since 1981 in non-lined games with 7 shutouts.
Sep. 20	at Georgia Tech	G						Clemson is 7-13-1 ATS the last 21 lined September home games. CU is 9-14-1 ATS the last 24 games as a home favorite.
Sep. 27								The Tigers are 6-10 ATS in September road games the last 16. Chalk has bitten the dust in this series, going 1-13 ATS the last 14.
Oct. 4	at Maryland	G						The dog is 3-8-1 the last 12 in this series. CU is 13-7-2 ATS vs Maryland since 1981, but 0-3 ATS last 3 years.
Oct. 11	Virginia (HC)	G						The visitor has covered 9 of 12 in this matchup. The underdog is 11-2 ATS the last 13 series meetings.
Oct. 18	at NC State	G						The visitor is 5-1 ATS the last 6 in this matchup. CU is 8-15 ATS vs NC St the last 23 including 1-4 ATS the last 5.
Oct. 25	N Carolina	G						Clemson is 2-5 ATS the last 7 vs the Tar Heels. The favorite is 6-2 ATS the last 8 matchups.
Nov. 1	at Wake Forest	G						The Tigers are 12-5 ATS as a road favorite in November since 1986. CU has roared to a 23-3 SU mark vs WF, but are only 3-8-2 ATS the L13Y.
Nov. 8	Florida St	G						Tigers are 1-12 SU the last 13 vs FSU & 1-4 ATS the last 5. Florida St has outscored Clemson 40-14 on avg the last 10 meetings.
Nov. 15	Duke	G						Could apply: CU is 15-0 SU but 3-11-1 ATS when favored by more than 19 S/'91. Clemson is 4-10 ATS in their last 14 meetings vs Duke.
Nov. 22	at S Carolina	G						Clemson is 7-3 ATS in away finales the last 10 years. The visitor is 17-5 ATS the last 22 in this rivalry (11-3 ATS L/14).
Nov. 29								

#45 LB John Leake

STADIUM: CLEMSON MEMORIAL STADIUM (81,473)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	7-4	3-8	6-5	9-2	6-5	7-5	45-33
ATS	4-5-1	4-5-1	4-6	7-4	3-7	4-5-1	5-6-1	31-38-4
Home Fav	2-2	0-3	2-2	2-0	2-4	1-3	2-1-1	11-15-1
Home Dog	1-0	1-1	1-1	2-1	0-0	0-1	1-2	6-6
Away Fav	0-2	2-1-1	0-0	1-2	1-2	1-0-1	1-2	6-9-2
Away Dog	1-1-1	1-0	1-3	2-1	0-1	2-1	1-1	8-8-1
Favorite	2-4	2-4-1	2-2	3-2	3-6	2-3-1	3-3-1	17-24-3
Dog	2-1-1	2-1	2-4	4-2	0-1	2-2	2-3	14-14-1
Grass	4-5-1	4-5-1	4-6	7-4	3-7	4-5-1	5-6-1	31-38-4
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	4-3-1	3-4-1	3-5	7-1	2-6	3-4-1	2-5-1	24-28-4
vs Non-Conf	0-2	1-1	1-1	0-3	1-1	1-1	3-1	7-10
Off SU Win	4-2-1	3-3	0-2	3-2	3-5	1-3	2-4	16-21-1
Off SU Loss	0-3	1-2-1	4-4	4-1	0-2	3-1-1	2-2-1	14-15-3

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Yusef Kelly	**125**	**551**	**31**	**520**	**8**	**4.2**
Bernard Rambert	117	536	48	488	6	4.2
Tye Hill	**42**	**233**	**8**	**225**	**2**	**5.4**
Derrick Hamilton	**21**	**217**	**9**	**208**	**2**	**9.9**
Willie Simmons	59	181	132	49	1	0.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Willie Simmons	244	142	58.2	1559	6	7
Charlie Whitehurst	**214**	**123**	**57.5**	**1554**	**10**	**6**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
J.J. McKelvey	52	785	15.1	4	59
Derrick Hamilton	**52**	**602**	**11.6**	**2**	**49**
Kevin Youngblood	**59**	**591**	**10.0**	**2**	**67**
Airese Currie	**16**	**282**	**17.6**	**3**	**83**
Jackie Robinson	18	229	12.7	0	34

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Wynn Kopp	63	2340	37.1	53	29.7	2	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Aaron Hunt	**37-38**	**9-9**	**6-8**	**2-5**	**0-0**	**17-22**	**47**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
John Leake	**169**	**2**	**5**	**1**	**0**
Rodney Thomas	167	2	7	5	0
Eric Meekins	97	0	0	5	1
Eric Sampson	79	1	1	3	1
Bryant McNeal	67	9	5	3	0
Altroy Bodrick	65	1	6	3	1
Nick Eason	64	7	2	1	0
Brian Mance	62	0	1	11	6
Justin Miller	**61**	**0**	**0**	**9**	**8**
Khaleed Vaughn	**60**	**4**	**2**	**1**	**1**
Donnell Washington	**55**	**1**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Brandon Jamison	**48**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Kelvin Morris	**44**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**1**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derrick Hamilton	**35**	**377**	**10.8**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derrick Hamilton	**32**	**696**	**21.8**	**0**
Justin Miller	**13**	**456**	**35.1**	**1**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Peach	+4'	Auburn	17-21	W
99	Peach	-3	Mississippi St	7-17	L
00	Gator	+6	Virginia Tech	20-41	L
01	Humanitarian	-6'	Louisiana Tech	49-24	W
02	Tangerine	+5	Texas Tech	15-55	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

CLEMSON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
3	25.4	20	121	3.4	243	58.0	14.3	+2	2002	8	26.8	19	159	3.9	197	59.8	13.2
6*	30.8	24	192	4.4	240	57.2	14.0	-5	2001	4	28.3	22	154	3.8	241	54.2	14.0
8*	34.7	23	224	4.5	213	52.9	12.6	+6	2000	8	21.1	17	111	3.0	236	49.9	16.4
6*	26.8	22	151	3.6	252	59.6	15.0	+4	1999	5	21.1	19	132	3.3	200	51.3	15.7
5	19.8	15	120	3.2	185	52.8	15.4	-11	1998	5	24.7	17	105	2.8	216	48.9	12.9
7*	24.3	18	153	3.6	192	60.5	14.1	-3	1997	6	18.3	17	90	2.7	225	50.2	17.2

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Georgia	19	34-68	2.0	17-37	165	4	14	39-86	2.2	15-25	117	2	+2
Louisiana Tech	20	35-87	2.5	26-44	249	3	20	26-80	3.1	26-44	213	1	+3
Georgia Tech	18	41-195	4.8	18-31	176	0	14	32-102	3.2	17-31	201	5	-2
Ball St	22	39-203	5.2	21-29	209	1	16	38-82	2.2	16-23	138	4	+2
at Florida St	18	33-107	3.2	18-28	334	2	19	49-272	5.6	8-20	114	3	-4
at Virginia	25	40-189	4.7	23-33	223	2	20	40-80	2.0	23-32	208	2	-1
Wake Forest	18	32-72	2.3	22-35	208	2	23	64-365	5.7	10-19	158	0	+5
NC State	10	27-66	2.4	13-32	163	2	16	50-240	4.8	15-24	129	0	-3
at Duke	26	33-59	1.8	34-52	420	6	23	40-158	4.0	24-45	310	2	+1
at N Carolina	25	50-256	5.1	12-20	274	1	16	33-72	2.2	17-32	172	6	0
Maryland	10	25-81	3.2	12-26	130	2	22	59-285	4.8	13-24	153	1	+2
S Carolina	27	40-145	3.6	27-39	287	2	12	34-150	4.4	9-17	180	1	0
† Texas Tech	20	29-41	1.4	25-56	319	4	28	27-91	3.4	39-52	464	4	-3
TOTALS	258	458-1569	3.4	268-462	3157	31	243	531-2063	3.9	232-388	2557	31	+2
AVERAGES	19.8	35-121	3.4	21-36	243	2.4	18.7	41-159	3.9	18-30	197	2.4	0.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Furman	NL	33-0	–
Virginia Tech	-3	0-37	L
at Virginia	+15	18-20	W
Wake Forest	-6	19-29	L
at N Carolina	+6'	14-21	L
Maryland	-7	23-0	W
at Florida St	+27	0-48	L
at Duke	+2'	23-28	L
NC State	+4	39-46	L
Georgia Tech	+8	21-24	W
S Carolina	-5'	28-19	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Marshall	+2'	10-13	L
Virginia	+5	33-14	W
at Virginia Tech	+12	11-31	L
N Carolina	-5'	31-20	W
at NC State	-1'	31-35	L
at Maryland	+1	42-30	W
Florida St	+16	14-17	W
at Wake Forest	-4'	12-3	W
Duke	-12	58-7	W
at Georgia Tech	+4	42-45	W
at S Carolina	-14	31-21	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
The Citadel	NL	38-0	–
Missouri	-17'	62-9	W
Wake Forest	-33	55-7	W
at Virginia	-9	31-10	W
at Duke	-37	52-22	L
NC State	-21'	34-27	L
Maryland	-31'	35-14	L
at N Carolina	-19	38-24	L
Georgia Tech	-12	28-31	L
at Florida St	+19	7-54	L
S Carolina	-7'	16-14	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCF	-16	21-13	L
Wofford	NL	38-14	–
Virginia	-11'	24-26	L
at GA Tech	+12'	47-44 OT	W
at NC State	-3	45-37	W
N Carolina	-6'	3-38	L
at Wake Forest	-7	21-14	T
Florida St	+8	27-41	L
at Maryland	+7'	20-37	L
at S Carolina	+5'	15-20	W
Duke	-27	59-31	W

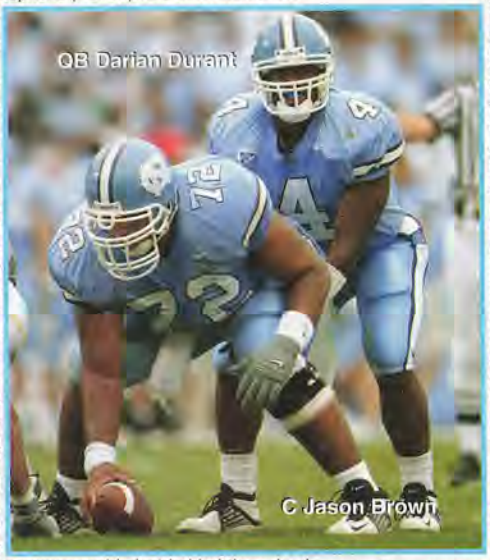
2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia	+8'	28-31	W
LA Tech	-10'	33-13	W
Georgia Tech	+1	24-19	W
Ball St	-27'	30-7	L
at Florida St	+14	31-48	L
at Virginia	-5'	17-22	L
Wake Forest	-8	31-23	T
NC State	+2	6-38	L
at Duke	-10	34-31	L
at N Carolina	-10	42-12	W
Maryland	+6'	12-30	L
S Carolina	-4	27-20	W

N CAROLINA TAR HEELS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - I find it interesting that N Carolina has NEVER produced an NFL starting QB. Ronald Curry was PS#1 in 1998 but did not have quite the career that was expected. In his senior season he split the duties with Darian Durant with Durant throwing for 1,919 yards (62.9%) with a 17-11 ratio. NC was 8-0 down the stretch when both Curry and Durant were available. Durant stunningly announced he was leaving the team last offseason but John Bunting left the door open and Durant returned. CJ Stephens (PS#26) was a Florida transfer who was the #1 QB out of last spring, but Durant won the job in the fall. Durant was on pace to set school records for yards, completions and attempts when he suffered a thumb injury vs Virginia and was lost until the season finale. Durant's season did not get started on a good note as he was responsible for six of the teams' nine turnovers against Miami (OH) in a downpour but vs Ariz St he showed marked improvement. He set a school record with 417 yards passing and tied another with 5 TD's. Durant has already thrown for 33 TD's in just 20 regular season games and is just behind the school record holder, Chris Keldorf (35). Interestingly last year, in Durant's eight starts, the team averaged 400.3 ypg and 23.8 ppg. Stephens took over for four games and the team averaged just 306.8 ypg and 8.3 ppg. For the season Durant threw for 2,123 yards (59.3%) with a 16-9 ratio while also rushing for 375 gross yards while Stephens threw for 921 yards (51.3%) with a 4-5 ratio. Both QB's are back as is Matt Baker (6-2 213 So, PS#76) who had 25 pass attempts. As long as Durant stays healthy, this unit should put up stronger numbers.



RUNNING BACKS - N Carolina has had twenty-four 1,000 yard rushers, the most of any team in the NCAA's history (USC is second with 21). From 1973-'84 the team had a 1,000 yard rusher in every season but in the last 9 years they have had just one. In 1998, 1999 and 2000 a frosh led the team in rushing. In 2001 Willie Parker was the top rusher with 531 yards (5.2) and André Williams (PS#18) was #2 with 520 (3.0). Unfortunately, Williams saw action in just four games last year due to back problems and although Willie Parker came into the season bigger, stronger and more confident, he finished with just 236 yards (3.4) with two starts. Jacque Lewis (PS#32) had nine starts and 574 yards (4.4). The team took the redshirt off Mahlon Carey (6-1 211 So, PS#58) vs Virginia and in 6 games he had 216 yards (3.9). He moved to SS this spring. A healthy Williams, Parker and Lewis' all return and the team adds Chad Scott (5-9 184 Jr, PS#82) who made the SEC Frosh Tm in 2000 at Kentucky. Scott led UK in rushing that year with 611 yards. True frosh Ronnie McGill led NC with 104 yards in 24 attempts in the spring game. I like the talent that NC has available here and this could be the year they once again have a RB to top that magical 1,000 yard barrier.

RECEIVERS - In 2001 Sam Aiken (PS#55) emerged and led the team with 53 rec's. Last year Aiken was bigger, stronger and faster and set school records for receptions in a season (68) and yards (990). He became the 5th player in NC history to top 2,000 career yards in receiving. Unfortunately he departs (#4DC of BUF) as he had more than double the catches of the #2 guy in WR Chesley Borders (12 sts, 32, 15.6, PS#10) who also departs along with TE Zach Hilton (12 sts, 19, 13.6, PS#24). I list the 2 deep below and Bobby Blizzard could be one of the ACC's best TE's in his first full year as a starter after his transfer from Kentucky and has solid depth behind him. The top two returning WR's, Brandon Russell and Jarwarski Pollock were both banged up at times last year. The big news is that they are the BEST true frosh class of WR's (PS#9, 15 and 16) in 2003!! That is a nice talent upgrade. Not listed below is Michael Gilmore (5-11 173 So). It will be tough to replace three high quality athletes like they had last year, but I like their potential.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 NC had just five of their top ten OL's back and averaged just 3.2 ypc rushing while allowing 34 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters but had five players back with starting experience. NC has sent just one OL to the NFL in the last 11 years and they have not had an AA OL since 1992. Last season they shuffled the line vs WF and true frosh Kyle Ralph started the final five. The group struggled all year with 3.0 ypc rushing while allowing 46 sacks. There was not a single senior in the 2 deep and they had six underclassmen in the top 10 so naturally everyone returns, and the unit has good size and most bench over 400. This should be one of the most improved OL's in the NCAA this year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Tar Heels had one of the top DL's in the country in 2001 but had to replace a pair of 1st round DC's, a 7th round pick and another part-time starter last year. The unit lost projected starting DT Eric Davis in the first game to injury and then DT Will Chapman broke his wrist after six starts. Starting DE Issac Mooring broke his hand vs Texas and missed four games. At the end of the season FB Madison Hedgecock moved in to help the DL. The line allowed 4.8 ypc rushing while recording just 20 sacks, a massive dropoff from 2001's numbers. This year they must replace Chapman (6 sts, 27 tkls, 4 tfl), Davis (1 st, 1 tkl) and DT Carl Smalls who was tragically killed in the offseason. Seven players return with starting experience plus they bring in an excellent crop of true frosh this year. This should be one of the most improved D-lines in the country.

LINEBACKERS - In 2001 three starters logged the majority of the time and the top three backups combined for only six tackles. All three starters departed last year including two NFL DC's so the unit was very inexperienced. This year the only losses are WLB Malcom Stewart (10 sts, 85 tkls, 5 tfl) and backup MLB Sean Williams (4 tkls). Five players are back with starting experience and four were underclassmen last year. I also look for this year's crop of true frosh (including 3 of the top 42 LB's) and two other freshmen who attended prep school last year to make significant contributions. This unit is vastly more experienced than it was heading into last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 NC finished #15 in my pass D rankings. Last season they had to replace two full-time starters. Top CB Michael Waddell was injured vs Maryland and missed the final two games. With an inexperienced defensive front seven putting little pressure on opposing QB's, the Tar Heels plummeted in my pass D rankings to #100 allowing 54.9% with a 24-6 ratio. This year they must replace CB Kevin Knight (12 sts, 62 tkls, 7 pbu) and SS DeFonte Coleman (9 sts, 79 tkls, 1 int) but six of the top eight are back and they move RB Mahlon Carey (PS#58) to SS. The team also signed its first JUCO player since 1998 in Lionell Green (PS#59) who could contribute right away (32 pbu LY). With the front seven hopefully putting more pressure on the QB and the unit more experienced, I look for large improvement in the pass D rankings, especially with an outstanding shutdown corner like Waddell on hand.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In John Bunting's first season the team was #93 in my special teams rankings, but I expected some significant improvements as basically everyone returned last year except for K Jeff Reed. Not much went right for N Carolina and a lack of depth due to injuries and graduation caused this unit to fall even more and they finished #114. Mich St trans Dan Orner (PS#33) hit 9 of 14 FG's and vs Syracuse tied an NCAA record with three 50+ FG's in the same game including a school record 55 yarder. He also nailed a 47 yarder with :04 left that beat Duke. Orner returns and is clearly one of the ACC's best kickers. Punter John Lafferty had an off year (36.6) and the team's net punting fell to 31.4. At one point Lafferty was benched vs Maryland and Paul Roberts got in six punts (36.0). Lafferty averaged 39.7 in 2001 with a net of 33.3 and should at least improve back to that level. The team also had added David Wooldridge (PS#15). Their top PR Michael Waddell (4.2) and top KR, Wallace Wright (21.5) both return. With most of the key players back and the poor performance the unit had last year, this unit should only get better.

COACHES - John Bunting inherited a killer schedule with Oklahoma, Maryland and Texas on the road and opened 0-3 in his inaugural season. He won 8 of his last 10 games including the bowl victory over Auburn. Last year the team was hit hard by injuries and slumped to 3-9. His OC is Gary Tranquill who enters his third year in that position. He was Virginia's OC in 2000 and has also been at WV and with the Cleveland Browns. Dave Huxtable enters his second year as DC after John Tenuta, who did a great job in 2001, left for Georgia Tech last season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

After going 8-5 in Bunting's first season, NC returned just 9 starters last year. Despite beating both Syracuse and Ariz St on the road, NC won just one more the rest of the year and that was on a 47 yard FG with :04 left to edge by Duke. It was a record setting season for the Tar Heels. Unfortunately, they were undesirable ones. Their 31-0 loss to Wake Forest was their worst loss to WF in 51 years and they also suffered their worst-ever home loss (59-7) vs Maryland. It was the first time they had no wins at home since the ACC was formed 50 years ago. They did lose QB Darian Durant for four games due to injury which took away a chunk of the offense. This year NC is much more experienced with 16 starters back and they lose just 14 of 63 lettermen (22%) NC was also -15 in turnovers last year and are actually the only team in the country to be minus double digits in turnovers for three straight years. Keep in mind that in Bunting's first year the team went 5-3 in league play, and returning to the upper half of the ACC is not out of question in 2003. However, I find it disturbing that NC was outgained by an average of 105.7 ypg in ACC play and outscored by an average of 21.5 ppg which means they have a lot of ground to make up. As long as Durant stays healthy, I think the offense will improve on the 18.6 ppg they scored last year. With 8 defensive starters back, they should fare much better than the horrible 452.4 ypg allowed last year, the worst since 1988. NC came within :04 of finishing in the conference cellar last year, but look much stronger and should easily top last year's victory total.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB DARIAN DURANT JR. 5-11 218 **PS#19**. 1919 yds (63%) 17-11 ratio in 2001. 8 sts LY (inj), 2123 yds (59%) 16-9 ratio, 375 rush. CJ Stephens (6-3 212 Sr) **PS#26**. 4 sts, 921 yds (51%).
RB JACQUE LEWIS JR. 5-10 197 **PS#32**. 9 sts LY, 574 yds (4.4). Willie Parker (5-11 207 Sr) **4.37**. 767 yds (4.5) 2Y. Andre' Williams (6-0 215 Sr) **PS#18**. 8 sts, 520 yds (3.0) in '01.
FB MADISON HEDGECOCK JR. 6-3 260 PS#25. 10 sts in '01. 6 sts at FB, 18 yds LY, 21 tkls, 2 tfl @DL. Rikki Cook (6-0 243 Jr) **PS#31**. 51 yds as true @Rut. James Faison (6-0 217 So) 6 sts LY.
WR Derrele Mitchell So. 6-3 205 PS#117. Hargrave in '01. 15 rec (15.5) as true LY. **Jesse Holley** is **PS#15**. **Adarius Bowman is PS#16**, Danny Rumley (6-4 215 So).
WR Jarwarski Pollock Jr. 5-8 170 PS#93. 4.32 spd, 31 rec (15.0). Brandon Russell (5-11 190 Sr) PS#55. 8 sts at RB, 508 yds (3.5) as **true**. 26 rec L/2Y. **Mike Mason PS#9**.
TE Bobby Blizzard Sr. 6-3 273 **PS#3**. 6 sts at Kentucky, 32 rec (9.0) 2Y. 28 rec (15.7) here, HM ACC LY. Brian Chacos (6-4 281 So) **PS#19**. Lewis Burnham (6-4 263 rFr) PS#51.
C JASON BROWN JR. 6-3 318 **PS#59**. 3 sts at RT as true, 216 snaps. 12 starts at C in 2002, 896 snaps, 2 sks. 450 bench. Steven Bell (6-3 272 So) 2 sts at LG as rFr.
RG JEB TERRY SR. 6-6 308 PS#78DL. 13 starts at LG, 776 snaps in 2001. 10 starts (8 st RG, 2 at RT) in 2002. 450 bench. David Mirazo (6-2 285 Sr) UTEP transfer.
LG KYLE RALPH SO. 6-4 288 **PS#43**. 420 bench. Last 5 sts in 2002 as **true**. Jupiter Wilson (6-3 308 Sr) PS#110. 11 sts, 677 snaps in '01. 8 sts, 670 snaps LY, 655 squat.
RT SKIP SEAGRAVES JR. 6-5 287 **PS#56**. 1 st, 6 gms in '01. 11 sts LY (9@RT, 2@LT). 858 snaps. 600 squat. Chris Woods (6-3 289 rFr) PS#235. Arthur Smith (6-4 287 So) 1 st LY, inj.
LT WILLIE McNEILL JR. 6-5 301 PS#196. 10 sts, 639 snaps as rFr. 11 sts LY, 782 snaps, 440 bench. Drew Hunter (6-7 302 So) PS#160. Justin Barton (6-6 307 Jr) **PS#20**.
K DAN ORNER SR. 5-8 170 PS#33K. Mich St trans. Hit 9 of 14 FG's here LY, long of 55. 3 from 50+ vs Syr (NCAA record). David Wooldridge (6-1 186 rFr) PS#15K.

DE TOMMY DAVIS SO. 6-2 251 PS#182LB. 440 bench. Last 5 sts as rFr, 35 tkls, 1 tfl. Kendall High (6-4 271 So) PS#55TE. 7 sts as **true**, 19 tkls. Marcus Hands is **PS#36**.
DT DONTI COATS SR. 6-3 300 PS#113OL. 3 sts, 25 tkl, 4 tfl LY. 475 bench. Jonas Seawright (6-6 338 Jr) PS#72. 1 st, 7 tkl. 430 bench. Issac Mooning (6-3 261 Sr) 4 sts, 37 tkl, 2 sks, 2Y.
DT CHASE PAGE JR. 6-5 286 PS#179OL. 94 snaps on OL as **true**. 11 sts LY, 49 tkls, 4 tfl. 420 bench. Mickey Rice (6-0 289 rFr) PS#76. Isaiah Thomas is **PS#19**. Jermicus Banks **PS#44**.
DE JOCQUES DUMAS JR. 6-6 264 **PS#12**. 8 tkls as **true**. 10 sts, 38 tkls, 4 tfl. Alden Blizzard (6-3 250 rFr) PS#171. Xavier Rainey (6-3 236 rFr) PS#178. Terry Hunter **PS#46**.
SLB CLARENCE GADDY JR. 6-2 233 **PS#22DL**. 2 tkls as rFr, 7 sts, 25 tkls, 4 tfl LY. Melik Brown (6-1 255 Fr) PS#58. Hargrave LY. Kareen Taylor (6-1 210 Fr) 2Y at Fork Union, 44 sks.
MLB DOUG JUSTICE SO. 6-2 241 **PS#17**. 11 sts as rFr, 97 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 int. Devllen Bullard (6-1 232 Jr) 2 sts, 5 tkls. Victor Worsley (6-1 241 rFr) PS#63. Kory Gedin is **PS#28**.
WLB Jeff Longhany So. 6-3 245 PS#81. 1 st, 12 games as rFr, 35 tkls. Clay Roberson (6-1 231 Sr) PS#70. 2 starts last year. 14 tkls in 3 years. Joe Kedra is **PS#20**.
CB Derrick Johnson Sr. 5-9 178 **PS#32**. 3 sts in '02, 39 tkls, 6 pbu, 1 sk. Lionell Green (6-1 180 Jr) **PS#59JC**. 32 pbu LY! Cedrick Holt (5-11 176 So) PS#91. 1 st, 18 tkls, 4.3 spd.
CB MICHAEL WADDELL SR. 5-11 183 **PS#5**. 11 sts in '00. 13 sts in '01, **2nd Tm ACC**, 61 tkl, 1 int, 15 pbu. 10 sts LY, 38 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu. **4.29 spd**. Chris Hawkins (5-10 184 Jr) PS#183. 15 tkl LY.
SS Tommy Richardson So. 6-1 210 **PS#58**. 1 tkl, 11 gms as **true**. Mahlon Carey (6-1 211 So) PS#58RB. 1 st @RB, 216 yds (3.9) LY. 4.4 spd. Mike Harris (5-11 201 Sr) 13 gms LY.
FS DEXTER REID SR. 6-0 189 **PS#47**. 4.32 spd. 13 sts, 107 tkls, 2 int, 5.5 tfl in 2001. 12 sts, #1 w/166 tkls, 6 tfl LY. Chris Curry (6-1 198 Jr) PS#176. 4 sts, 32 tkls, 2 tfl LY.
P JOHN LAFFERTY SR. 5-10 193 3 sts, 20 punts, 35.4 in 2000, 75 punts in '01, 39.7 avg, net of 33.3. 61 punts in '02, 36.6 avg, tm net of 31.4. Paul Roberts (6-2 211 Sr) 6 punts (36.0).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

WR	Mike Mason 6-0 180 PS#9
WR	Jesse Holley 6-3 190 PS#15
WR	Adarius Bowman 6-4 205 PS#16
LB	Joe Kedra 6-4 220 PS#20
DL	Isaiah Thomas 6-4 305 PS#19
DL	Marcus Hands 6-6 245 PS#36
LB	Kory Gedin 6-2 230 PS#28
DL	Terry Hunter 6-4 245 PS#46
LB	Fred Sparkman 6-2 215 PS#42
QB	Nick Cangelosi 6-4 215 PS#39
RB	Quinton Person 5-11 175 PS#53
TE	Jon Hamlett 6-5 250 PS#29
QB	Roger Heinz 6-1 195 PS#60
RB	Bryan Bethea 5-10 175 PS#74
RB	Ronnie McGill 5-10 170 PS#123
DB	Lionell Green 6-1 180 PS#59JC
OL	Scott Lenahan 6-1 295 PS#111
DL	Guy Kyndreas 6-3 260 PS#119

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#5

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NC	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	Florida St	G						N Carolina is 4-8 ATS the week before rival NC State. Tar Heels have outscored Duke 250-79 the last 6 years. The Heels are 6-3 ATS their last 9 as a road favorite.
Sep. 6	Syracuse	G						North Carolina is 6-3 ATS vs Florida St since 1994. Won 41-9 here in 2000. The Heels are just 3-6 ATS in their last 9 season openers.
Sep. 13								The visitor is 3-0 SU & ATS in this short series. NC is 7-3 ATS before a bye since 1996.
Sep. 20	at Wisconsin	A						Bonus: NC is 3-9 ATS at home vs non-conference opponents the last 12.
Sep. 27	at NC State	G						Tar Heels are 9-2 ATS the last 11 years in their first road game. North Carolina is 5-0 ATS on artificial turf since 1995.
Oct. 4	Virginia	G						The SU winner has covered 7 in a row in this series. NC has turned the Pack Carolina Blue, as they are 8-2 SU & 7-3 ATS L10Y.
Oct. 11	at E Carolina	G						N Carolina is only 1-6 ATS in the last 7 series meetings. The visiting team is 3-14 in the last 17 meetings.
Oct. 18	Arizona St (HC)	G						NC is 7-1-1 SU & 0-1 ATS outscoring E Carolina 248-152 all-time. The Tar Heels are 10-1 SU, but 4-7 ATS their last 11 vs current CUSA foes.
Oct. 25	at Clemson	G						These teams combined for 1135 yd of total off (891 in air) in LY's NC 38-35 win. NC is 1-8-1 their last 10 Homecoming games.
Nov. 1	at Maryland	G						The favorite is 12-4-1 ATS in the last 17 meetings. The SU winner is 15-2-1 ATS in this series.
Nov. 8	Wake Forest	G						The Tar Heels are 0-5 ATS the last 5 vs the Terps. The home team is 10-5 ATS in this series.
Nov. 15	at Georgia Tech	G						NC is 2-7-1 ATS at home vs Wake Forest since 1983. The visitor is 11-1-1 ATS in the last 13 series meetings.
Nov. 22	Duke	G						NC is 1-3 SU & ATS their last 4 visits to Atlanta. Heels have been stung 7 of the last 9 ATS by the Yellow Jackets.
Nov. 29								NC is 6-0 ATS the last 6 years against their instate rival, Duke. N Carolina is 2-7 ATS in their home finales since 1994.

JOHN BUNTING (Career 11-14)
3rd Year at North Carolina
Bunting's records AT N CAROLINA

11-14	Straight Up	1-5	Home Favorite
9-15	Vs The Spread	1-5	Home Underdog
6-8	Off A SU Loss	0-1	Away Favorite
6-10	Vs Conference	7-4	Away Underdog
	3-5 Vs Non-Conf		

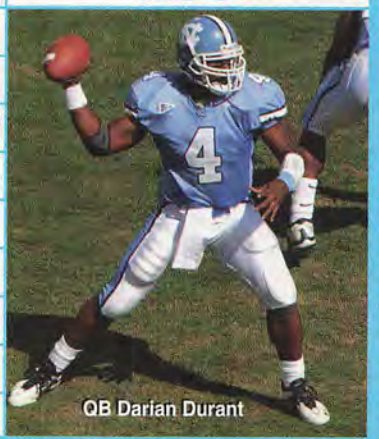
2002 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (21,24,4)
Lost: 14 (5,9,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 50,292

ACC


QB Darian Durant

STADIUM: KENAN MEMORIAL STADIUM (60,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	10-1	6-5	3-8	6-5	7-5	3-9	44-35
ATS	8-3	5-6	6-5	4-6	6-5	5-7	4-8	38-40
Home Fav	4-1	2-3	2-3	0-2	2-3	1-4	0-1	11-17
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-2	1-0	1-0	0-5	3-8
Away Fav	2-2	3-2	2-1	0-0	2-0	0-1	0-0	9-6
Away Dog	2-0	0-0	2-1	3-2	1-2	3-2	4-2	15-9
Favorite	6-3	5-5	4-4	0-2	4-3	1-5	0-1	20-23
Dog	2-0	0-1	2-1	4-4	2-2	4-2	4-7	18-17
Grass	6-3	5-6	6-5	4-6	5-5	5-7	3-8	34-40
Artificial	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	4-0
vs Conf	6-2	5-3	5-3	3-5	3-5	4-4	2-6	28-28
vs Non-Conf	2-1	0-3	1-2	1-1	3-0	1-3	2-2	10-12
Off SU Win	6-2	4-5	4-1	0-1	2-3	2-4	0-2	18-18
Off SU Loss	1-1	1-0	2-3	3-4	3-2	2-3	4-5	16-18

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Carquest	-2	Arkansas	20-10	W
96	Gator	-6'	W Virginia	20-13	W
97	Carquest	-11'	Virginia Tech	42-3	W
98	Las Vegas	-7	San Diego St	20-13	T
01	Peach	-2	Auburn	16-10	W

N CAROLINA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	18.6	20	103	3.0	266	54.6	19.9	-15	2002	3	35.1	23	221	4.8	231	54.9	12.9
6*	25.9	19	130	3.2	230	56.8	13.9	-10	2001	7	20.8	17	118	3.3	178	51.3	14.2
3*	24.5	20	148	3.5	223	53.5	15.2	-12	2000	9	25.8	16	103	2.8	224	49.4	12.7
7	16.9	16	144	3.2	133	45.3	16.4	+2	1999	4	24.7	20	191	4.3	183	53.3	15.1
6*	24.0	16	133	3.5	185	49.7	13.2	0	1998	4	23.6	17	133	3.1	209	47.9	14.5
6*	29.0	19	116	3.1	267	60.4	13.2	+1	1997	9	12.2	12	79	2.3	128	46.4	17.0

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jacque Lewis	130	592	18	574	2	4.4
Willie Parker	70	263	27	236	1	3.4
Mahlon Carey	56	222	6	216	0	3.9
Darian Durant	86	375	212	163	2	1.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Darian Durant	248	147	59.3	2123	16	9
C.J. Stephens	156	80	51.3	921	4	5
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Sam Aiken	68	990	14.6	4	77	
Chesley Borders	32	499	15.6	5	74	
Jarwarski Pollock	31	464	15.0	4	65	
Bobby Blizzard	28	440	15.7	5	60	
Zach Hilton	19	258	13.6	1	28	
Derrele Mitchell	15	232	15.5	0	42	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
John Lafferty	61	2235	36.6	58	–	1	13
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Dan Orner	26-27	1-1	2-3	3-5	3-5	9-14	55

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dexter Reid	166	1	5	4	0
Doug Justice	97	0	2	0	1
Malcolm Stewart	85	3	2	3	1
DeFonte Coleman	79	0	2	1	1
Kevin Knight	62	3	0	7	1
Chase Page	49	1	3	1	0
Derrick Johnson	39	1	0	6	0
Michael Waddell	38	0	0	8	2
Jocques Dumas	38	2	2	0	0
Jeff Longhany	35	1	0	0	0
Tommy Davis	35	0	1	1	0
Chris Curry	32	1	1	3	0
Will Chapman	27	3	1	0	0
Clarence Gaddy	25	2	2	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Michael Waddell	17	72	4.2	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Wallace Wright	29	624	21.5	0

2002 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Miami, Oh	24	28-94	3.4	28-46	353	1	22	56-175	3.1	16-33	204	2	-7
at Syracuse	22	42-152	3.6	19-36	284	3	15	43-183	4.3	4-11	71	2	+1
Texas	24	41-173	4.2	13-29	170	3	22	41-271	6.6	14-30	298	0	-3
Georgia Tech	12	27-68	2.5	14-25	231	3	24	49-185	3.8	19-33	211	1	+1
at Arizona St	19	34-61	1.8	25-40	417	6	34	35-183	5.2	27-45	474	2	+3
NC State	22	37-85	2.3	18-36	266	5	26	44-258	5.9	16-26	170	1	-2
at Virginia	20	38-98	2.6	24-34	353	3	23	47-229	4.9	14-27	194	2	-1
at Wake Forest	17	33-91	2.8	17-27	221	4	25	59-245	4.2	11-17	213	0	-1
Maryland	20	35-79	2.3	21-42	233	5	21	49-388	7.9	7-14	200	1	-1
Clemson	16	33-72	2.2	17-32	172	6	25	50-256	5.1	12-20	274	1	0
at Florida St	19	30-129	4.3	19-50	230	2	23	38-141	3.7	16-32	289	2	-3
at Duke	23	37-135	3.6	21-35	262	5	16	44-140	3.2	12-18	177	6	-2
TOTALS	238	415-1237	3.0	236-432	3192	46	276	555-2654	4.8	168-306	2775	20	-15
AVERAGES	19.8	35-103	3.0	20-36	266	3.8	23.0	46-221	4.8	14-26	231	1.7	-1.3

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Oh	-19	10-13	L
at Stanford	-8	34-37	L
Georgia Tech	-4'	21-43	L
Clemson	-6'	21-14	W
Pittsburgh	-7	29-10	W
at Wake Forest	-4	38-31	W
at Florida St	+27	13-39	W
Maryland	-16	24-13	L
at Virginia	+10	13-30	L
at Duke	-6'	28-6	W
NC State	+2'	37-34	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Virginia	-2'	17-20	L
at Indiana	+1'	42-30	W
Florida St	+19'	10-42	L
at Clemson	+5'	20-31	L
at Georgia Tech	+17	24-31	W
Houston	-6'	12-20	L
at Maryland	+9	7-45	L
Furman	NL	3-28	–
Wake Forest	+8	3-19	L
† NC State	+12	10-6	W
Duke	+3	38-0	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulsa	-17'	30-9	W
at Wake Forest	-11'	35-14	W
at Florida St	+25	14-63	L
Marshall	-3	20-15	W
Georgia Tech	-3	28-42	L
NC State	-1'	20-38	L
Clemson	+19	24-38	W
at Virginia	+4'	6-17	L
at Pittsburgh	+8	20-17	W
Maryland	-7	13-10	L
at Duke	-11	59-21	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oklahoma	+20'	27-41	W
at Maryland	-2'	7-23	L
at Texas	+22	14-44	L
Florida St	+17	41-9	W
at NC State	+1'	17-9	W
E Carolina	-6	24-21	L
Virginia	-8'	30-24	L
at Clemson	+6'	38-3	W
at Georgia Tech	+4	21-28	L
Wake Forest	-13'	31-32	L
Duke	-27'	52-17	W
SMU	-23'	19-10	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Oh	-7	21-27	L
at Syracuse	+5'	30-22	W
Texas	+13'	21-52	L
Georgia Tech	+2'	13-21	L
at Arizona St	+8'	38-35	W
NC State	+6'	17-34	L
at Virginia	+5	27-37	L
at Wake Forest	+6	0-31	L
Maryland	+14	7-59	L
Clemson	+10	12-42	L
at Florida St	+31'	14-40	W
at Duke	+3	23-21	W

DUKE BLUE DEVILS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

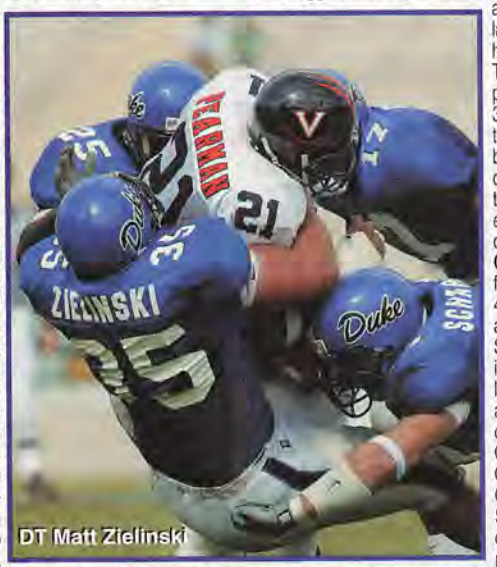
QUARTERBACKS - Carl Franks brought his Airborne Offense here in 1999 but the QB position has been in a state of flux ever since. D Bryant finally took over the starting duties with all 11 starts in 2001 throwing for 2,454 yards (48.7%) with an 11-17 ratio. Unfortunately, he was declared academically ineligible over the summer last year and three QB's battled for the starting job. Adam Smith (6-5 205, PS#90) had the most knowledge of the system. Rutgers transfer Chris Dapolito (PS#48) was the most mobile and perhaps the most athletic. Chris Wispelwey (6-5 220 Jr, PS#71) was arrested for DUI in the summer which seemed to put him back. In mid-August, Franks said all three QB's were even but it became a battle between Smith and Dapolito for the starting job. The two split duties in three of the first four games although Smith saw the bulk of the action vs Northwestern. Wispelwey saw his first action against Navy. Smith got the majority of the snaps for the rest of the year although both Smith and Dapolito had 15 pass attempts against Wake Forest. Versus Maryland, Smith had 23 and Dapolito and Wispelwey combined for 11. In the final three games Smith threw all but one pass for the QB's and he finished the year throwing for 2,031 yards (56.5%) with a 12-9 ratio. Dapolito threw for 295 yards (38.8%) with a 4-4 ratio and 88 yards rushing. Wispelwey hit 5 of 6 for 53 yards in four games. All three return along with Mike Schneider (6-3 215 rFr) who was PS#104. This unit is much more experienced than it was heading into last year, and should be much more productive.

RUNNING BACKS - Chris Douglas (4.3 speed) led the team in rushing in 2000 with 503 yards (4.6) and led all of the frosh in the country in all-purpose yards. In 2001 he set a Duke record for all-purpose yards and ranked 7th nationally finishing with 841 yards rushing (3.9). The team averaged just 74, 82 and 113 ypg rushing from 1999-2001. That dramatically improved last year to 158 ypg thanks in part to the emergence of FB Alex Wade. Wade is the 2nd strongest player on the team with a 390 bench. Douglas was banged up with an ankle injury most of the year and Wade would average 19.4 attempts in the first 7 games with 101.1 ypg. In the next four games, however, Wade averaged just 10 attempts and 33.3 ypg, but in the season finale against N Carolina he rushed for 99 yards in the 1H en route to a 138 yard effort. For the season Wade led the team with 979 yards (fifth best total ever at Duke), and an impressive 4.9 ypc. He tied a Duke record with six 100 yard games. Douglas had 640 yards (4.9). They form a solid combo with Douglas' speed and Wade's power. Malcolm Ruff (PS#37) was last year's top signee and he played in eight games as a true frosh with 70 yards (4.1) but he moves to LB. Also in the mix is Cedric Dargan (6-0 200 So) who had 58 total yards in 3 games last year and 139 as a true frosh in 2001, Mike Dowling (6-2 240 rFr, PS#162) and Fred Von Bryant (6-0 205 rFr, PS#196). I look for continued improvement in Duke's rushing numbers.

RECEIVERS - Last year Duke had to replace two starters from this group who happened to be their top two receivers. Then the unit was hit hard by injuries as projected starting TE Nick Brzezinski (PS#21) was lost for the season with a knee injury and Reggie Love (PS#40), who was leading the team with 22 rec's, suffered a knee injury vs NC State and was also lost. Khary Sharpe ended up leading the team with 30 rec's (15.3). I list the 2 deep below. Not listed at WR below are Ben Kittleson (6-0 180 So, PS#296) who is on the Duke track team, Kendral Felder (6-3 170 rFr, PS#152) and Eric Lyon (6-2 190 rFr, PS#134). Naturally with everyone back including last year's injured players, this unit looks stronger in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Franks has had an experienced O-line in each of his four years here. The first year they had four starters returning and averaged just 2.2 ypc rushing but allowed just 19 sacks. Seven players returned with starting experience in 2000 and the team averaged 2.4 ypc rushing but allowed 55 sacks, which certainly sounds like the OL for an 0-11 team. In 2001, three full-time starters were back and they improved to 3.0 ypc rushing while allowing 34 sacks. Last year they had to replace two full-time starters but had eight of the top ten back. The group paved the way for 3.9 ypc rushing while allowing 37 sacks. This year the line returns intact (just like the rest of the offense) and I list the 2 deep below. Six underclassmen were in last year's 2 deep and now just three are this year. The unit has four senior starters with good size, averaging 313 pounds per man. In 2001, Clemson DT Bush made a surprising statement saying "Duke's O-line is the best we face each year." Many more opponents may be saying that about this year's unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 Duke allowed 246 ypg rushing and 5.5 ypc which was the worst in the ACC. DC Ted Roof switched them to a 4-3 alignment last year and the starting D-line was rather inexperienced with the players combining for just 15 starts in 2001. They also lost starting DT Demetrius Warrick to a knee injury at midyear. DE Shawn Johnson emerged and was simply 1st Tm ACC with 73 tackles, 12 sacks and 7 tfl. He was a big reason Duke's rush D improved to #1 in the ACC yielding just 120.5 ypg (3.4) and the team had 30 sacks (15 more than '01). The Blue Devils suffered an unexpected loss in the offseason when Johnson opted to transfer to Div IAA Fordham. He departs along with DE Chad Rice (3 tkls) but six of the top eight are back and they add LB Jim Scharrer. Scharrer was PS#94 in 1995 and played baseball for the Atlanta and Anaheim organizations for five years prior to becoming the #3 tackler here as a "true" frosh in 2001. Not listed below are Casey Camero (6-5 235 Fr) who originally signed at Fordham, and Joel East (6-4 235 rFr, PS#238). This unit is much more experienced than they were heading into last season and even though they have to replace Duke's only 1st Team ACC player, they could be stronger in 2003.



DT Matt Zielinski

LINEBACKERS - Last year the top six LB's all returned and as I mentioned in the D-line paragraph, Duke's rush defense was significantly improved. Ryan Fowler has made quite an impact, leading the team in tackles in each of his first three seasons (the first player in school history to do so) with the tackle total increasing from 87 to 127 to 145 last year, and he also has 35 career tfl. Five players return with starting experience and I list a fairly talented 2 deep below. This year they must replace ILB Jamyon Small (10 sts, 56 tkls, 8 tfl) who had his season cut short by a torn ACL in game 11, ILB Kurt Miller (5 tkls) and Jim Scharrer who moved to the DL. They get a big-time addition in Malcolm Ruff (PS#37RB), as well as some solid young players, and I will call this unit stronger in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Duke finished #108 in my pass D rankings in 2001, allowing 246.6 ypg. Last year they had to replace two starters and three backups. Redshirt frosh CB Brian Greene took over one spot so at season's end they had three underclassmen starters. Surprisingly Duke moved up in the rankings to #86 allowing 60.2% with an 18-12 ratio. This year the unit is in great shape with the only loss being FS Anthony Roberts (10 tkls) and seven of the top eight are back. There are only 3 HT's in the top 8 and no VHT's in the group, but the unit is very experienced and I look for more improvement in the pass D rankings this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Carl Franks' first season, Duke finished #35 in my special teams rankings and in 2000 moved all the way up to #15 which is extremely surprising for an 0-11 team. Punter Brian Morton (#2 in NCAA in punting average) had a lot to do with that. In 2001 they had to replace him and the unit slid all the way down to #105 allowing three blocked punts and two defensive TD's. They also allowed 25.4 per KR. Last year most of the key players returned to the unit including both kicking specialists. The unit still struggled finishing #112. Brent Garber (PS#53) hit 6 of 9 FG's with a long of 48 in 2001 and hit 14 of 26 last year with a long of 56 and four of his misses were from 50+. Punter Trey McDonald (PS#78) saw his net punting go from 30.5 to a team net of 32.5 last year and it should continue to improve. The return game was below average and all of the key components are back plus some of this year's speedy frosh, so I do expect significant improvement out of the special teams this season.

COACHES- Carl Franks enters his fifth year at Duke and has just a 5-40 overall record. Franks graduated from Duke in 1983 and was Steve Spurrier's OC before coming here. While he is entering the last year of his contract, he did get a three year extension last December. Carl Franks handled the OC duties himself previously but QB coach Jim Pry will be the new OC this year. Pry was the OC at E Stroudsburg for 11 years prior to coming here last season as the passing game coordinator. The DC is Ted Roof who was at Georgia Tech from 1998 to 2001 and in the NFL prior to that.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In the past 40 years Duke has had just 3 seasons of winning more than 6 games and they came in 1988 and 1989 with Steve Spurrier at the helm and in 1994 in Fred Goldsmith's first season here. Since their Hall of Fame Bowl game in 1994, the team is just 14-75 SU including 6-58 SU in ACC play with 5 winless seasons the last 7 years. They enter this year with a streak of 25 straight ACC losses. Duke appeared to be a veteran squad last year as they had 12 starters returning but did have to replace 18 lettermen and only had one senior on the entire roster, the lowest in the NCAA. In 2001 Duke was outscored by an average of 25.3 ppg and outgained by 148 ypg in what would be their second consecutive winless season. Last year they opened up with a victory which snapped their 23 game overall losing streak but would win just one more the rest of the year. Despite the 2-10 record, Duke was a vastly improved team. They were only outgained in league play by an average of 17.4 ypg and in one stretch of 3 losses vs Virginia, WF and NC St, they held a 64-46 FD edge but came up short in all three. They lost to N Carolina on a 47 yard FG with :04 left and blew a 24-10 lead against Clemson in the 4Q losing on a 21 yard FG with :08 left. Duke is probably the most experienced team in the country this year as they have 20 starters returning, and amazingly 51 lettermen are back with just 5 lost (9%). They had 4 ACC losses last year by 5 points or less and I will definitely call for Duke to break through and grab their first ACC win in four years this season. Unlike last season this team not only has the starters returning, but also a good portion of them are upperclassmen with 9 senior starters and 9 junior starters making them the third highest in the league in terms of senior experience (see page 309). I will call for Duke to escape the basement in the ACC and surprise some folks this year.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB ADAM SMITH JR. 6-5 205 PS#90. 12 sts LY, 2031 yds (57%), 12-9 ratio, 116 rush. Chris Dapolito (6-3 215 Jr) PS#48, Rutgers transfer. 295 yds (39%) 4-4 ratio LY.

RB CHRIS DOUGLAS SR. 6-0 190 PS#110. 503 yds (4.6), 841 yds (3.9), #7 NCAA all-purp yds in '01. 4.3 spd. 640 yds (4.9) LY. **Alex Wade** (6-1 255 Sr) 2 sts, **979 yds** (4.9), **2nd Tm ACC.**

WR REGGIE LOVE SR. 6-4 225 **PS#40**, 4 sts as true, 8 rec (12.6). 6 sts in '01, 18 rec (14.8), 4 sts LY, #1 before inj'd, 22 rec (10.8). **Lance Johnson** (6-1 205 Jr) 6 sts, 25 rec (10.5).

WR SENTERRIO LANDRUM JR. 5-9 185 PS#137DB. 4.4 spd. 12 sts LY, 29 rec (10.1), 150 rush, 234 ret. Baseball. Ronnie Elliott (5-9 185 So) PS#120. 9 rec (8.4), 294 ret as true.

WR KHARY SHARPE JR. 5-11 175 7 sts in '01, 23 rec. 10.8 in 100m. 11 sts LY, 30 rec (15.3), 26 PR (6.2). Darryl Scott (6-3 210 Jr) PS#225. 2 sts, 5 rec. Mark Wigal (5-10 190 So) PS#81.

TE ANDY ROLAND SO. 6-4 220 PS#53. 6 sts as rFr, 22 rec (15.6). Calen Powell (6-5 245 Jr) PS#109. 6 sts in '02, 20 rec (12.9). Ben Patrick (6-4 250 rFr) PS#143DL.

C LUKE BAYER SR. 6-5 290 PS#281. 6 sts at LG in '01, 531 snaps. 355 bench. 12 sts LY, 825 snaps. Dan Mooney (6-5 290 Jr) **PS#72**. Seth Carter (6-4 245 Sr) is LS.

RG RUSTY WILSON SR. 6-3 330 PS#158, 400 bench. 7 gms, 2nd string as rFr. 8 sts in '01, 606 snaps. 12 sts LY, 922 snaps. Co-OL MVP. Lavdrim Bauta (6-5 275 rFr) PS#458.

LG DARYL LEWIS SR. 6-3 330 PS#198. 9 sts as rFr, 520 snaps. 5 sts in '01, 358 snaps. 12 sts LY, 825 snaps. Joe Boniewicz (6-4 290 Jr) PS#214. Garrett Mason (6-6 285 Fr).

RT CHRISTIAN MITCHELL JR. 6-7 315 **PS#74**. 3 gms as true but RS. 5 sts in '01, 381 snaps. 12 sts LY, 861 snaps. Chris Best (6-5 270 Sr) PS#100TE. Tyler Krieg (6-5 255 rFr) PS#168.

LT DREW STROJNY SR. 6-8 300 **PS#69**. 8 sts, 609 snaps as rFr. 11 sts in '01, 713 snaps. 12 sts LY, 837 snaps, Co-OL MVP. Jim Moravchik (6-6 300 So) **PS#94**. 5 gms, 133 snaps.

K BRENT GARBER SR. 6-1 195 PS#53K. Hit 7 of 12 FG's, L/47 in 2000. 6 of 9 FG's, long of 48 in '01. 14 of 26 FG's LY, 4 misses from 50+, L/56. Alex Feinberg is PS#24.

DE MICAH HARRIS JR. 6-4 240 PS#152. 1 st, 31 tkls, 2 tfl as true. 12 sts LY, 61 tkls, 4 sks, 7 tfl. Phillip Alexander (6-4 235 Jr) 1 st, 25 tkls as true. Paul Campitelli (6-3 245 rFr) PS#45TE.

DT MATT ZIELINSKI SR. 6-3 290 PS#106RB. 9 sts. 46 tkls in '01. 12 sts, 49 tkls, **18** tfl, HM ACC. Bob Benion (6-3 270 So) PS#288. 15 tkls, 2 sks as true. Drew Ciepcielinski (6-5 255 Jr).

DT DEMETRIUS WARRICK SO. 6-7 275 PS#138. 4 sts as rFr until inj, 13 tkls, 1 sk. **Orrin Thompson** (6-7 285 Jr) 19 tkls, 2 sks as true. 7 sts LY, 34 tkls, 4 tfl. Kevin Wilson (6-2 250 rFr).

DE Jim Scharrer Jr. 6-4 240 PS#94LB. 9 sts at LB as true, 69 tkls, 7 tfl. 2 sts LY, 24 tkls, 1 tfl. David Martin (6-4 240 So) PS#217OL. 1 tkl as rFr. Eli Nichols (6-5 235 rFr) PS#159.

OLB RYAN FOWLER SR. 6-4 235 L/7 sts as true, 87 tkls, 7 sks. 10 sts in '01, #1 w/127 tkls, 7 tfl. 12 sts LY, #1 w/145 tkls, 15 tfl. JT Cape (6-4 235 Jr) PS#66TE. 35 tkls, 2Y. Corey Sobel PS#76.

ILB BRENDAN DEWAN SO. 6-2 210 PS#351RB. 8 sts as rFr (inj 4), 59 tkls, 6 tfl. DeAndre White (6-0 200 So) PS#247. 2 sts, 33 tkls as true. Codey Lowe (6-2 230 rFr) PS#155.

ILB Giuseppe Aguanno Jr. 6-1 235 PS#133. 1 st, 26 tkls, 4 tfl as true. 2 sts LY, 52 tkls, 8 tfl. **Malcolm Ruff** (6-1 225 So) **PS#37RB**. 70 yds LY. Justin Kitchen (6-4 215 So) PS#237. 14 tkls LY.

CB BRIAN GREENE SO. 6-1 185 PS#168QB. 8 sts as rFr, 44 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu, 3 tfl. Temo George (5-9 180 Sr) 4 sts LY, 28 tkls, 1 int , 2 pbu. John-Paul Kimbrough (5-11 195 So) 16 tkls LY.

CB KENNETH STANFORD JR. 5-9 180 PS#380LB. 5 sts as rFr, 48 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu. 11 sts LY, 52 tkls, 3 int, 11 pbu. Deonto McCormick (5-10 180 So) PS#302. 1 start as true, 10 tkls, 4 pbu.

SS TERRELL SMITH SR. 5-11 180 PS#381LB. 22 tkls as true. 11 sts in '01 (5 @ CB), 53 tkls, 2 pbu. 12 sts LY, 106 tkls, 3 int, 3 pbu, 4 fmbl rec. Mark Thompson (6-3 200 So) 8 tkls LY.

FS ALEX GREEN JR. 6-2 190 PS#67DB. 1 st as true, 36 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. 12 sts in '02, 64 tkls, 3 int, 7 pbu, 1 tfl. CJ Woodard (6-0 175 So) PS#173DB. 8 tkls as true at LB.

P TREY McDONALD JR. 6-2 215 PS#78. 60 punts as rFr, 38.4 avg and net of 30.5. 49 punts in 2002. 39.2 avg, net of 32.5. Matt Brooks (6-1 190 Jr) 22 punts (35.5) 2 yrs.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

TE	Nick Stefanow 6-5 215 PS#19
LB	Corey Sobel 6-0 200 PS#76
DL	Chris Moore 6-6 240 PS#110
RB	Aaron Fryer 5-11 205 PS#86
DB	Jeramy Edwards 6-0 175 PS#90
LB	Alex Williams 6-0 215 PS#122
K	Alex Feinberg 6-1 185 PS#24
WR	Cedric Mason 6-0 185 PS#169
OL	Garrett Mason 6-6 285 PS#254
WR	Deon Adams 6-2 190 PS#221
OL	Zach Maurides 6-6 250 PS#330
DB	John Talley 5-11 170 PS#286
DB	Brandon Tapps 5-11 185 PS#293

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score DUKE	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	at Virginia	G					
Sep. 6	W Carolina	G					
Sep. 13	Rice	G					
Sep. 20	Northwestern	G					
Sep. 27	Florida St	G					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	at Maryland	G					
Oct. 18	Wake Forest	G					
Oct. 25	NC State	G					
Nov. 1	at Tennessee	G					
Nov. 8	Georgia Tech	G					
Nov. 15	at Clemson	G					
Nov. 22	at N Carolina	G					
Nov. 29							

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Duke is 29-40 SU in the Georgia Tech series which began in 1933.
The last time the Blue Devils were an AF was in Chapel Hill in 1999.
Duke snapped a 23 gm losing streak in the season opener LY vs EC.

Duke is 9-3 ATS their last 12 road openers.
Blue Devils are 7-2 ATS in their last 9 meetings vs the Cavaliers.

West Carolina Catamounts were 5-6 SU last year in Div IAA play.
Duke is 2-0 SU vs W Carolina (1990 & 1998) in this non-lined matchup.

Duke is just 4-10 ATS the last 14 vs non-conference teams.
Duke is 4-1 all-time SU & 2-0 ATS vs Rice since 1992.

Duke is 3-6 SU & ATS the last 9 vs Northwestern since 1989.
The Wildcats have not won ATS in Durham since 1987.

The Blue Devils are 2-4 ATS their last 6 games before a bye.
Duke is 0-9 SU & 3-6 ATS vs the ACC in September the last 9.

The home team is 7-3 ATS the last 10 in this series.
Blue Devils are 0-14 SU & 5-9 ATS away vs the ACC the last 14.

Duke is 7-3 ATS the last 10 vs the Demon Deacons.
The last 4 in Durham have averaged 72.5 ppg.

The visitor is 8-1 ATS their last 9 in this series.
Duke is 0-4 SU & ATS & have outscored NC St 172-107 the L/4 HG's.

Blue Devils are 0-18 SU & 7-11 ATS on the road in November since 1990.
Duke is 0-2 SU & ATS their last 2 (1989 & 1993) vs Tennessee.

Blue Devils are 3-11 SU but 9-5 ATS at home in November the last 14.
Duke is 7-0 ATS in home finales from 1991-97, but are 1-4 ATS the L5Y.

Blue Devils are 4-7 ATS in the 1st of 2 or more road games since 1995.
Duke is 3-11 SU but 10-4 ATS vs Clemson the last 14.

Blue Devils are 0-7 & 2-5 ATS their last 7 road finales.
The underdog is 15-6 ATS the last 21 in this "Victory Bell" clash.

CARL FRANKS (Career 5-40)

5th Year at Duke

Franks' records AT DUKE

5-40	Straight Up	0-4	Home Favorite
20-25	Vs The Spread	10-9	Home Dog
17-19	Off A SU Loss	0-1	Away Favorite
16-16	Vs Conference	10-11	Away Dog
		4-9	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 11*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (23,24,4)
Lost: 5 (0,5,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 23,222

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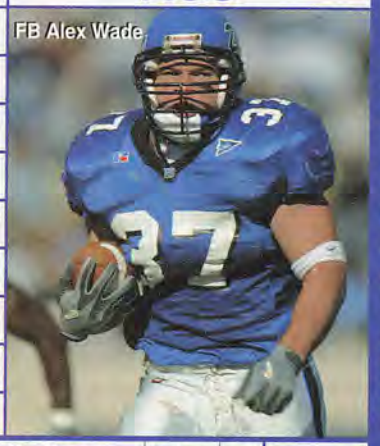

STADIUM: WALLACE WADE STADIUM (33,941)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	0-11	2-9	4-7	3-8	0-11	0-11	2-10	11-67
ATS	5-6	7-4	4-6	5-6	5-6	2-9	8-4	36-41
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-3	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-5
Home Dog	4-1	4-2	0-2	3-0	3-2	1-5	3-2	18-14
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3
Away Dog	1-4	3-2	3-2	2-2	2-4	1-4	5-1	17-19
Favorite	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-4	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-8
Dog	5-5	7-4	3-4	5-2	5-6	2-9	8-3	35-33
Grass	5-5	7-4	4-5	5-6	5-6	1-9	8-4	35-39
Artificial	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-2
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	3-5	5-3	5-3	1-7	5-3	28-28
vs Non-Conf	0-3	3-0	1-1	0-3	0-3	1-2	3-1	8-13
Off SU Win	0-0	1-1	2-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	5-6
Off SU Loss	4-6	6-2	2-4	4-3	5-5	2-8	6-3	29-31

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Alex Wade	201	1013	34	979	4	4.9
Chris Douglas	131	662	22	640	2	4.9
Senterrio Landrum	16	151	1	150	1	9.4
Chris Dapolito	38	149	61	88	1	2.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Adam Smith	308	174	56.5	2031	12	9
Chris Dapolito	67	26	38.8	295	4	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Khary Sharpe	30	458	15.3	6	54
Andy Roland	22	344	15.6	2	41
Senterrio Landrum	29	294	10.1	3	36
Lance Johnson	25	262	10.5	2	26
Calen Powell	20	259	12.9	1	34
Chris Douglas	21	254	12.1	3	45

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Trey McDonald	49	1923	39.2	64	–	1	11

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brent Garber	21-23	7-8	0-3	4-8	3-7	14-26	56

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ryan Fowler	145	2	13	4	0
Terrell Smith	106	0	1	3	3
Shawn Johnson	73	12	7	3	0
Alex Green	64	0	1	7	3
Micah Harris	61	4	7	2	0
Brendan Dewan	59	1	5	2	1
Jamyon Small	56	2	6	2	0
Giuseppe Aguanno	52	3	5	2	0
Kenneth Stanford	52	0	2	11	3
Matt Zielinski	49	3	15	2	0
Brian Greene	44	0	3	5	1
Orrin Thompson	34	1	3	2	0
DeAndre White	33	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Khary Sharpe	26	162	6.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ronnie Elliott	17	294	17.3	0
Senterrio Landrum	12	234	19.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
54	Orange	NL	Nebraska	34-7	–
57	Orange	NL	Oklahoma	21-48	–
60	Cotton	NL	Arkansas	7-6	–
89	All American	-3	Texas Tech	21-49	L
94	Hall of Fame	+8	Wisconsin	20-34	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

DUKE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	18.9	18	158	3.9	200	53.4	18.9	+2	2002	7	29.4	20	121	3.4	255	60.2	12.8
7*	19.3	19	113	3.0	231	48.0	17.9	-14	2001	7	44.6	23	246	5.5	246	61.1	11.0
7*	14.1	17	82	2.4	198	48.6	19.9	-13	2000	3	39.1	22	185	4.6	272	63.7	11.7
9*	19.7	17	74	2.2	235	46.6	15.6	-6	1999	10	33.0	21	181	4.3	241	56.7	12.8
6*	20.8	18	147	3.4	193	48.5	16.3	-10	1998	9	29.0	17	156	4.2	192	49.5	12.0
9*	20.3	16	126	3.4	181	49.4	15.2	-7	1997	8	31.0	19	190	4.2	219	59.6	13.2

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
E Carolina	14	49 - 155	3.2	10 - 20	86	2	14	27 - 25	0.9	13 - 34	130	1	+4
Louisville	8	26 - 22	0.8	15 - 34	153	6	21	40 - 192	4.8	24 - 35	260	4	+4
at Northwestern	20	47 - 240	5.1	13 - 28	188	0	18	39 - 185	4.7	21 - 35	245	1	-2
at Florida St	16	35 - 147	4.2	16 - 32	239	2	30	32 - 113	3.5	29 - 44	404	4	-1
at Navy	29	49 - 288	5.9	17 - 25	191	1	18	51 - 240	4.7	9 - 23	109	1	+2
Virginia	24	47 - 158	3.4	26 - 44	256	4	17	20 - 2	0.1	27 - 45	315	2	-2
at Wake Forest	20	47 - 240	5.1	13 - 30	98	4	12	43 - 154	3.6	6 - 13	70	1	-2
at NC State	20	33 - 86	2.6	28 - 42	353	6	17	21 - 63	3.0	26 - 37	364	0	0
Maryland	18	34 - 129	3.8	19 - 34	202	1	20	40 - 151	3.8	17 - 24	277	2	0
Clemson	23	40 - 158	4.0	24 - 45	310	2	26	33 - 59	1.8	34 - 52	420	6	-1
at Georgia Tech	12	36 - 138	3.8	13 - 34	146	4	19	42 - 127	3.0	18 - 30	200	0	-2
N Carolina	16	44 - 140	3.2	12 - 18	177	6	23	37 - 135	3.6	21 - 35	262	5	+2
TOTALS	220	487 - 1901	3.9	206 - 385	2399	37	235	425 - 1446	3.4	245 - 407	3056	30	+2
AVERAGES	18.3	41 - 158	3.9	17 - 32	200	3.2	19.6	35 - 121	3.4	20 - 34	255	2.5	0.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Carolina	NL	24-10	–
at Northwestern	+12'	44-10	W
at Florida St	+27'	13-62	L
Virginia	+10	0-24	L
at Georgia Tech	+10'	13-41	L
at Wake Forest	+5	19-16	W
at NC State	+10'	24-27	W
Clemson	-2'	28-23	W
at Vanderbilt	-4	33-36 OT	L
Maryland	-9	25-42	L
N Carolina	+6'	6-28	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at E Carolina	+4	9-27	L
Northwestern	-8	12-15 OT	L
Vanderbilt	-3'	14-31	L
Florida St	+40	23-51	W
at Virginia	+17	24-17 2OT	W
Georgia Tech	+16'	31-38	W
NC State	-2'	24-31 OT	L
at Maryland	+9'	25-22	W
at Clemson	+12'	7-58	L
Wake Forest	+4	48-35	W
at N Carolina	-3	0-38	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Carolina	+11	0-38	L
at Northwestern	+13'	5-38	L
Virginia	+20	10-26	W
at Vanderbilt	+17	7-26	L
Clemson	+37	22-52	W
at Florida St	+48	14-63	L
at Georgia Tech	+29	10-45	L
Maryland	+11'	9-20	W
at Wake Forest	+4'	26-28	W
at NC State	+18'	31-35	W
N Carolina	+11	21-59	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Florida St	+30	13-55	L
at Rice	+9	13-15	W
Northwestern	+16	7-44	L
at Virginia	+17	10-31	L
Georgia Tech	+24'	10-37	L
Wake Forest	+8'	35-42	W
at Maryland	+25	17-59	L
Vanderbilt	+7'	28-42	L
NC State	+17	31-55	L
at N Carolina	+27'	17-52	L
at Clemson	+27	31-59	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Carolina	+14'	23-16	W
Louisville	+17'	3-40	L
at Northwestern	+6	21-26	W
at Florida St	+44'	17-48	W
at Navy	+2	43-17	W
Virginia	+11	22-27	W
at Wake Forest	+11	10-36	L
at NC State	+23'	22-24	W
Maryland	+13'	12-45	L
Clemson	+10	31-34	W
at Georgia Tech	+16'	2-17	W
N Carolina	-3	21-23	L

WAKE FOREST DEMON DEACONS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - James MacPherson, who was in danger of missing most of 2000 when he tore his ACL at the end of spring, returned when the starter went down. He played in nine games overall (3 sts), throwing for 1,324 yards (54.6%) with a 3-6 ratio while splitting time with Anthony Young. Young, who has excellent speed and mobility is more of an option QB rushing for 570 yards (7.2) while passing for 269 (60%) with a 3-2 ratio and became the Demon's first true frosh starter since 1978. The combination of Young and MacPherson reminded me of Navy's effective combination of McCoy (runner) and Fay (passer) who led the Midshipmen to a 9-3 record including a bowl berth in 1996. MacPherson took every snap in the final five games of 2001. He ended up throwing for 1,555 yards (54.1%) with a 5-11 ratio while rushing for 238. Both returned last year but Young was moved to receiver. MacPherson was the clear-cut starter although Cory Randolph (PS#116) played in nine games, usually being brought in for a series in each half. MacPherson missed most of the season finale due to a shoulder and ankle injury. At one point during the season he had 159 attempts without an int, which was the best streak in the NCAA at that time. He threw for 1,837 yards (55.2%) with an 8-4 ratio while also rushing for 280 yards. Randolph had 48 passes (50%) for 333 yards with an 0-2 ratio while rushing for 37 yards. While Randolph is back, he will have some competition. Zac Taylor (6-3 187 rFr, PS#55) set 12 school records in his senior year in HS. The biggest news is the signing of true frosh Ben Mauk who set national HS records for pass attempts (1,931), completions (1,105) and yards (17,534). If Mauk is able to win the starting job and have the type of success he had in HS, this unit would be improved, but since the position lacks the experience and MacPherson did a solid job of not making mistakes while guiding the team to a lot of wins, I'll call this unit weaker in 2003.

WR Jason Anderson

RUNNING BACKS - Tarence Williams emerged as a soph with 661 yards (5.1) in 9 starts. In 2001 he was simply 2nd Team ACC with 1,018 yards (4.1) and was the team's MVP. He broke his foot, however, and over the summer last year he only had 116 yards after five games while regaining his health. The #2 RB, Fred Staton (PS#47), was declared academically ineligible. Nick Burney (PS#95) started the first six games and rushed for 412 yards (4.9). Cornelius Birgs had 260 yards (3.9) in an injury plagued season. True frosh Chris Barclay (PS#123) who has 4.4 speed, saw plenty of action rushing for 703 yards (4.9). He was one of the rare true frosh to play for Grobe. Williams did end up leading the team with 852 yards (4.6) and in the last six he averaged 100.5 ypg. Williams departs as does outstanding FB Ovie Mughelli (10 sts, 322, 4.0, #4DC of BAL). Those are some big losses. Not listed in the two deep below are this year's true frosh including PS#43 Micah Andrews. This unit does have some talent and remember, Williams was not 100% healthy last season, but I'll still call it down a notch or two.

RECEIVERS - In 2001 rFr Jason Anderson led the team with 28 rec's (16.9). Last year two of the three starters returned including four of the top five rec's, so the unit was experienced. Anderson suffered a concussion in August, injured his shoulder on a TD vs EC and saw his rec's drop to 23 although he had more yards (535) and a tremendous 23.3 ypc. Anthony Young moved in from QB and got in 3 starts with 10 rec's (11.6). The top two receivers on the team turned out to be Jax Landfried (9 sts, 38, 14.0) and Fabian Davis (13 sts, 37, 15.5) who also had 446 yards rushing and 726 yards in returns. TE Ray Thomas was #4 with 16 rec's (11.4) and was a tremendous blocker. In fact, vs N Carolina, he led the team with 11 knockdowns and a 93% blocking grade (better than all of the OL). Unfortunately this year Landfried, Davis and Thomas all depart. TE Josh Warren (1 st, PS#41) did not participate in spring (academics). I list the 2 deep below and not listed are Cassiel Smith (6-2 203 So) who was PS#170 and Ricky Perez (6-1 178 Sr) who has had 18 tackles at DB. Thomas was an NFL caliber TE (FA signee) and Davis a game breaker and it will be tough to replace them.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Wake puts their strongest linemen on the inside to power the rush attack. Opponents also accuse them of cut-blocking which is something that option teams usually do. In Grobe's first year they had their best ypc (4.0) in over a decade and allowed just 12 sacks (#1 in the ACC). Last year they had to replace two full-time starters and one backup. Starting C Craig Jones was injured in the third game and lost his job to Blake Lingruen. Overall the unit improved to 4.37 ypc and while they allowed just 12 sacks again they attempted just 147 passes (8.2%). This year they must replace RT Tim Bennett (PS#60, 11 sts), RG Blake Henry (11 sts, 2 yr st'r, 1st Tm ACC), RT David Walters (2 sts, 13 gms) and RG Masanori Toguchi (2 sts, 13 gms). Much like last year three full-time starters return and they get the outstanding addition of Wesley Bryant, a VHT Florida transfer. This group looks just as strong as 2002's.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Grobe switched the team from a 4-3 to a 3-3 and in his first year WF allowed 3.7 ypc rushing while recording 26 sacks. Last year they had two starters back on the front line and Grobe has had a couple of good classes of freshmen signees. Last year's two returning starters were both banged up as Montique Sharpe tore his ACL vs E Carolina and played through it, but obviously wasn't 100%. Calvin Pace, became the school's first #1DC since 1961, broke his leg in the finale vs Maryland. This year they lose DE Pace (12 sts, 73 tkls, 8 sks, 14 tfl, 1st Tm ACC, #1DC of ARZ), NT Sharpe (11 sts, 30 tkls, 4 tfl, HM ACC, #7DC of KC) and DE Roderick Stephen (13 sts). On the year the defense as a whole allowed 4.1 ypc and only recorded 19 sacks. There are a lot of returning HT's, but only two players are back with starting experience with four combined starts between them. With the loss of all three starters including their top two players, this unit clearly looks weaker in 2002.

LINEBACKERS - WF plays a 3-3-5 defense but I will list the BANDIT position here as it is part of the four man linebacking corps. Last year they had two of four starters returning and as mentioned in the Defensive Line section, the rush ypc allowed and sack stats were underwhelming. This year the only loss is LB Jamie Scott (9 sts, 58 tkls, 5 tfl). Not only do three starters return, but they also get the large addition of rFr Bryan Andrews, who is the first Parade AA to sign here since 1984.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Wake finished #99 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and last year basically four starters returned but CB Marcus McGruder lost his starting job. Overall WF finished #85 allowing 232 ypg (58.6%) with a 22-13 ratio. I think they could use more size at CB as both of last year's starters were 5-9. This is a very experienced unit that loses just CB Elliot Ivey (4 tkls) and should continue to make strides.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In the seven years prior to 2001, WF's highest special teams ranking was #43 in 1997. In 2001 they had the blazing speed of John Stone, a track star who led the team with 26.7 on KR's and they also had a strong legged kicker and punter. WF finished #24 in 2001. Last year they had to replace their kicker and Stone and Wake dropped down to #66. Returning punter Rolle dropped to #3 on the depth chart in August and ended up quitting the team. Walk-on Steve Hale averaged 37.6 in the first five games but dropped two snaps vs Virginia. He lost his job to true frosh Ryan Plackemeier who took off his redshirt and started the last eight and averaged a super 43.2 per boot. Matt Wisnosky (PS#39) handled the KO's and also the FG's. He missed four of his first six FG's in the first three games and Plackemeier challenged him for the job, but went 0 for 2. Wisnosky won it back and ended up hitting 15 of his last 19. Super returnman Fabian Davis averaged 21.4 on KR's and 9.3 on PR's and now departs but they did work in two true frosh returnmen in Chris Davis (15.8) and Chris Barclay (14.6) on KR's. Also, Jamie Scott who was responsible for the team's lone blocked punt last year also departs. Wisnosky, Plackemeier and Hale all return but a dependable returnman must be found. I think with more dependable kicking this season, this unit could improve.

COACHES - Jim Grobe has done a great job in a short time and was granted a ten year contract extension after last season. He became just the fifth coach in school history to lead the Demon Deacons to a bowl game. He has recorded two winning seasons in two years here and WF has not posted three consecutive winning seasons since 1950 to 1952. Grobe also did an outstanding job at Ohio U guiding the team to a pair of winning records in 1997 & 2000 and was actually 26-14 in conference play his final five years there. They do have a new OC in Steed Lobotzke but he is now in his third year at WF. He is a graduate of the Air Force Academy and has been the OG and Centers coach at WF the past two years. Wake's former OC, Troy Calhoun, left for the Denver Broncos. DC Dean Hood is now in his third season here. He was the Ohio U DB coach and E Kentucky's DC previously.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000 WF had an inexperienced team that suffered -9 in turnovers. In Jim Grobe's first year he inherited a team with 18 returning starters and did a great job guiding the team to a winning record at 6-5 despite being outscored on the year. They won a lot of close games and made some major comebacks as they trailed N Carolina 24-0 at the half and Virginia 23-13 in the 4Q but came out victorious. Last year's group was veteran once again with 16 starters returning. WF achieved its second consecutive winning season by upsetting Oregon in the Seattle Bowl to finish the season with 7 wins, their most since 1999. WF did benefit from +18 in turnovers (see page 310). This is the first time Grobe does not field a veteran unit here as he has just 10 returning starters, the least in the ACC, and must replace 16 lettermen. They lose a very productive QB, their top rusher, three of their top four WR's and will probably not benefit from +18 in turnovers like they did in 2002. They will score less than the 27.4 ppg they did last year. Defensively they do have seven starters back. Despite the fact that WF gets seven home games this year, the non-conference schedule is not easy and I think it will be very difficult for WF to bag their 3rd consecutive winning season in what looks to be a rebuilding year.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Cory Randolph So. 6-1 188 PS#116. 9 gms as rFr, 333 yds (50%), 0-2 ratio, 37 yds rush. Zac Taylor (6-3 187 rFr) PS#55. **Ben Mauk** is **PS#32**. 6540 yds, 76 TD's in HS LY!

TB Chris Barclay So. 5-10 170 PS#123. 703 yds (4.9) as **true**. Cornelius Birgs (5-10 203 So) 260 yds (3.9). Dominic Anderson (6-0 204 So) PS#101. Napoleon Sykes PS#89 LY.

RB Nick Burney Sr. 6-3 216 PS#95. 139 yds (4.3) in '01. 6 sts LY, 412 yds (4.9). Damon McWhite (6-2 258 rFr) PS#107DL. **Fred Staton** (6-0 248 Jr) 2 sts, 583 yds (4.3) in '01.

WR Anthony Young Sr. 6-3 208 PS#136QB. 5 sts true, 269 pass, 570 rush. 5 sts in '01, 455 total yds. 3 sts at WR LY, 10 rec (11.6). Chris Davis (5-11 179 So) PS#335. 5 rec as true.

WR Jason Anderson Jr. 6-3 182 PS#106. 11 sts, #1 w/28 rec (16.9) as rFr. 3 sts (inj) 23 rec (**23.3**) LY. Willie Idlette (5-11 169 rFr) PS#512. Nate Morton (6-3 200 rFr) PS#255QB.

TE Josh Warren Sr. 6-4 245 PS#41. 2nd string TE 2 yrs. 12 gms, 1 st LY. R.D. Montgomery Jr. (6-6 229 Jr) PS#82DL. 7 gms in '01. Dan Callahan (6-4 259 rFr) PS#112OL.

C BLAKE LINGRUEN JR. 6-4 276 PS#354. 2nd string as rFr, lettered. Started L/10 gms LY. Craig Jones (6-1 280 So) PS#240. First 3 sts LY until inj. Kreg Rotthoff (6-3 292 So).

RG TYSON CLABO SR. 6-6 314 PS#204. 1 st as true, 10 gms. 11 sts at LT in '01. 13 sts at RG LY, HM ACC. Steve Vallos (6-3 302 rFr) PS#265. Brian Woychik (6-6 286 Jr).

LG Chad Rebar Sr. 6-3 314 PS#375. Lettered as rFr. Inj'd in '01. 7 gms in '02 (missed 6 w/inj), lettered. Joe Salsich (6-4 266 Jr) 5 tkls at DT in '01. Lettered on OL in '02.

RT MARK MOROZ SR. 6-4 285 Canadian. 3 sts at TE as true. L/5 sts at RT in '01. 12 sts, HM ACC in '02. Arby Jones (6-4 270 rFr) PS#261. Dustin Abercrombie (6-3 269 rFr) PS#493.

LT Wesley Bryant So. 6-4 285 **PS#67**. Orig at **Fla** in '01. Greg Adkins (6-3 283 So) 2nd string OT LY & LS & lettered. Brodie Overstreet is **PS#57**. 170 tkls, 20 sks in HS.

K MATT WISNOSKY SO. 6-1 181 PS#39K. Hit 17 of 25 FG's including 15 of last 19. 4 of 8 from 40+, L/43. Ryan Plackemeier 0 of 2 FG's as true. Matt Lopatka (6-1 177 So).

DE Jerome Nichols Jr. 6-2 274 PS#37TE. 6 tkl, 16 gms, 2Y. Jamaal Argrow (6-1 230 Sr) 17 tkls, '99-'01. 2 sts LY, 28 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl, inj'd most/yr. Chris Carrothers (6-3 252 Jr).

NT Goryal Scales So. 6-0 283 PS#92DL. 2 sts as rFr, 22 tkls, 4 tfl. Cori Stukes (6-0 250 So) PS#368. 8 tkls, 1 sk LY. Daniel Orlebar (6-4 257 rFr) **PS#82OL**. 1 tkl LY.

DE John Finklea So. 6-5 273 PS#114DL. 4 tkls, 1 tfl, 10 games in 2002. Arthur Orlebar (6-4 246 So) PS#157DL. Inj as rFr. Jamil Smith (6-3 257 rFr) PS#146DL.

LLB Bryan Andrews rFr. 6-6 235 **PS#15LB!** Dion Williams (6-1 247 Sr) 30 tkls in 2000 & 2001. 2 starts in 2002, 45 tkls, 3 tfl. Mike Hamlar (6-2 212 Jr) 4 starts in 2001, 21 tkls.

MLB BRAD WHITE JR. 6-1 226 PS#115 TE & orig at **Georgia** in 2000. 13 sts here LY, #1 w/94 tkls, 5 tfl, 6 pbu. Pierre Easley (6-0 236 rFr) PS#190. Jack Yates (6-0 214 Sr).

RLB KELLEN BRANTLEY SR. 6-3 238 Hargrave in '99. 26 tkls as *true*. 11 sts in '01, 95 tkls, 11 tfl. 13 sts LY, 61 tkls, 5 tfl. Jason Pratt (6-0 221 So) 4 tkls LY. Chris Owen (6-2 215 So) 2 tkls LY.

BAN CARON BRACY JR. 6-0 222 PS#137RB. 6 sts in '01, 39 tkls, 2 tfl. 13 sts in '02, #2 w/82 tkls, 1 tfl. Obi Chukwumah (6-2 199 Sr) PS#144. 10 sts in '01, 53 tkls. Pat Ghee PS#169 LY.

CB DARYL SHAW SR. 5-9 179 12 sts in '02, 57 tkls, 3 int, 2 pbu, former walk-on. Marcus McGruder (5-9 175 Jr) PS#235. 11 sts in '01, 52 tkls, 3 int, 9 pbu. 1 st LY, 31 tkls, 2 pbu.

CB ERIC KING JR. 5-9 185 PS#322. L/7 sts as rFr, 55 tkls, 6 pbu. 13 sts in '02, 63 tkls, 3 int, 7 pbu, HM ACC. Riley Swanson (6-0 171 rFr) PS#129. Robert Simmons (5-8 183 So).

SS WARREN BRAXTON JR. 6-0 207 PS#353. 6 tkls as true. RS in '01. 11 sts in '02, 61 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu. James Adams (6-3 212 rFr) PS#190. Jason Carter (5-10 189 Sr) Illinois trans.

FS QUINTIN WILLIAMS SR. 6-2 200 PS#315. 6 sts, 31 tkls as true. 11 sts in '01, 72 tkls, 2 int, 11 pbu. 13 sts in '02, 72 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu, HM ACC. Josh Gattis (6-2 195 rFr) PS#70DB.

P RYAN PLACKEMEIER SO. 6-3 230 PS#31. Last 8 sts, 32 punts as **true**, solid 43.2 avg, L/62. Steve Hale (6-0 201 Jr) 5 sts in 2002, 28 punts, 37.6 avg. Team net of 34.9.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

QB	Ben Mauk 6-1 195 PS#32
OL	Brodie Overstreet 6-6 275 PS#57
RB	Micah Andrews 5-10 190 PS#43
OL	Matt Brim 6-6 300 PS#88
OL	Steve Justice 6-4 275 PS#94
DB	D'Angelo Bryant 6-2 215 PS#74
WR	Kenny Moore 5-11 170 PS#98
DL	Jeromy Jones 6-2 265 PS#133
DB	Johnny Edwards 5-11 180 PS#121
LB	Matt Robinson 6-3 230 PS#130
RB	Travo Woods 5-11 170 PS#121
QB	Bruce Hall 6-0 185 PS#106
LB	John Abbate 5-10 240 PS#152
WR	Kevin Marion 5-9 150 PS#152

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WF	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	at Boston College	A					
Sep. 6	NC State	G					
Sep. 13	Purdue	G					
Sep. 20	E Carolina	G					
Sep. 27	at Virginia	G					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	Georgia Tech (HC)	G					
Oct. 18	at Duke	G					
Oct. 25	at Florida St	G					
Nov. 1	Clemson	G					
Nov. 8	at N Carolina	G					
Nov. 15	Connecticut	G					
Nov. 22							
Nov. 29	Maryland	G					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

WF is 1-11 SU & 3-9 ATS their last 12 ACC openers.
Wake is just 2-6-1 ATS as a favorite the last 3 years.
Wake Forest is 6-2-1 ATS as an away dog under Grobe.

The Wake Forest Demon Deacons are 4-9 ATS last 13 road openers.
WF is 5-1 SU & 6-0 ATS the last 6 as a road dog vs non-conf opponents.

Deacons are 5-10 ATS the last 15, but 4-2 ATS the last 6 in this series.
The home team has covered 6 of the last 7 games.

WF is 7-5-1 ATS at home in September, but 0-4-1 ATS the last 5 lined gms.
Wake is 3-0 SU & ATS vs Big 10 teams since 1996.

Wake Forest is 2-1 SU & 2-0-1 ATS vs East Carolina since 1997.
These 3 meetings have been decided by a total of 8 points.

WF is just 1-18 SU & 6-13 ATS their last 19 games vs Virginia.
Demon Deacons are 1-6 ATS before a bye.

Bonus: Wake Forest is 2-6-1 ATS the last 9 after a bye.

The home team is 7-1 ATS the last 8 in this series.
The dog (always Wake) is 8-4 ATS the last 12.

WF is 8-14 ATS the last 22 vs Duke, 3-7 ATS the last 10.
Wake is 3-7 ATS at Durham the last 10 in this series.

WF has been outscored by an avg of 45-11 ppg L11Y vs FSU, but are 4-1 ATS L/5.
Wake Forest is 2-5 ATS the L/7 in their 2nd of back-to-back away games.

WF is 8-3-2 ATS the last 13 in this series (0-2-2 L/4).
Could apply: Demon Deacons are 8-4 ATS since '98 as November dogs.

Favorite is 6-2-1 ATS in the series (NC fav 7 times, Wake Forest 2).
Home team is 1-11-1 ATS in this instate rivalry.

WF is 1-5 ATS in 1st ever regular season meetings since 1989.
Huskies were 1 of only 2 perfect road teams in the country LY, 6-0 ATS.

Wake is just 1-10 SU & 4-7 ATS at home vs the Terps since 1981.
Deacons are 2-9 ATS in their last 11 season finales.

JIM GROBE (Career 46-44-1)
3rd Year at Wake Forest
Grobe's records AT WAKE FOREST

13-11 Straight Up
10-9-3 Vs The Spread
6-3-1 Off A SU Loss
8-6-2 Vs Conference
2-3-1 Home Favorite
2-2-1 Home Dog
0-2 Away Favorite
6-2-1 Away Dog
2-3-1 Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: **(7-6)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 3
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (16,21,3)
Lost: 16 (10,6,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 26,537

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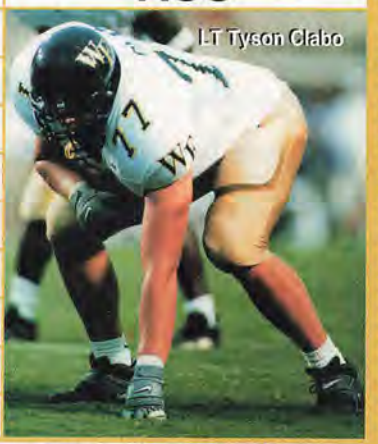
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PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	5-6	3-8	6-5	2-9	6-5	6-6	31-47
ATS	4-6	8-3	5-5	6-5	3-7	6-3-1	4-6-2	36-35-3
Home Fav	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-1	2-2-1	5-6-1
Home Dog	2-3	3-1	1-2	2-2	2-2	2-1-1	0-1	12-12-1
Away Fav	0-0	1-1	0-1	2-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	3-5
Away Dog	2-3	3-1	3-1	1-1	1-4	4-0	2-2-1	16-12-1
Favorite	0-0	2-1	1-2	3-2	0-1	0-2	2-3-1	8-11-1
Dog	4-6	6-2	4-3	3-3	3-6	6-1-1	2-3-1	28-24-2
Grass	4-6	8-3	5-5	5-5	3-7	6-3-1	4-5-2	35-34-3
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1
vs Conf	3-5	6-2	4-4	4-4	1-7	5-2-1	3-4-1	26-28-2
vs Non-Conf	1-1	2-1	1-1	2-1	2-0	1-1	1-2-1	10-7-1
Off SU Win	1-2	3-2	1-1	0-5	1-1	2-1-1	1-4-1	9-16-2
Off SU Loss	3-4	4-1	4-3	5-0	2-6	3-2	3-1-1	24-17-1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
48	Dixie	NL	Baylor	7-20	–
79	Tangerine	+7	LSU	10-34	L
92	Independence	+3'	Oregon	39-35	W
99	Aloha	+3	Arizona St	23-3	W
02	Seattle	+7	Oregon	38-17	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

WAKE FOREST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	27.4	21	241	4.4	167	54.0	14.9	+18	2002	8	25.2	21	158	4.1	232	58.6	15.5
10*	26.5	22	222	4.0	169	52.0	14.7	-3	2001	8	28.3	20	140	3.7	245	61.8	13.6
3	16.5	18	150	3.6	176	52.5	19.8	-9	2000	1	32.9	21	206	4.7	227	58.0	13.2
6	22.2	17	175	3.6	145	57.6	14.4	+7	1999	7	17.4	17	119	3.3	188	53.7	17.6
8*	21.4	19	65	2.2	287	56.0	16.5	-4	1998	7	30.5	19	187	4.2	214	59.5	13.2
9*	22.3	20	106	2.9	253	60.2	16.1	-15	1997	8	26.2	18	96	2.9	264	60.3	13.8

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tarence Williams	186	879	27	852	5	4.6
Chris Barclay	**144**	**736**	**33**	**703**	**9**	**4.9**
Fabian Davis	52	476	30	446	1	8.6
Nick Burney	**84**	**430**	**18**	**412**	**1**	**4.9**
Ovie Mughelli	81	324	2	322	12	4.0
Cornelius Birgs	**67**	**268**	**8**	**260**	**4**	**3.9**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
James MacPherson	223	123	55.2	1837	8	4
Cory Randolph	**48**	**24**	**50.0**	**333**	**0**	**2**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Fabian Davis	37	575	15.5	0	48
Jason Anderson	**23**	**535**	**23.3**	**6**	**70**
Jax Landfried	38	533	14.0	1	78
Ray Thomas	16	183	11.4	1	33

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Plackemeier	**32**	**1383**	**43.2**	**62**	**–**	**0**	**2**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Matt Wisnosky	**33-36**	**8-9**	**5-8**	**4-8**	**0-0**	**17-25**	**43**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Brad White	**94**	**1**	**4**	**6**	**0**
Caron Bracy	**82**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Calvin Pace	73	8	14	6	0
Quintin Williams	**72**	**0**	**5**	**5**	**3**
Eric King	**63**	**0**	**2**	**7**	**3**
Kellen Brantley	**61**	**1**	**4**	**2**	**1**
Warren Braxton	**61**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**2**
Jamie Scott	58	2	3	1	0
Daryl Shaw	**57**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**3**
Rod Stephen	46	1	3	0	0
Dion Williams	**45**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Marcus McGruder	**31**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Montique Sharpe	30	2	2	1	1
Jamaal Argrow	**28**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Fabian Davis	39	363	9.3	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Fabian Davis	17	363	21.4	0

2002 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at N Illinois	17	50-344	6.9	9-17	107	0	26	54-206	3.8	14-26	214	1	+4
E Carolina	20	52-181	3.5	16-29	216	1	21	32-122	3.8	21-41	273	1	+4
at NC State	18	44-149	3.4	13-29	152	4	18	37-98	2.6	17-27	223	2	0
at Purdue	21	69-248	3.6	9-12	120	0	21	28-146	5.2	24-43	331	0	+4
VIrginia	29	68-349	5.1	13-24	146	1	18	27-49	1.8	24-30	349	1	+1
at Georgia Tech	28	60-209	3.5	19-32	238	0	15	21-78	3.7	18-30	254	1	+2
Duke	12	43-154	3.6	6-13	70	1	20	47-240	5.1	13-30	98	4	+2
at Clemson	23	64-365	5.7	10-19	158	0	18	32-72	2.3	22-35	208	2	-5
N Carolina	25	59-245	4.2	11-17	213	0	17	33-91	2.8	17-27	221	4	+1
Florida St	19	48-237	4.9	12-24	146	1	28	43-255	5.9	28-44	278	0	+1
Navy	20	50-200	4.0	12-19	210	1	25	63-317	5.0	7-11	127	1	+3
at Maryland	19	45-198	4.4	8-21	153	2	28	52-258	5.0	17-28	275	0	0
† Oregon	23	66-256	3.9	9-16	241	1	13	29-125	4.3	20-41	165	2	+1
TOTALS	274	718-3135	4.4	147-272	2170	12	268	498-2057	4.1	242-413	3016	19	+18
AVERAGES	21.1	55-241	4.4	11-21	167	0.9	20.6	38-158	4.1	19-32	232	1.5	1.4

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Air Force	-.5	0-42	L
Navy	-9	26-14	W
at Clemson	+6	29-19	W
Appalachian St	NL	27-30 OT	–
Duke	-5	16-19	L
at Maryland	+1	20-10	W
N Carolina	+4	31-38	L
Virginia	+12'	17-38	L
at NC State	+14	27-38	W
Florida St	+28	7-24	W
at Georgia Tech	+17	35-63	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Army	-2'	34-15	W
at Virginia	+10'	7-35	L
NC State	+7	31-7	W
Rutgers	-17	17-10	L
Maryland	+1	14-17	L
at Florida St	+31	10-33	W
UAB	-6'	47-3	W
Clemson	+4'	3-12	L
at N Carolina	-8	19-3	W
at Duke	-4	35-48	L
Georgia Tech	+9	26-23	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Appalachian St	NL	16-20	–
N Carolina	+11'	14-35	L
at Clemson	+33	7-55	L
Virginia	+16'	10-27	L
Vanderbilt	+10'	10-17	W
at Georgia Tech	+24'	20-52	L
at Maryland	+12'	7-37	L
Duke	-4'	28-26	L
Florida St	+48	6-35	W
at Navy	+2'	49-26	W
at NC State	+15	14-32	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at E Carolina	+16	21-19	W
Appalachian St	NL	20-10	–
Maryland	+6	20-27	L
at Florida St	+26'	24-48	W
NC State	+4	14-17	W
at Duke	-8'	42-35	L
Clemson	+7	14-21	T
at Virginia	+3	34-30	W
at N Carolina	+13'	32-31	W
Georgia Tech	+8	33-38	W
N Illinois	-10'	38-35	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Illinois	-1	41-42 OT	L
E Carolina	-5	27-22	T
at NC State	+13'	13-32	L
at Purdue	+9'	24-21	W
Virginia	-2	34-38	L
at Georgia Tech	+13	24-21	W
Duke	-11	36-10	W
at Clemson	+8	23-31	T
N Carolina	-6	31-0	W
Florida St	+10	21-34	L
Navy	-27	30-27	L
at Maryland	+13'	14-32	L

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 BIG EAST TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team
QB	Rod Rutherford, Pittsburgh	Bryan Randall, Virg Tech	Rasheed Marshall, W Virg
RB	Frank Gore, Miami	Walter Reyes, Syracuse	Quincy Wilson, W Virg
RB	Kevin Jones, Virg Tech	Brandon Miree, Pittsburgh	Derrick Knight, Boston Coll
WR	Larry Fitzgerald, Pittsburgh	Johnnie Morant, Syracuse	Kevin Beard, Miami
WR	Ernest Wilford, Virg Tech	Jason Geathers, Miami	Terrence Stubbs, Temple
TE	Kellen Winslow, Miami	Sean Ryan, Boston Coll	Kris Wilson, Pittsburgh
C	Jake Grove, Virg Tech	Nick Romeo, Syracuse	Marty Pyszczymuka, Rutgers
G	Chris Myers, Miami	Augie Hoffmann, BC	Matt Tarullo, Syracuse
G	Chris Snee, Boston Coll	Joe Laudano, Temple	Dan LaCarte, Pittsburgh
T	Carlos Joseph, Miami	Jon Dunn, Virg Tech	Tim Brown, W Virg
T	Rob Petitti, Pittsburgh	Vernon Carey, Miami	Brian Duffy, Rutgers
DL	Claude Harriott, Pittsbrugh	Josh Thomas, Syracuse	Cols Colas, Virg Tech
DL	Louis Gachelin, Syracuse	Orien Harris, Miami	Vince Crochunis, Pittsburgh
DL	Vince Wilfork, Miami	Doug Goodwin, Boston Coll	Kevin Lewis, Virg Tech
DL	Nathaniel Adibi, Virg Tech	Raheem Orr, Rutgers	Mathias Kiwanuka, BC
LB	D.J. Williams, Miami	Lewis Moore, Pittsburgh	Vegas Robinson, Virg Tech
LB	Jonathan Vilma, Miami	Josh Ott, Boston Coll	Mikal Baaqee, Virg Tech
LB	Grant Wiley, W Virg	Troy Bennett, Temple	Roger McIntosh, Miami
CB	Antrel Rolle, Miami	Will Blackmon, Boston Coll	Shawntae Spencer, Pitt
CB	DeAngelo Hall, Virg Tech	Steve Gregory, Syracuse	Brandon Haw, Rutgers
SS	Maurice Sikes, Miami	Diamond Ferri, Syracuse	Michael Crawford, Virg Tech
FS	Sean Taylor, Miami	Jimmy F. Williams, Virg Tech	Jahmile Addae, W Virg
K	Sandro Sciortino, BC	David Abdul, Pittsburgh	Collin Barber, Syracuse
P	Andy Lee, Pittsburgh	Vinnie Burns, Virg Tech	Joe Radigan, Rutgers
KR	Nathan Jones, Rutgers	Makonnen Fenton, Temple	Will Blackmon, Boston Coll
PR	DeAngelo Hall, Virg Tech	Roscoe Parrish, Miami	Jamel Riddle, Syracuse

West Virginia
LB Grant Wiley

Syracuse
C Nick Romeo

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 BIG EAST FORECAST

1. PITTSBURGH - This Pitt team has a lot of talent and since they started the 2001 season at just 1-5 they are 15-4 since with the four losses being by just 24 points. Pitt has a balanced offense, experienced QB, a top-notch RB in Brandon Miree (PS#24), perhaps the country's top WR in Larry Fitzgerald and a veteran offensive front. The defense returns six starters from a unit that allowed just 17.8 ppg and one that I ranked 15th in the country at the end of last year. Pitt outgained Big East foes by an average of 75.9 ypg last season and have the third most returning starters in the conference. The Big East schedule is also favorable as their two toughest tests are in very good situations. They play VT the week after the Hokies host Miami and host Miami in the season finale on November 29th. It should be rather chilly for the warm weather Hurricanes. This is a league that has been dominated by UM and VT over the past four years, but I will call for Pitt to use this as a breakthrough season.

2. VIRGINIA TECH - VT was 8-0 last year and ranked third in the country despite having a young team, it appeared they'd "arrived" a year early. The wheels fell off and they went just 3-4 in league play after having compiled a 17-4 record in Big East action the previous 3 years. This year VT is loaded with 16 starters back and my #1 rated Big East defense. I look for them to be 7-0 when they host Miami and they'll be hoping for cold weather which they didn't have when they hosted the Hurricanes in 2001 (65°). The week after that titanic battle, VT must travel to Pitt and I think it will be tough to win in back-to-back weeks. That has me calling for VT 2nd in the Big East, but they clearly are not only a Big East title contender but also a National Title contender this season.

3. MIAMI, FL - I realize that I will be a very unpopular guest on radio shows in S Florida this year with this stunning pick in the Big East but sometimes you've just got to take chances. Miami clearly has the talent to go unbeaten this year and contend for a National Title. I feel they have been the best team in college football in each of the last three years and probably should have played in the National Title game in 2000. It would not be a surprise to me to see Miami blow through the season 12-0 like they have the last two years and get back to the National Title game. Pitt and VT are both loaded and have the added advantage of possibly playing in cold weather vs the Hurricanes in November at home. One year I picked Washington St to go from winning the division and playing in the Rose Bowl to finishing in 10th place in the Pac 10 and that is precisely what they did. I caught a lot of flack in Washington that year over that pick, but I imagine that overall the intensity will be much stronger with this selection of the Hurricanes in third place.

4. SYRACUSE - Syracuse was extremely fortunate in 2001 with +18 turnovers and compiling a 6-1 Big East record despite actually being outgained in league play. Last year their fortune changed and the team plummeted to just 2-5 in the Big East and it was Paul Pasqualoni's first losing season. This year they have a much more veteran squad. After having just 9 starters back last year, they have 14 returning this year. Don't forget, Syracuse has finished in the Top 3 of the Big East 9 times under Pasqualoni so this had been a traditionally strong program prior to last year's collapse. The schedule is set up well even though they have four Big East road games. Three of them are vs the Top 3 in the conference meaning that all of the winnable games are all at home. I look for the Orangemen to return to the plus side of the ledger in both conference play and overall, but it will be very tough to overcome the Top 3 in this league who appear to be a cut above the rest.

5. BOSTON COLLEGE - Boston College has been to a bowl four straight years and does a very good job beating up on the weaklings but struggling against top teams. They have beaten only two Top 25 opponents since 1995, beating Georgia last year in the Music City Bowl and ending Notre Dame's unbeaten season on the road last year. Despite their 9-4 record last year, BC was just 3-4 in Big East play, losing to the top four teams and beating the bottom three. That was a veteran BC squad with 16 starters returning and this year they lose 25 lettermen and return just 11 starters. BC also benefitted from +8 turnovers last year. With the graduation losses, it may be tough for BC to contend for the Big East Title, but they have a very good shot at getting to a fifth straight bowl game.

6. W VIRGINIA - What a finish it was for WV last year, winning their final two Big East games on the road at VTech and Pitt to finish 6-1 in league play and they outscored league foes by 13.7 ppg. I pointed out in last year's magazine that in 2001, WV went just 1-6 in league play, but were only outgained by 30 ypg which was very respectable and the -8 in turnovers didn't help their cause. Last year they benefitted from +19 in turnovers and despite outscoring league foes by 13.7 ppg, only outgained them by 42 ypg. They may not be as fortunate this year, especially with just 9 returning starters. This is a team that was playing great ball down the stretch and is capable of moving up in the standings, but with the graduation losses and a tough schedule, I don't see them finishing in the upper half of the Big East this year.

7. TEMPLE - While Temple is being kicked out of the conference after 2004, they are more competitive than the two other teams that will be in the conference that year, UConn and Rutgers. In their six meetings versus those two in the last four years, they've won by an average of 25.5 ppg per game. Temple was a veteran team last year but still only managed 4 wins. They have averaged two Big East wins per season over the last five years, constantly outperforming preseason expectations. This year they lose perhaps the highest percentage of lettermen in the country as 23 depart and only 42 return including just 9 starters. Bobby Wallace has gone the JUCO route and has brought in the best JUCO class in the country and how quickly they acclimate to Div IA ball will be the key to Temple's success this year.

8. RUTGERS - Two years ago Rutgers was outscored in Big East Play by 41.3 ppg. Last year they were "only" outscored by an average of 24.3 ppg. If they make that same type of progress this year, they'll only be outscored by 7 ppg which means they could be competitive. While they do have four Big East home games, unfortunately two are vs heavyweights Virginia Tech and Pittsburgh, and most of the winnable games are on the road. The Knights have a lot of ground to make up, but have 15 starters back this year. They may still be a year away from ending their 22 game Big East losing streak (over 3 years) and escaping the basement.

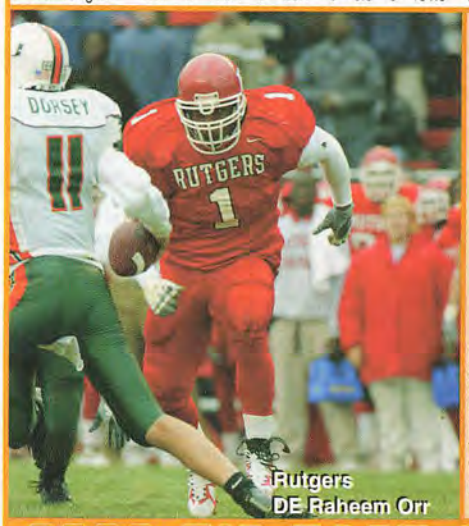
Big East Notes: The Miami Hurricanes had 4 players drafted in the 1st round and their 13 1st round picks over the last 3 years is the most of any school in any 3 year period ever. They almost had back to back national titles last year. Miami is 21-0 in Big East play the last 3 years and the next best records belong to Pitt and Virginia Tech who are each 13-8 in that span. Temple is still scheduled to exit the league in 2004 with Connecticut taking its place and there were a lot of rumors this spring about Miami heading off to the ACC and taking a couple of members with them. During the regular season the Big East was 23-13 in non conf play (5th best) and a disappointing 7-8 vs BCS conference teams. They were 3-2 in bowls last year but are a super 11-3 in bowl games the last 3 years which is the best mark of any 1A conference. Miami has TEN players on my preseason 1st team Big East.

2002 BIG EAST vs BIG EAST OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
1	Miami, Fl	42.4	1	466.6	1	167.4	5	4.8	2	299.1	1	57.9	2	11.0	1	8	2	9	2
24	W Virginia	30.3	2	372.3	5	267.9	1	4.8	1	104.4	8	51.6	6	12.3	2	5	1	8	1
27	Virginia Tech	29.9	3	409.4	2	213.6	2	4.6	3	195.9	4	62.0	1	13.7	3	20	6	24	7
30	Boston Coll	25.7	5	379.7	3	167.9	4	4.3	4	211.9	2	54.0	3	14.8	5	14	4	11	3
49	Pittsburgh	26.4	4	376.6	4	165.7	6	4.0	6	210.9	3	52.3	5	14.2	4	13	3	19	5
57	Syracuse	24.1	6	370.1	6	178.4	3	4.2	5	191.7	6	52.7	4	15.3	6	16	5	19	5
92	Temple	17.7	7	312.6	7	117.0	7	3.0	7	195.6	5	51.3	7	17.6	8	12	7	12	4
116	Rutgers	11.3	8	176.4	8	25.1	8	0.8	8	151.3	7	43.6	8	15.6	7	29	8	32	8

2002 BIG EAST vs BIG EAST DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
12	Miami, Fl	20.0	3	306.0	2	179.0	6	3.8	4	127.0	1	51.6	4	15.3	2	16	4	24	1
14	Pittsburgh	19.7	2	300.7	1	135.9	3	3.4	3	164.9	3	52.4	5	15.3	3	17	3	19	3
20	Virginia Tech	28.9	5	404.1	6	158.6	5	4.1	6	245.6	7	54.2	6	14.0	5	18	2	22	2
33	Boston Coll	22.4	4	340.4	5	187.6	7	4.4	7	152.9	2	50.5	3	15.2	4	11	8	12	6
40	W Virginia	16.6	1	330.3	4	109.1	1	3.1	1	221.1	6	50.2	2	19.9	1	24	1	11	7
50	Temple	29.7	6	313.0	3	126.3	2	3.2	2	186.7	5	56.1	7	10.5	8	13	7	17	5
93	Rutgers	35.6	8	416.1	7	250.9	8	5.1	8	165.3	4	50.0	1	11.7	7	15	5	11	7
98	Syracuse	35.0	7	453.0	8	155.7	4	4.0	5	297.3	8	57.9	8	12.9	6	15	5	18	4



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2002 BIG EAST STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Miami, Fl	7	0	297	140	12	1	527	248
W Virginia	6	1	212	116	9	4	396	302
Pittsburgh	5	2	185	138	9	4	331	232
Virginia Tech	3	4	209	202	10	4	429	263
Boston College	3	4	180	157	9	4	392	253
Temple	2	5	124	208	4	8	242	351
Syracuse	2	5	169	245	4	8	347	406
Rutgers	0	7	79	249	1	11	167	397

Coach of the Year: Larry Coker, Miami Fla

2001 BIG EAST STANDINGS

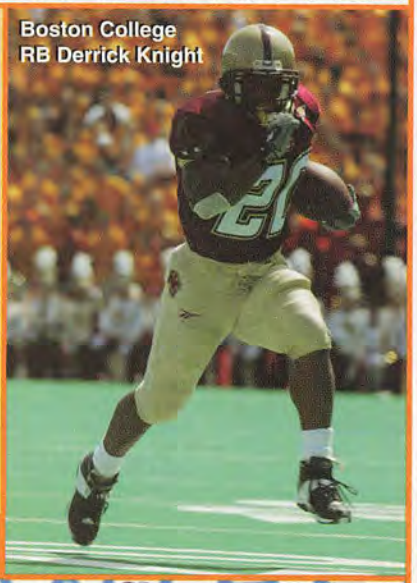
	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Miami, Fl	7	0	290	55	11	0	475	103
Syracuse	6	1	196	144	9	3	308	244
Virginia Tech	4	3	199	106	8	3	359	147
Boston Coll	4	3	205	125	7	4	317	211
Pittsburgh	4	3	174	161	6	5	262	226
Temple	2	5	67	203	4	7	198	311
W Virginia	1	6	137	185	3	8	235	268
Rutgers	0	7	36	325	2	9	119	397

Coach of the Year: Larry Coker, Miami Fla

2000 BIG EAST STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Miami, Fl	7	0	310	67	10	1	469	170
Virginia Tech	6	1	260	156	10	1	443	249
Pittsburgh	4	3	174	167	7	4	267	210
Syracuse	4	3	162	145	6	5	294	212
Boston College	3	4	173	205	6	5	347	260
W Virginia	3	4	179	226	6	5	307	325
Temple	1	6	117	192	4	7	224	269
Rutgers	0	7	95	312	3	8	233	399

Coach of the Year: Butch Davis, Miami Fla


Boston College
RB Derrick Knight

2002 BIG EAST CONFERENCE LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Ken Dorsey, Miami	393	222	56.5	12	3369	8.6	28	145.9
Bryan Randall, VT	248	158	63.7	11	2134	8.6	12	143.1
Rod Rutherford, Pitt	367	192	52.3	12	2783	7.6	22	129.3
Brian St Pierre, BC	407	237	58.2	17	2983	7.3	18	126.0
Troy Nunes, Syracuse	198	115	58.1	7	1337	6.8	8	121.1
Rasheed Marshall, WV	259	139	53.7	5	1616	6.2	9	113.7
RJ Anderson, Syracuse	134	58	43.3	8	899	6.7	4	97.5
Mike McGann, Temple	353	173	49.0	22	1994	5.6	13	96.1

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

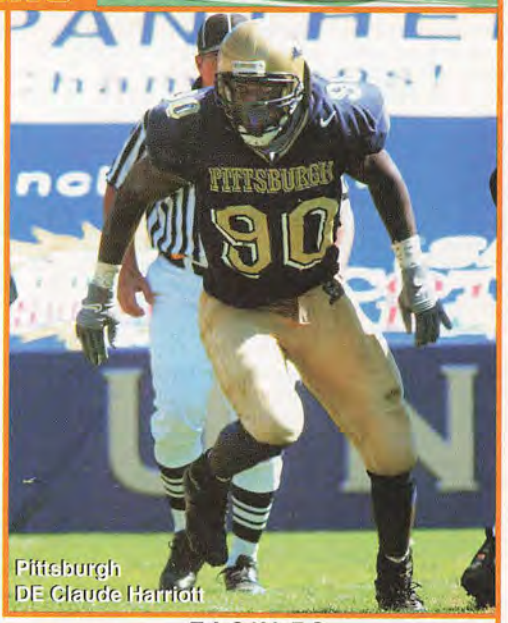
	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Andre Johnson, Miami	12	52	1092	9	91.0	4.3	21.0
Larry Fitzgerald, Pitt	13	69	1005	12	77.3	5.3	14.6
Ernest Wilford, VT	14	51	925	7	66.1	3.6	18.1
Jamel Riddle, Syracuse	11	41	626	5	56.9	3.7	15.3
Kellen Winslow, Miami	13	57	726	8	55.8	4.4	12.7
Lamar Slade, Pitt	13	48	649	4	49.9	3.7	13.5
David Tyree, Syracuse	12	36	559	3	46.6	3.0	15.5
Keith Hemmings, BC	12	41	559	2	46.6	3.4	13.6
Jamal Burke, BC	11	33	498	3	45.3	3.0	15.1
Miquelle Henderson, WV	11	40	496	2	45.1	3.6	12.4

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Willis McGahee, Miami	13	282	1753	6.2	28	134.8
Avon Cobourne, WV	13	335	1710	5.1	17	131.5
Derrick Knight, BC	13	259	1432	5.5	12	110.2
Tanardo Sharps, Temple	12	311	1276	4.1	8	106.3
Lee Suggs, VT	14	257	1325	5.2	22	94.6
Walter Reyes, Syracuse	12	182	1135	6.2	17	94.6
Brandon Miree, Pitt	13	214	943	4.4	4	72.5
Quincy Wilson, WV	13	140	901	6.4	6	69.3
Kevin Jones, VT	13	160	871	5.4	9	67.0
Rasheed Marshall, WV	13	173	666	3.8	13	51.2

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Ken Dorsey, Miami	13	23	(-39)	393	3369	3330	256.2
Rod Rutherford, Pitt	13	182	398	367	2783	3181	244.7
Brian St Pierre, BC	13	68	126	407	2983	3109	239.2
Bryan Randall, VT	14	171	507	248	2134	2641	188.6
Mike McGann, Temple	12	95	200	353	1994	2194	182.8
Rasheed Marshall, WV	13	173	666	259	1616	2282	175.5
Troy Nunes, Syracuse	9	51	24	198	1337	1361	151.2
Willis McGahee, Miami	13	282	1753	0	0	1753	134.8
Avon Cobourne, WV	13	335	1710	0	0	1710	131.5
R.J. Anderson, Syracuse	9	53	108	134	899	1007	111.9



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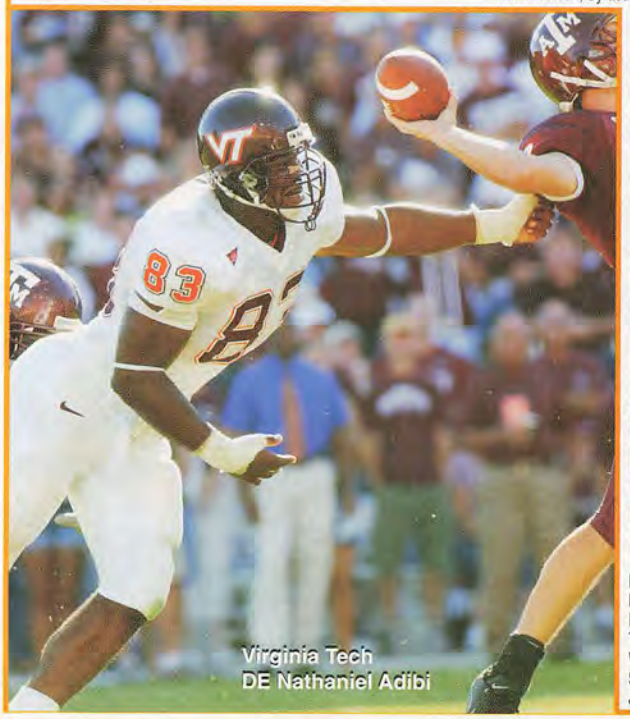
DE Claude Harriott



Virginia Tech
DE Nathaniel Adibi

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Andy Lee, Pitt	13	73	3147	43.1
Freddie Capshaw, Miami	13	54	2225	41.2
Vinnie Burns, VT	14	64	2591	40.5
Mike Barr, Rutgers	12	92	3707	40.3
Mike Shafer, Syracuse	12	69	2707	39.2
Garvin Ringwelski, Temple	11	47	1819	38.7
Kevin McMyler, BC	13	57	2125	37.3
Mark Fazzolari, WV	13	53	1969	37.2

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
DeAngelo Hall, VT	22	352	2	16.0
Roscoe Parrish, Miami	27	392	0	14.5
Jamel Riddle, Syracuse	23	316	1	13.7
Jamal Burke, BC	24	286	1	11.9
Ethenic Sands, Miami	17	169	0	9.9
Zamir Cobb, Temple	23	222	0	9.7
Lance Frazier, WV	30	208	0	6.9

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Sandro Sciortino, BC	13	23	32	71.9	49
Cap Poklemba, Temple	12	14	20	70.0	42
Todd James, WV	13	11	16	68.8	42
David Abdul, Pitt	13	13	20	65.0	47
Todd Sievers, Miami	13	13	22	59.1	53
Collin Barber, Syracuse	12	11	20	55.0	50
Ryan Sands, Rutgers	11	5	12	41.7	45

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Nathan Jones, Rutgers	26	736	2	28.3
Makonnen Fenton, Temple	14	380	1	27.1
Phil Braxton, WV	19	481	0	25.3
Torrie Cox, Pitt	30	690	0	23.0
Will Blackmon, BC	28	630	0	22.5
Steve Gregory, Syracuse	17	376	0	22.1
Jason Geathers, Miami	24	521	0	21.7

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AV/G
Clifton Smith, Syracuse	12	89	48	136	11.3
Gary Brackett, Rutgers	12	82	48	130	10.8
Gerald Hayes, Pitt	13	94	39	133	10.2
Jonathan Vilma, Miami	13	75	58	133	10.2
Grant Wiley, WV	13	91	42	133	10.2
Josh Ott, BC	13	81	47	128	9.8
Tez Morris, Pitt	13	71	48	119	9.2
James Davis, WV	13	65	55	120	9.2
Angel Estrada, WV	13	72	44	116	8.9
Shawn Seabrooks, Rutgers	12	68	36	104	8.7

TFL

	NO	YDS
Dan Klecko, Temple	22.5	114
Claude Harriott, Pitt	21.0	106
Cols Colas, VT	19.0	74
Gerald Hayes, Pitt	19.0	42
Louis Gachelin, Syracuse	17.0	61
William Joseph, Miami	16.0	60
Jerome McDougle, Miami	16.0	62
D.J. Williams, Miami	16.0	45
Nathaniel Adibi, VT	15.0	72
David Upchurch, WV	14.5	29

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Dan Klecko, Temple	10.0	82
Jamaal Green, Miami	10.0	47
Claude Harriott, Pitt	9.5	78
Nathaniel Adibi, VT	9.0	61
Cols Colas, VT	9.0	48
Louis Gachelin, Syracuse	8.5	44
Jerome McDougle, Miami	7.0	44
Vince Wilfork, Miami	7.0	28
Derric Rossy, BC	6.0	36
Brian Guzek, Pitt	5.5	38

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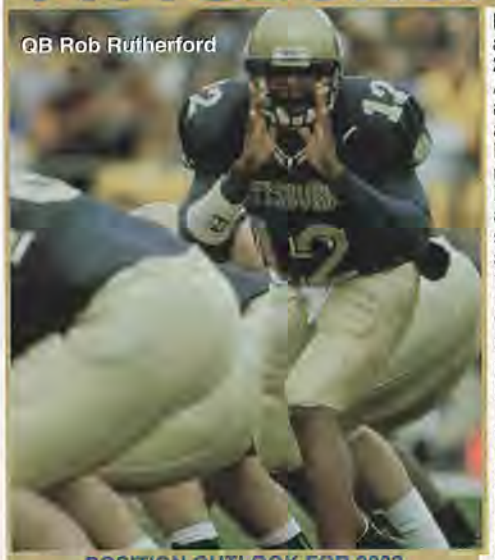
QB Rob Rutherford

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Walt Harris usually doesn't declare his starting QB after spring practice as most coaches do and last year was business as usual. The team had to replace David Priestley who had thrown for 2,399 yards with a 20-8 ratio. Rod Rutherford (PS#9), who was known as a running QB, struggled in the pass attack all spring and was much maligned. In his opening game he completed just 9 of 22 for 97 yards with three int's. After a shaky 1H against Texas A&M where he hit just 4 of 9, chants from the crowd "We want Palko" erupted. Tyler Palko (PS#10) was second string as a true frosh last year. Rutherford had a great 2H and almost guided the upset of the Aggies and then topped 225 yards in the next five games. He also became the first Pitt QB to beat Syracuse in the Carrier Dome since Dan Marino in 1982. Rutherford finished with 2,783 yards passing (52.3%) and a 22-12 ratio while also rushing for 739 gross yards and he was named 2nd Tm Big East. Palko got in three pass attempts and rushed for 28 yards and will battle Luke Getsy (6-2 210 rFr) who was PS#58 and was the scout team QB last year. If the competition for the #2 job is close, Palko may redshirt this year. This is an extremely deep unit and as long as Rutherford stays healthy, he should be one of the Big East's best QB's this year.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 Pitt did not have a back top 100 yards in a game all season and their leading rusher was Raymond Kirkley who had 672 yards (4.0). The top three rushers all returned last year and while Brandon Miree had 63 yards against Texas A&M and 97 against UAB, he had just 27 yards vs Rutgers. Kirkley started the next three games but nobody really took charge. In fact, Marcus Furman (PS#55), who was a backup WR at the start of August, started against Texas A&M but had just two attempts in that game and finished the season with 75 yards. There was talk at midseason that Jawan Walker (5-10 190 So, PS#65) who was recovering from injury, would become the feature back when he was healthy, and he played in his first game against ND. Miree (PS#24), an Alabama transfer, started vs BC and never looked back. He had 161 vs VT and 118 vs Miami. He averaged 110.6 ypg in the last 5 games and led the team with 943 yards (4.4). I list the FB's below. The great news for Pitt is that everyone returns and now that Miree is established as the feature back, he should have a huge year.

RECEIVERS - Pitt is turning into "WR U" as they have simply had a WR lead the Big East in receiving for 5 of the last 6 years! In 2001 they had the Big East's most productive WR combo in Antonio Bryant and RJ English who combined for 1,596 yards and last year had to replace both. The huge news was the addition of Larry Fitzgerald (PS#11) who spent 2001 at Valley Forge Military and played as a "true" here last year. While he did not start until the third game, he had an amazing year leading the Big East with 69 rec's for 1,005 yards (14.6) and he made some amazing catches on a weekly basis. He has a streak of six straight games with a TD reception which ties Antonio Bryant, and broke all of Bryant's Pitt frosh records. He was the first true frosh in Big East history to be unanimous 1st Team. He played his best vs tough foes (103 yds vs A&M, 83 vs ND, 105 vs VT, 74 vs Miami and 159 vs WV). He did have a dropped pass in the endzone vs WV which would have given Pitt the victory but he made catches that no other receiver would have made. He also became the first true frosh non K to lead the team in scoring since Tony Dorsett (1973). TE Kris Wilson, who has surprising speed and beat Fitzgerald in a midseason race, also returns. They must replace WR Lamar Slade (13 sts, 48, 13.5) and WR Roosevelt Bynes (3 sts, 18, 22.4). I like Princell Brockenbrough, who was PS#44JC, and is an outstanding blocker and a very physical receiver. This could be the best receiving corps in the Big East.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 Pitt averaged 3.5 ypc rushing and allowed 28 sacks. Last year basically all 5 starters returned and the group averaged 6-5 307, so much improvement was expected. Surprisingly the team averaged just 3.4 ypc rushing for the season and allowed 46 sacks despite having a mobile QB. This year they must replace C Chad Reed (13 sts, 2 yr st'r) and RG Bryan Anderson (13 sts, 1st Tm BE, 4 yr st'r, #7DC of CHI). Basically 8 of the top ten are back and while they must replace probably their top player, last year's group clearly underachieved and I expect improvement in this year's numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001, the D-line was plagued by injuries but with the addition of 2 redshirt frosh at midseason, allowed just 3.0 ypc and recorded 42 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters including a 5th round DC. The unit was once again hit hard as one returning starter quit the team prior to the year and another, Tyre Young (6-0 275 So, PS#62LB) played in just one game due to suspension and injuries. Projected starting DT Darrell McMurray missed the year with back injuries as did backup DT Troy Banner. Surprisingly Pitt allowed just 3.2 ypc rushing but the sack total fell to 30. This year the unit is much more experienced. The only loss is DE Brian Guzek (13 sts, 62 tkls, 5.5 sks, 12 QBH). Top sack man, Claude Harriott (9.5) is back after chalking up 1st Tm Big East honors and his seven forced fumbles were second most in the NCAA. Basically seven of the top eight return. This group has a lot more experience and should prove to be formidable.

LINEBACKERS - Pitt had to replace three LB's last year who combined for 11 starts and 143 tackles. I projected 2 VHT rFr into the 2 deep but the LB corps took a big hit prior to the 2002 season when LB Monroe Weekly (PS#38) was dismissed and LB Joe Dipre (PS#26) was suspended following spring practice. Taking their spots were a walk-on and a converted RB. One returning starter, Gerald Hayes, led the team with 133 tackles, had 19 tfl, and was a 3rd Tm AA. Unfortunately this year he departs (#3DC of ARZ) along with WLB Brian Beinecke (12 sts, 79 tkls, 13 tfl), backup MLB Scott McCurley (13 tkls, 1 tfl) and backup SLB Mike Jemison (14 tkls). While only one starter and two of the top six are back, they do get the solid addition of Dipre (PS#26DL) who practiced with the scout team. They add some HT rFr and a VHT true frosh. This is also Malcolm Postell's second year at LB after shifting over from RB. This has the makings of a decent unit, but is less experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Pitt's highest finish in my pass D rankings since 1997 was #63 in 2001. Last year they had to replace two starters including a 5th round DC. The projected starting safeties were both injured in the spring and missed the first eight games. Surprisingly Shawntae Spencer, who led the Big East in pbu in 2001 would get just four starts at CB last year but was second on the team with 11 pbu. Overall Pitt moved up to #30 in my pass D rankings allowing just 52.5% with only eight TD's and 15 interceptions. This year the team must replace CB Torrie Cox (13 sts, 82 tkls, 1st Tm BE, 2 int, 13 pbu, #6DC of TB), CB Shawn Robinson (10 sts, 26 tkls, 1 int, 9 pbu), SS Gary Urschler (1 st, 13 tkls), CB Taron Gray (4 tkls) and SS Shane Leichty (5 tkls). I'm impressed with the possible replacements at the CB spots with Ferguson starting 8 career games at CB in '00 and '01 and showing his versatility by playing safety last year and Bernard "Josh" Lay (PS#55) who has a 38" VL as well as Marcus Furman who moves over from TB. Even with the loss of both starting CB's, I think this is Harris' best secondary yet at Pitt.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2001 Pitt finished #44 in my special teams rankings. Last year they had to replace their kicker and top PR but had solid KR Torrie Cox back (24.3 in '01). Pitt dropped to #59. P Andy Lee returns for his fourth year and averaged a very solid 43.1 with a net of 36.4. At the beginning of the year David Adbul handled the KO's and long FG's with JB Gibboney handling the short FG's. Gibboney missed three xp's and Abdul took over the FG's vs Toledo. Abdul, who missed 3 of his first 8 FG's hit 10 of his last 12 including 4 vs BC which were at tricky Heinz Field. CB Shawntae Spencer blocked two punts and is back but DE Guzek, who blocked a FG on the last play vs BC, departs. The team used true frosh Billy Gaines (4.3 spd) at PR and although he averaged just 4.9, he is dangerous. KR Torrie Cox must be replaced but Spencer (23.8) and Marcus Furman (37.0) return. This year they add some outstanding freshmen. I like the overall talent of this group and look for the special teams to make a significant rise in my ratings.

COACHES - Walt Harris was on the verge of getting booted from the program after two consecutive losing years but has now guided the team to 3 consecutive bowls, winning the last two. Harris, a former Ohio St QB coach and 1997 Big East Coach of the Year, enters his seventh year. The OC is JD Brookhart who is in his fourth year in that role and seventh year at Pitt. The DC is Paul Rhoads who enters his fourth season after being the secondary coach at Iowa St from 1996-'99.

PHIL'S FORECAST

For a storied program, it was an embarrassment that Pitt actually finished 8th and 7th in Big East play in '98 and '99. In '99 they had just 67 scholarship players but were up to 80 in 2001 and are now back at full strength. Many of their losses were in close contests. It looked like Walt Harris was in trouble when the team began 2001 at 1-5, but since then they've gone 15-4. Laid-back California Coach Harris challenged his team and took over the conditioning drills in the second half of that season. They also scrapped the spread offense going back to the pro-style attack the team had used previously. In 2001 they got their first win over a Top 10 team since 1989 (VT) and last year got their first win over a Top 3 team since 1982 when they once again upset the #3 ranked (and perfect 8-0) Hokies in Blacksburg! They also beat Syracuse for the first time in 13 years and had a 402-185 yard edge at South Bend but came up short on the scoreboard. Last season was Pitt's first 9 win season since 1982 (Dan Marino era). While last year's team did benefit from +10 in turnovers they outgained league foes by an average of 75.9 ypg and all four of the team's losses were by a combined 24 points. When I wrote each individual position for Pitt, I would finish and say "Wow"! This is clearly a loaded team, and by far Walt Harris' most talented and it comes in the perfect year. The toughest road game is at Texas A&M, and I think Pitt can win there. Their other tough opponents (ND, VT, Miami) all come at home. They get the benefit of playing VT the week after VT faces Miami and the additional benefit of playing the warm weather Hurricanes on Nov 29th in Pittsburgh (cold). This is a Pitt team that is not only capable of winning its first Big East Championship, but I will list them as a legitimate National Title contender, much like I did with surprising Ohio St last year.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB ROD RUTHERFORD SR. 6-3 220 **PS#9**. 262 pass, 315 rush in '01. 13 sts, 2783 yds (52%), 22-12 ratio, 739 rush, **2nd Tm Big East** LY. Tyler Palko (6-2 210 So) **PS#10**, 41 ttl yds LY.

RB BRANDON MIREE SR. 6-0 235 **PS#24**. 426 yds (4.5) @ Bama in '00. 7 sts LY, 943 yds (4.4), 11 rec (11.2). Jawan Walker was PS#65. Ray Kirkley (5-10 215 Jr) 824 yds (3.9) 2Y.

FB LOUSAKA POLITE SR. 6-0 240 11 sts as rFr, 252 ttl yds. 8 sts in '01, 219 ttl yds. 10 sts LY, 211 rush (4.1), 9 rec (8.4). Tim Murphy (5-10 230 So) PS#68. 1 st, 68 ttl yds as rFr.

WR LARRY FITZGERALD SO. 6-3 210 **PS#11. 1st Tm Big East** as true, 69 rec (14.6), 12 TD's. Terrell Allen is PS#57. Yogi Roth (5-10 195 Sr) 2 sts, 13 rec (8.3) 2 years.

WR Princell Brockenbrough Jr. 6-3 200 PS#44JC LY. Physical & RS LY. Billy Gaines (5-7 170 So) PS#52, 4.22 spd. 27 PR (4.9) as true. Chris Curd (6-3 230 Sr) PS#176, 13 gms on sp tms.

TE KRIS WILSON SR. 6-3 240 Size & spd. 7 sts as rFr. 8 rec (18.8). 12 sts in '01, 19 rec (14.3). 13 sts LY, 18 rec (21.6). Erik Gill (6-5 255 So) **PS#3**. Steve Buches (6-3 215 rFr) PS#32.

C Justin Belarski Jr. 6-3 290 PS#176. 415 bench. 9 games as rFr. 2nd string LY & 2 letters. Matt Maiers (6-3 275 Jr) PS#355. Rob Frederick (6-3 295 Jr) **Tulsa** trans.

RG Jon Schall Sr. 6-4 295 PS#246. **10 sts** at LG as **true**. 4 sts in '01, 10 games. 2nd string LY. John Simonitis (6-3 290 rFr) PS#106. Neal Tracey (6-3 290 Fr) PS#140.

LG DAN LaCARTE SR. 6-4 295 PS#49TE. 4 gms as rFr. Last 8 sts at LG in '01. 13 sts LY. Penny Semaia (6-5 330 Sr) 1 st at NT, 17 tkls, 4 tfl in 2000. 2 letters on OL, L2Y.

RT MATT MORGAN SR. 6-7 295 **PS#55**. 6 sts as rFr. 9 sts at RT in '01. 13 sts LY. Offseason hip surgery. Dale Williams (6-5 285 So) **PS#47**. Nick Pietracatello (6-3 290 Sr).

LT ROB PETITTI JR. 6-6 330 PS#135. 12 sts as rFr, held Freeney to zero sks. 13 sts in 2002, 370 bench, **2nd Tm Big East**. Jason Capizzi (6-9 300 rFr) **PS#85OL**.

K DAVID ABDUL SO. 5-10 175 **PS#3**. 54 yd FG in HS, 64% TB's. Hit 13 of 20 FG's here LY (10 of L/12), long of 47, 28 of 29 xp's. JB Gibboney (5-9 175 Jr) 3 of 4 FG's LY.

DE Thomas Smith So. 6-4 265 PS#125DL. 10 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. Andy Alleman (6-4 235 So) PS#70LB. 12 gms as true. Eric Fritz (6-3 295 rFr) **PS#66OL**. Kyle Smith is PS#81.

NT VINCE CROCHUNIS JR. 6-4 285 PS#373. 450 bench. 71 tkls LY, 2.5 sks, 6 tfl. Jake Holthaus (6-1 280 Jr) PS#375, 18 tkls, 6 tfl LY. Charles Spencer (6-5 320 So) 2 sts, 20 tkls LY.

DT DAN STEPHENS JR. 6-2 285 PS#109. 5 sts as rFr, 13 tkls, 2 tfl. 11 sts in '02, 52 tkls, 4.5 tfl. Troy Banner (6-3 295 So) PS#66, 2 tkls as true. Kevin Harris (6-5 275 So) PS#80.

DE CLAUDE HARRIOTT SR. 6-4 270 **1st Tm BE**. 1 st, 42 tkls, 2 sks, 7 tfl first 2Y. 13 sts, 9.5 sks, 11 tfl, 78 tkls LY. Vernon Botts (6-4 230 rFr) PS#68TE. Malcom Pinder (6-1 230 Sr).

SLB LEWIS MOORE SR. 6-2 245 PS#73. 8 sts in '01, 74 tkls, 5.5 sks, 4 tfl. 13 starts in 2002, 94 tkls, 8 tfl, 6 pbu. HB Blades is **PS#38**. Brian Bennett (6-0 215 rFr) PS#140LB.

MLB Joe Dipre So. 6-4 245 **PS#26DL**. 21 sks as senior in HS, wrestling champ. Susp as rFr. Azzie Beagnyam (6-1 230 rFr) PS#168. Keith Hill (6-3 245 Jr).

WLB Malcolm Postell Jr. 6-1 220 PS#119RB. Moved to LB LY, 15 tkls, 1 sk, 2 int, 2 pbu. Charles Sallet (6-0 210 rFr) PS#149LB. Derron Thomas is PS#89. Clint Session is PS#146.

CB William Ferguson Sr. 5-10 185 **PS#27**. 4 sts at CB as rFr, 2 int, 12 pbu. 4 sts until inj in '01, 18 tkls. 33 tkls at S LY. Josh Lay (6-2 195 So) PS#55, 38"VL, 1 st, 5 tkls as "true".

CB Shawntae Spencer Sr. 6-2 175 9 sts as true, 2 int, 16 pbu. 7 sts in '01, **#1 in BE w/ 18 PD**. 4 sts LY, 51 tkls, 3 int, 11 pbu. Marcus Furman (5-8 185 Jr) PS#55WR. 601 ttl yds @ RB L/2Y.

SS TYRONE GILLIARD JR. 5-11 190 PS#154RB. 14 tkls, 1 tfl as true. 11 sts in '02, 49 tkls, 2 tfl, 5 pbu. JJ Horne (6-3 225 So) PS#80WR. 3 tkls. Sam Bryant (6-0 205 rFr) PS#120.

FS TEZ MORRIS SO. 5-10 185 PS#322. 13 sts as rFr, #2 w/ 119 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 int, 6 pbu. Corey Humphries (6-2 205 Sr) 4 sts in 2000 w/ 34 tkls. 22 tkls in '01. Inj'd LY but 15 tkls.

P ANDY LEE SR. 6-2 205 PS#39K. 35 punts as true, 38.7 avg. 70 punts in '01, 41.4 avg. 73 punts LY, 43.1 avg, 36.4 net, **1st Tm Big East**. Adam Graessle is PS#14K.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

LB	H.B. Blades 5-11 244	PS#38
WR	Terrell Allen 6-0 185	PS#57
DB	Mike Phillips 5-11 180	PS#51
QB	Joe Flacco 6-6 210	PS#49
DL	Kyle Smith 6-5 240	PS#81
OL	Mike DeLuca 6-3 288	PS#82
LB	Chris McKilliop 6-2 231	PS#56
OL	Zach Slates 6-2 325	PS#84
DB	Eric Thatcher 5-9 182	PS#60
DL	Michael Hearn 6-5 234	PS#100
OL	Chris Vangas 6-2 300	PS#91
RB	Windell Brown 6-0 187	PS#70
LB	Derron Thomas 6-1 221	PS#89
OL	Mike McGlynn 6-5 322	PS#128

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34-31	Vs The Spread	11-5	Home Dog
10-20	Off A SU Loss	4-6	Away Favorite
21-21	Vs Conference	11-8	Away Dog
		13-10	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: **(9-4)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (20,18,5)
Lost: 16 (4,11,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 44,424

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#56

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score PITT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30							
Sep. 6	Kent St	G					
Sep. 13	Ball St	G					
Sep. 20	at Toledo	A					
Sep. 27	at Texas A&M	G					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	Notre Dame	G					
Oct. 18	at Rutgers	G					
Oct. 25	Syracuse (HC)	G					
Nov. 1	at Boston College	A					
Nov. 8	Virginia Tech	G					
Nov. 15	at W Virginia	A					
Nov. 22	at Temple	A					
Nov. 29	Miami, Fl	G					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Pittsburgh is 17-7 ATS their last 24 as a double digit dog.
The Panthers are 4-11 ATS the last 15 vs Independents.
Pitt is 6-2 ATS as a home dog vs a non-conference team.

Pitt is 7-3 ATS their last 10 lined season openers.
Panthers are 6-3 ATS the last 9 meetings vs MAC opponents.

Pittsburgh is 3-10 ATS since 1994 as a home favorite of 14 or more.
The Panthers are 9-6 ATS in non-conference home games under Harris.

Pittsburgh is 2-6 ATS in the 1st of back-to-back away games since 1995.
Pitt is 1-5 ATS as a double digit non-conference road favorite.

Pittsburgh is 0-3 SU, but 3-0 ATS vs Big 12 teams since 1994.
Pitt is 8-20 ATS their last 28 the week prior to a bye.

Pittsburgh is 2-9 ATS the last 11 meetings with the Irish.
Pitt is 8-3 ATS their last 11 the week after a bye.

The home team is 0-5 ATS the last 5 in this series.
Pittsburgh is 3-8 ATS in Big East openers.

Pittsburgh is 8-19 ATS their last 27 meetings with the Orangemen.
Last year was the 1st time Pitt beat Syracuse since 1989.

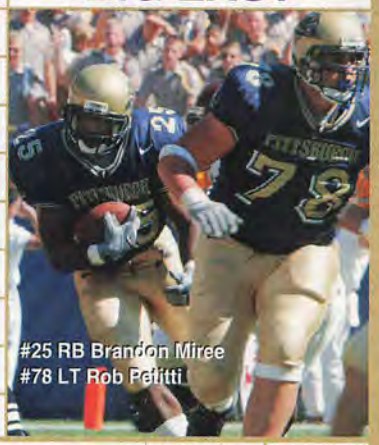
Pitt is 7-11 SU & 5-13 ATS their last 18 vs the Eagles.
The SU winner is 14-2 ATS in the Boston College/Pittsburgh series.

Pittsburgh is 6-1 ATS the last 7 vs the Hokies.
Last year's matchup was Pitt's 1st win vs a Top 5 team since 1987.

Pitt is 3-6 ATS vs W Virginia since 1994.
The visitor is 12-3 ATS in this Backyard Brawl.

Pittsburgh is 12-6-1 ATS the last 19 vs Temple.
The dog is 11-3 ATS the last 14 in this series.

The home team is 8-3 ATS in this matchup.
Pittsburgh is 5-2 ATS in their last 7 home finales.



STADIUM: HEINZ FIELD (65,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	6-5	2-9	5-6	7-4	6-5	8-4	38-40
ATS	5-6	8-3	3-7	7-4	5-6	6-4	5-7	39-37
Home Fav	2-1	1-0	1-2	2-1	2-3	1-1	1-5	10-13
Home Dog	2-1	3-1	1-2	3-1	1-0	2-1	1-0	13-6
Away Fav	0-0	0-2	0-0	1-2	1-1	2-0	0-1	4-6
Away Dog	1-4	4-0	1-3	1-0	1-2	1-2	3-1	12-12
Favorite	2-1	1-2	1-2	3-3	3-4	3-1	1-6	14-19
Dog	3-5	7-1	2-5	4-1	2-2	3-3	4-1	25-18
Grass	1-3	2-1	0-3	2-0	2-1	4-3	4-7	15-18
Artificial	4-3	6-2	3-4	5-4	3-5	2-1	1-0	24-19
vs Conf	4-3	5-2	1-6	4-3	3-4	5-2	3-4	25-24
vs Non-Conf	1-3	3-1	2-1	3-1	2-2	1-2	2-3	14-13
Off SU Win	0-3	4-1	1-1	4-1	4-2	4-1	5-3	22-12
Off SU Loss	5-2	3-2	2-6	2-3	1-3	2-3	0-3	15-22

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brandon Miree	214	997	54	943	4	4.4
Rod Rutherford	182	739	341	398	6	2.2
Lousaka Polite	52	216	5	211	2	4.1
Raymond Kirkley	45	161	9	152	1	3.4
Marcus Furman	30	84	9	75	1	2.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Rod Rutherford	367	192	52.3	2783	22	12

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Larry Fitzgerald	69	1005	14.6	12	65
Lamar Slade	48	649	13.5	4	31
Roosevelt Bynes	18	404	22.4	3	82
Kris Wilson	18	389	21.6	2	52
Brandon Miree	11	123	11.2	0	26
Lousaka Polite	9	76	8.4	0	13

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Andy Lee	73	3147	43.1	73	–	2	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
David Abdul	28-29	5-7	4-5	4-8	0-0	13-20	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Gerald Hayes	133	2	17	4	2
Tez Morris	119	1	3	6	2
Lewis Moore	94	1	7	6	1
Torrie Cox	82	0	0	13	2
Brian Beinecke	79	2	11	3	2
Claude Harriott	78	9.5	11	4	0
Vince Crochunis	71	2.5	6	2	0
Brian Guzek	62	5.5	5	1	0
Dan Stephens	52	1.5	3	0	0
Shawntae Spencer	51	0	2	11	3
Tyrone Gilliard	49	1	1	5	0
William Ferguson	33	1	0	1	0
Shawn Robinson	26	0	1	9	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Billy Gaines	27	133	4.9	0
Shawn Robinson	15	170	11.3	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Torrie Cox	30	690	23.0	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
89	John Hancock	+6	Texas A&M	31-28	W
97	Liberty	+10	S Mississippi	7-41	L
00	Insight.com	-2	Iowa St	29-37	L
01	Tangerine	E	NC State	34-19	W
02	Insight	+2'	Oregon St	38-13	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

PITTSBURGH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	25.5	20	143	3.4	215	52.3	14.1	+10	2002	5	17.8	17	117	3.2	179	52.5	16.6
5	24.7	19	124	3.5	225	54.2	14.2	-5	2001	10	20.4	17	118	3.0	168	54.2	14.0
7*	24.7	20	131	3.4	276	54.7	16.5	-11	2000	7	20.6	19	97	2.6	233	53.7	16.0
7	25.5	19	120	3.2	240	52.3	14.1	0	1999	7	25.3	20	143	3.8	256	55.4	15.8
4	21.3	20	116	2.9	206	49.9	15.1	-9	1998	6	30.4	18	146	3.5	202	53.7	11.5
8*	27.8	22	149	4.0	249	54.8	14.3	+2	1997	8	29.5	23	161	3.8	254	54.5	14.1

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Ohio U	14	44-96	2.2	9-23	97	3	20	48-204	4.3	9-23	79	2	+3
Texas A&M	18	39-56	1.4	21-33	176	8	14	32-82	2.6	14-31	199	3	-1
at UAB	25	53-189	3.6	13-25	235	1	16	26-138	5.3	10-23	94	0	+1
Rutgers	15	44-110	2.5	13-26	261	1	13	28-(-3)	-0.1	19-47	167	3	+3
Toledo	21	40-153	3.8	18-27	316	2	23	30-104	3.5	32-46	331	2	+2
at Syracuse	18	47-180	3.8	10-15	279	3	14	38-144	3.8	14-29	131	2	+2
at Notre Dame	21	39-89	2.3	19-44	313	8	10	32-40	1.3	16-26	145	1	-1
Boston College	19	32-143	4.5	20-38	201	2	19	40-177	4.4	18-34	179	2	0
at Virginia Tech	22	44-275	6.3	11-26	208	2	15	45-130	2.9	12-22	145	7	0
Temple	13	29-64	2.2	13-20	125	4	21	51-120	2.4	25-38	221	3	+3
at Miami, Fl	26	50-193	3.9	17-38	150	6	13	23-152	6.6	14-26	163	1	0
W Virginia	25	45-195	4.3	17-30	252	1	17	53-231	4.4	6-10	148	1	-4
† Oregon St	21	41-117	2.9	13-26	183	5	20	32-8	0.3	21-45	319	3	+2
TOTALS	258	547-1860	3.4	194-371	2796	46	215	478-1527	3.2	210-400	2321	30	+10
AVERAGES	19.8	42-143	3.4	15-29	215	3.5	16.5	37-117	3.2	16-31	179	2.3	0.8

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Villanova	NL	48-41	–
Penn St	+25	13-20	W
at Virginia Tech	+14	7-27	L
Akron	-12'	35-0	W
at N Carolina	+7	10-29	L
Rutgers	-21	21-25	L
at Syracuse	+24	28-45	W
Temple	-14	33-34	L
Boston Coll	+1'	15-23	L
at Miami, Fl	+23'	10-38	L
W Virginia	+15	14-52	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Bowling Green	-5'	30-10	W
at Penn St	+34'	17-20	W
Kent St	-33	30-23	L
Temple	-17'	55-24	W
Syracuse	+10	17-24	W
at Boston Coll	-3'	16-20	L
at Rutgers	-15	38-15	W
Virginia Tech	+22'	17-30	W
Miami, Fl	+8	3-33	L
Notre Dame	+9	37-27	W
at W Virginia	-1	21-52	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kent St	-26	30-7	L
at Bowling Green	-7	34-16	W
Penn St	+5'	12-0	W
Rutgers	-20	29-17	L
at Syracuse	+6	17-24 2OT	L
Boston Coll	-3'	42-26	W
at Virginia Tech	+16	34-37	W
N Carolina	-8	17-20	L
at Miami, Fl	+20'	7-35	L
at Temple	-8'	7-0	L
W Virginia	-5'	38-28	W

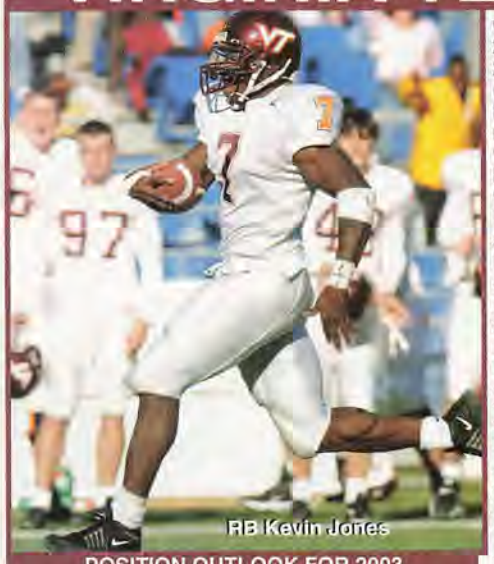
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Tenn St	NL	31-0	–
S Florida	-22	26-35	L
Miami, Fl	+28	21-43	W
at Notre Dame	+7	7-24	L
Syracuse	+3'	10-42	L
at Boston Coll	+11	7-45	L
at Temple	+2'	33-7	W
Virginia Tech	+19	38-7	W
at Rutgers	-21	42-0	W
at W Virginia	-3'	23-17	W
UAB	-6'	24-6	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio U	-21	27-14	L
Texas A&M	+3'	12-14	W
at UAB	-6'	26-20	L
Rutgers	-26'	23-3	L
Toledo	-5	37-19	W
at Syracuse	+2	48-24	W
at Notre Dame	+7	6-14	L
Boston Coll	-4'	19-16 OT	L
at Virginia Tech	+12'	28-21	W
Temple	-16	29-22	L
at Miami, Fl	+19	21-28	W
W Virginia	-2'	17-24	L

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES


RB Kevin Jones

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Grant Noel (PS#43) won the right to replace Michael Vick as the starting QB. Noel began the year with 108 pass attempts without an interception vs a soft early schedule, starting the year with an 8-0 ratio and finished the year throwing for 2,095 yards (57.3%) with a 17-11 ratio. Bryan Randall (PS#4) played in nine games throwing for 114 yards (34.3%) with an 0-2 ratio while rushing for 136. Noel was in the lead for the starting job last year when he tore his ACL in the spring. While he did start the first two games, his only action in the last 7 was one play against Miami, Fl in which he threw a seven yard TD pass. Randall threw for 2,134 yards (63.7%) with a 12-11 ratio and he surprisingly finished #1 in the Big East in completion percentage. His best game came vs Syracuse when he threw for 504 yards and 5 TD's. Randall was named the bowl MVP. He will have some stiff competition this year from Michael Vick's brother, strong-armed Marcus (PS#8) who added 20 pounds of muscle. No matter who wins the starting job, I look for a little more production from the QB unit in 2003.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year VT had arguably the best RB corps in the country. Lee Suggs (#4DC of CLE) is a powerful back with 4.27 speed who rushed for 1,325 yards (5.2). He set an NCAA record by scoring a TD in 27 consecutive games and at one stretch had just two lost fumbles in 410 attempts. He set the career record in the Big East for TD's. Kevin Jones (PS#6) is 209 pounds with 4.3 speed and rushed for 871 yards (5.4) despite a hamstring injury. The two were nicknamed "The Untouchables". Mike Imoh (5-7 185 So, PS#78) was working at WR early in the year but then was moved back to TB and rushed for 38 yards in 5 games (inj'd). Cedric Humes (PS#51) had 144 yards total offense playing FB and figures to move back to TB. Doug Easlick is a powerful blocker and had 220 yards total offense last year. This is still a top-notch group but with the loss of a player of Sugg's caliber, this unit goes from having 2 premier backs to one.

RECEIVERS - Last year Tech had to replace their top WR, Andre Davis (#2DC of CLE) as well as their starting TE (#6 DC). Ernest Wilford had a huge season shockingly becoming the first player in VT history to have over 50 catches in a season (51, 18.1). Wilford also set the school record for receiving yards in a game with 279. The team must replace #2 WR Shawn Witten (12 sts, 25 rec, 12.2) and WR Terrell Parham (1 st, 18 rec, 8.7). I list the 2 deep below and replacing Witten is VHT Richard Johnson (PS#17) who had 14 rec's but also 585 return yards showing off his 4.37 speed. Fred Lee (PS#9) also has 4.37 speed and should make an impact this year after redshirting. Brenden Hill (PS#87) was Marcus Vick's top receiver in HS. The most exciting possibility is CB DeAngelo Hall who spent most of spring at WR and was impressive. Hall will remain at CB, but could see significant PT at WR as well. They also have a VHT at TE in Keith Wilis who started 8 games despite a torn abdominal muscle. He is a big blocker (264 lbs), but has 4.38 speed making him the fastest TE ever at VT. Not listed below at the receiving positions are Michael Malone (6-3 202 rFr) who is Moses's son, Jared Mazzetta (6-4 260 Jr, PS#19) and Chris Clifton (6-4 197 So, PS#81QB). This unit is more experienced and has added talent.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 with a senior dominated line, VT averaged 5.2 ypc. In 2001, with four starters lost, they averaged just 4.0. Last year three full-time starters returned and four players with starting experience. Overall VT improved to 4.5 ypc rushing but the unit did yield 37 sacks (12 more than '01). This year they lose RG Luke Owens (14 sts, 669 snaps, 2 yr st'r) and LT Anthony Davis (14 sts, 2 yr st'r, 2nd Tm BE). Eight of the top ten are back including five players with starting experience and many talented frosh who will contend for time. Not even listed in the 2 deep below is C Danny McGrath (6-2 297 So, PS#113) who benches 450, Andrew Fleck (6-3 275 rFr, PS#94TE, 400 bench), Chris Burnett (6-1 284 rFr, PS#82DL, 420 bench) and Kevin Hilton (6-1 263 rFr, PS#76DL). I love the weight training program that VT has, and strong OL's have became a trademark of Hokie football. This should be one of the Big East's best O-lines in 2003 with C Jake Grove making my All American Team.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 VT had a veteran defensive front that allowed just 2.2 ypc rushing while recording 34 sacks. Last year they had to replace their top four DT's including 3 players selected in the NFL draft. Starting DT Kevin Lewis was injured and missed the last three games and the young unit allowed 3.43 ypc rushing which was their weakest performance since 1996. Their outstanding DE's led the defense to 42 sacks. This year basically everyone is back and the only losses are DE Lamar Cobb (37 tkls, 1 sk) and possibly DE Jim Davis who suffered a torn pectoral muscle in the offseason. I list a very talented 2 deep below. Jimmy E. Williams, a large JUCO at 6-3 335, was a late qualifier who was bothered by injuries last season. He should be a much bigger force if he returns to the team from suspension. N Carolina transfer, Isaac Montgomery (PS#77) is also added to the mix and not listed below is Noland Burchette (6-2 240 rFr, PS#49TE) as well as some of this year's talented true frosh. This looks like one of the nation's top DL's this year.

LINEBACKERS - Last season VT had to replace five LB's who combined for 32 starts including Ben Taylor, who was the team's leading tackler the previous two years. They then lost ILB Vegas Robinson for four games at midseason with a severe ankle injury. This year basically everyone returns. The only loss is MLB Alex Markogiannakis (1 st, 10 tkls). I list a talented 2 deep below and this year they sign two of the top eleven true frosh LB's. Also watch for Aaron Rouse (PS#49DB) who was termed a "heat-seeking missile" in bowl practices last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - VT finished #5 in my pass D rankings in 2001. Last year they had to replace two starters including a 5th round DC. They dropped to #27. This year they must replace CB Ronyell Whitaker (11 sts, 47 tkls, 6 pbu), ROV Billy Hardee (5 sts, 60 tkls) and FS Willie Pile (14 sts, 2nd Tm BE, #2 tkl'r, 4 int, #7DC of KC). While the losses are heavy, I like the replacements at both CB and S. Vincent Fuller has good size and yet 4.34 speed and is on the Hokies track team. He teams with perhaps the fastest CB in the country, DeAngelo Hall (4.15). FS Jimmy F. Williams (PS#38) had 9 tackles in the bowl game as a true and there are plenty of VHT's in the 2 deep I list below. Not listed are CB Cary Wade (5-10 173 So, PS#132), Brian McPherson (5-10 190 rFr, PS#59) and Corey Gordon (6-3 207 Fr). JUCO transfer James Griffin will battle Crawford for the starting ROV position as will VHT DJ Walton (PS#23). This is my #6 ranked secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Frank Beamer coaches this unit himself and in the last eight years, they've ranked as high as #2 twice. VT has blocked more kicks since 1990 than any other team in the NCAA. For the second straight year they blocked five punts and most of the players who blocked those punts return in addition to Eric Green who missed last season after blocking three punts in his first two years. Punter Vinnie Burns suffered a muscle injury on the inside of his kicking leg, but was still able to punt all season averaging 40.5 and improved his net to 34.2. Kicker Carter Warley hit 9 of 15 FG's with a long of 43 (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). All of the top returnmen are back including DeAngelo Hall who averaged a super 16.0 on 22 PR's. Overall the team finished #20 in my special teams rankings and they have everyone back.

COACHES - I think Frank Beamer is one of the most outstanding coaches in the NCAA. VT had been in six bowl games in its history prior to his arrival. He filled the large shoes of Bill Dooley who went 64-37-1 from 1978-'86. Beamer had four losing seasons in his first six including going 2-8-1 in 1992 but amazingly, VT stuck with him and has been greatly rewarded. Beamer has not only taken them to ten bowls since 1993 but has made them a National Title contender including 1999 when they played for the National Championship in the Sugar Bowl. OC Bryan Stinespring is in his eleventh year here at VT and he was the OL coach prior to being promoted to OC last season. Bud Foster is the DC and has held that position since 1995. He even turned down Florida to stay here.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

If you follow Hokie football you had to feel last year was a rebuilding season with just 11 returning starters and that 2003 would be the year that VT would contend for a National Title. VT almost made it a year early. I did call for VT to top 2001's eight win season and they did that. They beat #14 LSU and #16 Marshall and #19 Texas A&M and jumped out to an 8-0 start and were ranked #3 in the country and were being called a National Title contender. They led Pitt 21-7 but lost and the next week lost in 2 OT's to Syracuse and stumbled down the stretch finishing the regular season 9-4. Last year 80% of Tech's defense was made up of frosh and soph's and they allowed some unheard-of numbers for a VT defense (483 yds by Pitt, 604 vs Syr). They allowed 50+ points twice in a year for the first time in 16 years under Beamer and gave up a combined 739 yards rushing in three straight losses. In their 8-0 start they allowed just 10.8 ppg and 267.5 ypg but in the 1-4 finish they allowed 32.8 ppg and 446.6 ypg. This year's defense has nine starters returning and I rate it the best in the Big East. The team only has to replace 15 lettermen. They finished just 3-4 in the league after having been 17-4 the previous 3 years. Beamer's teams have started out 5-0 for five straight years and should do that once again. In fact I look for a 7-0 VT team to be hosting Miami on Nov 1st. The last time they hosted UM in November, it turned out to be 60°, but this time VT will be hoping for snow. Unfortunately the week after that big battle they have Pitt on the road. Even though the team plays 12 this year (13 last year) they have an excellent shot at topping last year's 10 wins and I clearly rate them as a National Title contender.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB BRYAN RANDALL JR. 6-0 222 **PS#4**. 250 ttl yds as true. 12 sts in 2002, 2134 yds (64%), 12-11 ratio, 769 rush, #10 in NCAA in pass eff. **Marcus Vick** (6-0 203 rFr) **PS#8**.
RB Kevin Jones Jr. 6-0 209 **PS#6**. 4.3 spd. 4 sts true, 1012 yds (5.1). 871 yds (5.4) in '02, hamstring limited him. Cedric Humes (6-1 223 So) PS#51, 144 yds as rFr.
FB DOUG EASLICK SR. 5-11 238 4.59 spd, 400 bench. 91 yds, 16 gms in 2000 & '01. 14 sts LY, 92 rush (4.8), 16 rec (7.4). Jeff King (6-5 256 So) PS#21TE. 6 sts as rFr.
WR ERNEST WILFORD SR. 6-4 221 4 sts, 21 rec in 2000 & '01. 13 sts LY, #1 w/51 rec (18.1), **2nd Tm Big East**. Justin Hamilton (6-3 209 So) PS#63RB. 5 rec as rFr, 4.46 spd.
WR Richard Johnson Jr. 5-10 189 **PS#17DB**. 14 rec (10.5), 585 return yds in '02. **Fred Lee** (5-8 186 rFr) **PS#9WR**. 4.45 speed. Brenden Hill (6-1 186 rFr) PS#87.
TE KEITH WILLIS SR. 6-5- 264 **PS#7**. 8 sts in '02, 8 rec (23.5), 400 bench, 4.6 spd. Jared Mazzetta (6-4 260 Jr) PS#19. 1 rec LY. Matt Roan (6-4 243 Fr). John Kinzer is **PS#13**.
C JAKE GROVE SR. 6-3 300 490 bench! 11 sts at RG in '01. 565 plays. 14 sts in '02, #1 w/43 KD's. 838 plays, 90.6% grade. Robert Ramsey (6-3 307 Jr) PS#112, 135 plays.
RG James Miller Jr. 6-6 304 PS#123. 160 snaps as **true**. 2 sts at LG in '02, 274 snaps. Jason Murphy (6-2 296 So) PS#54DL. 15 tkls as rFr. **Tripp Carroll** is **PS#10**.
LG JACOB GIBSON SR. 6-4 306 PS#132DL. 4 sts in '01, 286 plays. 12 sts LY, 768 snaps, 39 KD's. Will Montgomery (6-4 298 So) 52 snaps. Chris Pannell (6-4 274 So) PS#100DL.
RT JIMMY MARTIN SO. 6-5 283 PS#238. Fork Union. L/7 sts as "**true**". 409 snaps at RT. Brandon Gore (6-5 328 rFr) **PS#57**, 400 bench. Brandon Frye (6-4 268 rFr) PS#124TE.
LT Jon Dunn Jr. 6-7 343 **PS#23OL**. 231 plays as rFr. First 7 starts 2Y, 498 plays. Reggie Butler (6-6 333 So) PS#237, 370 bench, 5 games, 47 snaps last year.
K CARTER WARLEY SR. 5-11 198 7 of 10 as rFr, L/47. 2nd Tm BE. 12 of 22 FG's in '01, long of 39. 9 of 15 FG's in '02, L/43. Nic Schmitt (6-1 242 So) **PS#9**, 2 of 6 FG's LY.

DE COLS COLAS SR. 6-0 226 390 bench, 4.41 spd. Last 4 sts in '01, 9.5 tfl. 9 sts LY, 51 tkls, 9 sks 10 tfl, 24 QBH. Jim Davis (6-3 255 Sr). 9 sts in 3Y, 15.5 sks, 109 tkls.
DT KEVIN LEWIS JR. 6-1 292 PS#87LB. 400 bench. 11 sts LY, 49 tkls, 5 tfl. Tim Sandidge (6-1 283 So) PS#126. 3 sts LY, 30 tkls, 4 sks. Isaac Montgomery (6-4 297 Jr) PS#77.
DT JASON LALLIS JR. 6-0 250 **PS#12TE**. 11 sts LY, 48 tkls, 4 tfl. Jonathan Lewis (6-1 292 So) **PS#15**. 3 sts as **true**, 56 tkls, 7 tfl. Jimmy E. Williams (6-3 335 Sr) PS#64JC.
DE NATHANIEL ADIBI SR. 6-3 255 **PS#23**. 12 sts, 5 sks in 2000. 9 sts, 3 sks in '01. 13 sts LY, **2nd Tm BE**, 55 tkls, 9 sks, 6 tfl, 4.5 spd. Darryl Tapp (6-1 246 So) PS#71LB, 21 tkls as **true**.
OLB BRANDON MANNING JR. 6-0 216 13 sts LY, 75 tkls, 5 tfl. 4.52 spd, 360 bench. James Anderson (6-2 217 So) PS#156. 3 sts as rFr, 48 tkls, 4.43 spd. **Aaron Rouse** (6-3 203 rFr) **PS#49DB**.
ILB MIKAL BAAQEE JR. 5-10 227 **PS#41**. 13 sts in '02, #1 w/112 tkls, 11.5 tfl, 370 bench. Chad Cooper (6-2 211 Jr) **PS#15DB. Vince Hall is PS#9**. Jordan Trott (6-4 245 So).
ILB VEGAS ROBINSON SR. 6-0 244 PS#82. 11 sts LY (missed 3 inj) 71 tkls, 3 int. 370 bench, 4.45 spd. Blake Warren (6-3 232 So) **PS#43LB**, 12 tkls as rFr. Xavier Adibi is **PS#11**.
CB DeANGELO HALL JR. 5-11 198 **4.15 spd! PS#15**. 11 sts LY, **2nd Tm Big East**, 55 tkls, 4 int, 12 pbu. Garnell Wilds (5-11 196 Sr) PS#72, 3 sts, 44 tkls, **5 int**, 7 pbu LY, 4.43 spd.
CB Vincent Fuller Jr. 6-1 181 PS#76. 4.34 spd. 3 starts in 2002, 23 tkls, 4 int, 6 pbu, track tm. Eric Green (5-11 190 Jr) PS#82WR. 6 sts in 2 yrs, 53 tkls, 5 int, 16 pbu.
ROV MICHAEL CRAWFORD SR. 5-11 209 9 sts LY, 49 tkls, 4 tfl. **James Griffin** (6-1 193 Jr) **PS#20JC**, 9 sks, 39 QBH at JC LY. In for spring. **DJ Walton** (5-9 200 So) **PS#23**, 10 tkls LY.
FS Jimmy F. Williams So. 6-3 213 **PS#38**. 46 tkls (including 9 in the bowl game), 1 int as **true**. 4.4 speed. Mike Daniels (6-0 205 Jr) **PS#32**, 5 sts in 2 years, 86 tkls, 3 pbu, 5 tfl.
P VINNIE BURNS JR. 5-11 202 PS#52K. 65 punts in '01. 37.6 avg & net of 33.4, 23 inside the 20. 64 punts in '02, 40.5 avg & net of 34.2. Nic Schmitt avg'd 39.0 in high school.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

OL	Tripp Carroll 6-4 290 PS#10
LB	Vince Hall 6-1 240 PS#9
LB	Xavier Adibi 6-3 215 PS#11
DL	Christopher Ellis 6-4 245 PS#39
OL	Matt Welsh 6-5 280 PS#32
TE	John Kinzer 6-3 255 PS#13
DL	Barry Booker 6-5 270 PS#67
DL	Kory Robertson 6-3 295 PS#74
RB	Kenny Lewis 5-9 185 PS#49
LB	Brett Warren 6-1 212 PS#52
TE	Duane Brown 6-6 248 PS#26
DB	James Griffin 6-2 195 PS#22JC
DL	Mike Brown 6-3 218 PS#99
RB	Joe Razzano 6-0 220 PS#79

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score VT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 31	UCF (Sun)	G					
Sep. 6	James Madison	G					
Sep. 13							
Sep. 18	Texas A&M (Thur)	G					
Sep. 27	Connecticut	G					
Oct. 4	at Rutgers	G					
Oct. 11	Syracuse (HC)	G					
Oct. 18							
Oct. 22	at W Virginia (Wed)	A					
Nov. 1	Miami, FI	G					
Nov. 8	at Pittsburgh	G					
Nov. 15	at Temple	A					
Nov. 22	Boston College	G					
Nov. 29	at Virginia	G					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Virginia Tech has been to 10 straight bowl games.
Hokies are 11-1 SU & 10-2 ATS the last 12 Big East openers.
VT is just 1-6 SU & ATS the last 7 at the Carrier Dome.

In this newly formed series VT is 2-0 SU & ATS (2000 & 2001).
VT is 6-0 SU & 4-2 ATS the last 6 years in home openers.

The Hokies are 5-0 SU & 1-0 ATS since 1980 (only lined gm in '99) vs James Madison, outscoring them 195-44 in those contests.

Bonus: James Madison was 5-7 in Div IAA & did not play any IA teams LY.
Bonus: VT is 11-3 ATS since 1997 in September home games.

Virginia Tech is 7-4 ATS the last 5 years after a bye.
LY's 13-3 Hokie victory over A&M was only Aggies 2nd non-conf home loss in 6 yrs, 18-1.

For now this is a non-conf gm, but starting in 2005 UC will join the Big East.
The Hokies are 5-0 SU & ATS the game prior to beginning conf play L5Y.

The visitor is 9-2 ATS in the last 11 series meetings.
VA Tech is 10-0 SU & 9-1 ATS the last 10 road openers.

Virginia Tech is 4-1 SU & ATS vs Orange the last 5 in Blacksburg.
VT is 1-5 ATS the last 6 Homecoming games.

VA Tech is 11-4-1 ATS vs West Virginia since 1987, 6-3 ATS the last 9.
The Hokies are 3-1 SU their last 4 visits to Morgantown with 2 shutouts.

Hokies are 5-3 SU & 6-2 ATS vs Miami, FI since 1995.
VTech is 2-5 ATS the last 2 years in November.

Hokies are 7-3 SU but 4-6 ATS vs Panthers since 1993 & 1-6 ATS last 7.
Virginia Tech is 4-7 ATS in November road games since 1997.

Hokies have outscored the Owls 371-107 in the last 10 meetings.
VT is 9-1 SU but only 3-5-1 ATS vs Temple since 1993.

VT is 8-2 SU, but 3-6-1 ATS vs Boston College the last 10 meetings.
VA Tech is 6-2 SU & 5-2-1 ATS in the last 8 home finales.

The Hokies have covered 12 of the last 18 in this rivalry.
Virginia Tech is 14-6 ATS the last 20 road finales.

FRANK BEAMER (Career 159-92-4)
17th Year at Virginia Tech

Beamer's records AT VIRGINIA TECH

117-69-2	Straight Up	39-32-2	Home Favorite
96-72-6	Vs The Spread	11-6-1	Home Dog
33-20-2	Off A SU Loss	23-16-2	Away Favorite
54-51-5	Vs Conference	23-18-1	Away Dog
		42-21-1	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (10-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (17,25,3)
Lost: 15 (7,6,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 63,344

BIG EAST

CB Eric Green hooks another punt for VT

STADIUM: LANE STADIUM (65,115)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	7-4	8-3	11-0	10-1	8-3	9-4	63-16
ATS	7-4	4-7	9-2	7-3-1	5-6	6-5	7-6	45-33-1
Home Fav	5-2	3-3	4-2	4-1-1	3-3	2-3	4-4	25-18-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Away Fav	1-1	1-2	2-0	3-2	2-2	3-2	2-2	14-11
Away Dog	1-1	0-2	3-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	5-4
Favorite	6-3	4-5	6-2	7-3-1	5-5	5-5	6-6	39-29-1
Dog	1-1	0-2	3-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	6-4
Grass	6-2	4-4	7-2	6-1-1	5-4	4-5	6-4	38-22-1
Artificial	1-2	0-3	2-0	1-2	0-2	2-0	1-2	7-11
vs Conf	4-3	2-5	6-1	4-2-1	2-5	4-3	1-6	23-25-1
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-2	3-1	3-1	3-1	2-2	6-0	22-8
Off SU Win	6-3	2-5	6-2	6-3-1	4-5	5-3	5-4	34-25-1
Off SU Loss	1-0	1-2	2-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-2	7-5

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Lee Suggs	257	1375	50	1325	22	5.2
Kevin Jones	**160**	**902**	**31**	**871**	**9**	**5.4**
Bryan Randall	**171**	**769**	**262**	**507**	**3**	**3.0**
Doug Easlick	**19**	**96**	**4**	**92**	**0**	**4.8**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Bryan Randall	**248**	**158**	**63.7**	**2134**	**12**	**11**
Grant Noel	18	7	38.9	86	2	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Ernest Wilford	**51**	**925**	**18.1**	**7**	**87**
Shawn Witten	25	306	12.2	1	34
Keith Willis	**8**	**188**	**23.5**	**1**	**87**
Terrell Parham	18	156	8.7	0	22
Richard Johnson	**14**	**147**	**10.5**	**0**	**39**
Lee Suggs	11	126	11.5	2	30

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Vinnie Burns	**64**	**2591**	**40.5**	**58**	**34.2**	**2**	**22**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Carter Warley	**36-37**	**4-6**	**2-3**	**3-6**	**0-0**	**9-15**	**43**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Mikal Baaqee	**112**	**3.5**	**8**	**5**	**1**
Willie Pile	106	0	0	5	4
Vegas Robinson	**71**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**3**
Billy Hardee	60	0	3	2	0
Jonathan Lewis	**56**	**2**	**5**	**0**	**0**
DeAngelo Hall	**55**	**0**	**0**	**12**	**4**
Nathaniel Adibi	**55**	**9**	**6**	**2**	**0**
Mike Daniels	**51**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**0**
Cols Colas	**51**	**9**	**10**	**1**	**0**
Michael Crawford	**49**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**0**
Kevin Lewis	**49**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Jason Lallis	**48**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**
James Anderson	**48**	**1.5**	**1**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
DeAngelo Hall	**22**	**352**	**16.0**	**2**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Richard Johnson	**23**	**485**	**21.1**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Music City	-5	Alabama	38-7	W
99	Sugar	+5'	Florida St	29-46	L
00	Gator	-6	Clemson	41-20	W
01	Gator	-2	Florida St	17-30	L
02	San Francisco	-11'	Air Force	20-13	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

VIRGINIA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	30.6	20	212	4.5	159	61.8	12.1	+8	2002	5	18.8	16	121	3.4	214	51.9	17.8
5	31.3	19	182	4.0	187	54.4	11.8	+10	2001	9	14.8	15	74	2.2	180	45.6	17.2
8*	40.3	22	266	5.2	160	51.6	10.5	+5	2000	3	22.4	17	98	2.9	226	48.2	14.5
5	40.3	21	256	5.0	200	68.2	11.3	+1	1999	7	13.5	14	72	2.1	185	54.9	19.0
4*	31.8	17	181	3.9	133	50.4	9.9	+11	1998	8	15.0	15	98	2.6	186	47.1	18.9
4	27.0	19	205	4.2	142	56.1	12.9	+1	1997	5	18.9	16	118	3.2	202	53.0	16.9

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Arkansas St	21	41-288	7.0	11-18	99	1	10	33-24	0.7	14-27	203	1	+4
LSU	13	51-166	3.3	7-14	65	3	14	28-80	2.9	15-35	134	4	+1
Marshall	28	66-395	6.0	5-12	101	1	25	16-34	2.1	36-56	442	2	+3
at Texas A&M	13	48-129	2.7	10-11	119	4	10	28-38	1.4	14-35	118	5	+2
at W Michigan	19	39-128	3.3	14-25	212	1	12	27-35	1.3	24-44	233	5	+1
at Boston Coll	21	61-334	5.5	4-7	86	4	15	26-83	3.2	16-30	232	4	+4
Rutgers	26	50-342	6.8	12-16	150	4	11	25-(-7)	-0.3	17-34	222	8	-1
Temple	20	54-199	3.7	13-20	146	0	12	25-39	1.6	17-32	230	2	-1
Pittsburgh	15	45-130	2.9	12-22	145	7	22	44-275	6.3	11-26	208	2	0
at Syracuse	18	25-55	2.2	23-35	504	2	29	60-201	3.4	24-40	403	6	-2
West Virginia	23	44-243	5.5	18-31	168	2	20	46-263	5.7	13-20	124	0	-1
Virginia	17	50-272	5.4	5-11	85	1	11	37-152	4.1	13-24	51	3	-2
at Miami, FI	19	45-192	4.3	16-27	172	5	22	47-256	5.4	12-21	300	0	-1
† Air Force	21	40-101	2.5	18-23	177	2	17	53-227	4.3	4-19	91	0	+1
TOTALS	274	659-2974	4.5	168-272	2229	37	230	495-1700	3.4	230-443	2991	42	+8
AVERAGES	19.6	47-212	4.5	12-19	159	2.6	16.4	35-121	3.4	16-32	214	3.0	0.6

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Carolina	-10	38-3	W
at Clemson	+3	37-0	W
at Miami, FI	+4	27-20 OT	W
Pittsburgh	-14	27-7	W
at Boston College	-6'	17-0	W
Temple	-35'	24-28	L
at UAB	-21	41-0	W
W Virginia	-4	27-13	W
at Syracuse	+4	26-28	W
Rutgers	-28'	47-7	W
Virginia	-2'	32-36	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
James Madison	-38	47-0	W
UAB	-24	31-10	L
Clemson	-12	31-11	W
at Virginia	-5'	31-7	W
at Rutgers	-31	58-20	W
Syracuse	-12'	62-0	W
at Pittsburgh	-22'	30-17	L
at W Virginia	-19	22-20	L
Miami, FI	-8'	43-10	W
at Temple	-29	62-7	W
Boston College	-24	38-14	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Akron	-32	52-23	L
at E Carolina	-5'	45-28	W
Rutgers	-32'	49-0	W
at Boston College	-14'	48-34	L
Temple	-30	35-13	L
W Virginia	-22	48-20	W
at Syracuse	-13	22-14	L
Pittsburgh	-16	37-34	L
at Miami, FI	+9'	21-41	L
at UCF	-12	44-21	W
Virginia	-20	42-21	W

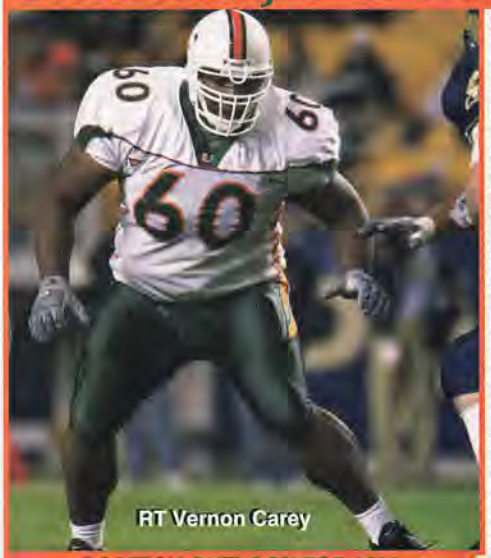
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Connecticut	-49	52-10	L
W Michigan	-15	31-0	W
at Rutgers	-28	50-0	W
UCF	-24'	46-14	W
at W Virginia	-15'	35-0	W
Boston College	-20	34-20	L
Syracuse	-17'	14-22	L
at Pittsburgh	-19	7-38	L
at Temple	-24	35-0	W
at Virginia	-15	31-17	L
Miami, FI	+14	24-26	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-37	63-7	W
LSU	-7	26-8	W
Marshall	-11	47-21	W
at Texas A&M	-1'	13-3	W
at W Michigan	-22'	30-0	W
at Boston College	-9'	28-23	L
Rutgers	-40'	35-14	L
Temple	-28'	20-10	L
Pittsburgh	-12'	21-28	L
at Syracuse	-10	42-50 3OT	L
W Virginia	-7'	18-21	L
Virginia	-7	21-9	W
at Miami, FI	+17'	45-56	W

MIAMI, FL HURRICANES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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Ken Dorsey nearly won the Heisman Trophy in 2001 finishing 3rd and leaves Miami with almost every school record except for completion percentage. Dorsey (#7DC of SF) departs with a 38-2 record as a starting QB and was 5th in the Heisman race in 2002. He threw for 3,369 yards (56.5%) with a 28-12 ratio, and there will be quite a battle to replace him this year. Brock Berlin (PS#1) threw for 849 yards with a 12-4 ratio with one start in two years at Florida but transferred here last year. Derrick Crudup (PS#22) was Dorsey's backup the last two years throwing for 326 yards with a 3-0 ratio. Marc Gullion (6-4 190 rFr) hit 3 of 5 passes for 53 yards but was injured and redshirted. He is about the same size as Dorsey and went to the same high school. This year's top signee is Kyle Wright (another PS#1) who was enrolled for the spring. Naturally Miami has a lot of talent at this position. At times last year Dorsey was far from outstanding, but it still will be tough to replace his leadership and experience.

RUNNING BACKS - Miami has had some great teams in their history but surprisingly has had just seven 1,000 yard rushers, although they have recorded 3 straight. James Jackson was replaced by Clinton Portis who rushed for 1,304 yards (5.4) and he was a first round draft pick in 2002. Frank Gore (PS#10) has blazing speed and was expected to be the starter last year but tore his ACL in the spring and redshirted. Willis McGahee (PS#6), carries 220 pounds with 4.3 speed and simply set UM's record for rushing yards in a season with 1,753 (6.2) and also obliterated the rushing TD record set by Edgerrin James (17) with 28. McGahee finished 4th in the Heisman Trophy voting and also had 27 rec's (13.1). McGahee suffered a severe injury in the Fiesta Bowl but still opted to leave early for the NFL (#1DC of BUF). The RB coach said that Gore is even better than McGahee but he does not possess Willis' size. Gore was 100% in the second half of last season and did well on the scout team. Jarrett Payton (PS#35) has been plagued by injuries in his career and has rushed for 511 yards in 3 years. This year they've added PS#2 Tyrone Moss who avg 9.4 ypc in HS last year. It will be tough to match McGahee's statistics, but UM coaches are confident that this position is at least equal to last year, provided Gore's knee holds up.

RECEIVERS - Last year Miami had to replace two receivers who were drafted by the NFL including TE Jeremy Shockey (#1DC of NYG) who had led the team with 45 rec's (13.4). They did return their top 3 WR's. Kellen Winslow (PS#31) shockingly one-upped his predecessor, simply leading the team with 57 rec's (12.7) including a record 11 in the Fiesta Bowl. This year they do lose their best WR in Andre Johnson (PS#2, #1DC of HOU) who had 52 rec's and a tremendous 21.0 ypc. Also gone is WR Ethenic Sands (1 st, 21 rec, 14.9). The top returning WR is Kevin Beard (PS#18) whose season was shortened by a torn ACL vs Pitt. I list the 2 deep below and naturally there are plenty of VHT's including Jason Geathers (PS#3), Ryan Moore (PS#2), Akieem Jolla (PS#5) as well as this year's true frosh. Not listed below are WR's Sinorice Moss (5-8 163 So, PS#51) and Darnell Jenkins (5-10 170 Fr, PS#35). This is still one of the most talented receiving corps in the country, but replacing Johnson will be tough.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Hurricanes had four starters returning to the offensive front and they paved the way for 5.3 ypc rushing while allowing just four sacks all year. Last year they had to replace three starters (1st, 4th and 7th round DC's). As expected the numbers dropped a little in 2002 but they still managed 5.2 ypc rushing while allowing 15 sacks which would be phenomenal stats if not compared to the 2001 version. This year only two starters depart. Gone are C Brett Romberg (13 sts, Rimington Trophy winner, 1st Tm AA, 3 yr st'r), LG Sherko Haji-Rasouli (13 sts, 3rd Tm AA, 2 yr st'r) and G Ed Wilkins (9 gms). Three full-time starters return and naturally the unit is loaded with VHT's and could be even stronger than last year's version.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Miami allowed 3.2 ypc rushing and had an amazing 52 sacks in 2001. Last year the top eight DL's all returned so naturally they had one of the best defensive fronts in college ball. Surprisingly, they allowed 3.8 ypc rushing (169.4 ypg) with 47 sacks. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are DE Jerome McDougle (10 sts, 2nd Tm AA, 55 tkls, 7 sks, 9 tfl, 26 qbh, #1DC of PHI), DT William Joseph (13 sts, 3rd Tm AA, 51 tkls, 5 sks, 11 tfl, 29 qbh, #1DC of NYG), DE Jamaal Green (13 sts, 52 tkls, 10 sks, 2nd Tm BE, 20 qbh, #4DC of PHI), DT Matt Walters (13 sts, 64 tkls, 5 sks, 19 qbh, #5DC of NYJ), DE Cornelius Green (2 sts, 35 tkls, 6 sks) and DE Andrew Williams (38 tkls, 4 sks, 6 tfl, 22 qbh, #3DC of SF). Vince Wilfork (PS#8) was very productive last year despite not starting with 43 tackles, 7 sacks and 8 tfl, and naturally there are plenty of VHT's in the 2 deep that I list below. This is once again a talented defensive front, but is clearly a lot less experienced than it was heading into last season.

LINEBACKERS - Five of the top six LB's returned last year and Jonathan Vilma ended up leading the team in tackles for a second straight year (133) while DJ Williams (PS#1) added 108 and the two combined for 24 tfl. Roger McIntosh took over as the starting SLB in five of the last six games and I list him as a returning starter below as he finished with 43 tackles and 8 tfl, while the other SLB, Howard Clark, had 3 starts and 23 tackles. Clark is the only departure from the LB corps this year, and it is a unit loaded with VHT's. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Buck Ortega (6-5 205 So) who moved from QB to LB in September and recorded six tackles. They bring in an excellent crop of LB's this year including Tavares Gooden (PS#7), and this is my #2 rated LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Miami finished #5 in my pass D rankings in 2000 and #2 in 2001 with a veteran secondary. Last year they lost an amazing three 1st round DC's from this unit and four full-time starters. Thanks in part to a strong pass rush, the Hurricanes were able to protect the young secondary and Miami still finished strong at #9 in my pass D rankings allowing just 46.2% with an 8-12 ratio and 119.7 ypg despite three frosh and two soph's earning starts during the season. The Hurricanes tied an NCAA record for fewest yards allowed per completion for a single season at 9.5, and I list a very talented 2 deep below. This unit is far more experienced than last season and I rate them the third best secondary in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Santana Moss was UM's top returnman and helped Miami finish #7 in my special teams rankings in 1999 and improved to #1 in 2000. In 2001 they had to replace him but returned their super kicking combo of K Todd Sievers and P Freddie Capshaw. They slid down to #27 overall. Last year they had to replace PR Phillip Buchanon (14.3) who was one of three finalists for the Mosi Tatupu Award. Capshaw struggled as he had four punts blocked and the team net punt average dropped from 35.3 to 33.9 in his senior year which was, by far, his weakest. Kicker Todd Sievers also departs and at one point at the end of the season he missed four straight FG's but did nail a 53 yarder against Florida which was the second longest in Big East history. Four of his misses came from 50+. Sievers' KO skills will also be missed as he had a high percentage of touchbacks. The top PR is back in Roscoe Parrish who averaged a super 14.5 on PR's and the top two KR's also return. The top candidates at PK and P are listed below. Overall Miami finished #49 in my special teams rankings last year and need a punter to emerge to improve.

COACHES - When Butch Davis left here Larry Coker took over and despite having no head coaching experience, he continued the team's amazing 34 game winning streak, winning his first 23 games before their upset loss in the Championship game last year. His OC is Rob Chudzinski who was a TE here and later a TE coach. He is in his 8th year with the program, the 3rd as OC. The DC is Randy Shannon who was the Miami Dolphins' LB coach in 2000 and won the Broyles Award for the top assistant coach in 2001 and enters his 3rd year.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

Miami has arguably been the best team in the country in each of the last three years. In 2000 they did not get a chance to play in the National Title game despite a 10-1 regular season record and a win over Florida St, a team that appeared in the Title Game. They rectified matters in 2001 blowing through their schedule beating teams by an average of 42.7-9.8 and winning the school's fifth National Title by wiping out Nebraska 37-14 in the National Title Game. Last year the losses were heavy as just ten starters returned and they had to replace their entire secondary. Miami was +27 in turnovers in their National Title year but dropped to -1 last year and despite basically outgaining teams by the same margin as they did in 2001 they "only" outscored them by an average of 40.5-19.1, 11.5 ppg less than they blew out opponents in 2001. Still they were the best team in the country and an 11.5 point favorite in the Fiesta Bowl but lost in 2 OT's to Ohio St. This year they have 13 starters back but lose QB Ken Dorsey, top TB Willis McGahee, top WR (by far) Andre Johnson and all four starting DL's. Last year they beat both Florida and Tennessee on the road and this year have three tough road trips at Florida St, Virg Tech and Pittsburgh with the last two likely to be played in cold weather. Despite my shocking pick on page 148 (gotta take some chances) I think Miami is clearly still a National Title contender and it wouldn't surprise me to see them sweep through the schedule once again.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Brock Berlin Jr. 6-1 209 **PS#1**. 13 gms @ UF 849 yds (60%) 12-4 ratio. Derrick Crudup (6-1 201 Jr) PS#22, 16 gms here, 326 yds (52%) 3-0 ratio. Marc Gullion (6-4 190 rFr) PS#24.

RB Frank Gore So. 5-10 196 **PS#10**. 565 yds, super 8.8 ypc as true. ACL, RS in 2002. Jarrett Payton (6-2 218 Sr) **PS#35**, 511 yds (4.4) in 3 yrs. Tyrone Moss is **PS#2**.

FB QUADTRINE HILL SO. 6-2 213 PS#89. 12 sts as rFr. 16 yds rush, 15 rec (12.8). Kyle Cobia (6-2 236 Jr) PS#173. 1 st, 47 total yds, 2 yrs. Talib Humphrey (6-2 229 Sr) PS#145JC.

WR Jason Geathers Sr. 6-3 210 **PS#3**. 9 rec in '01. 398 rush yds @ RB LY, 8 rec (12.9). Akieem Jolla (6-4 190 So) **PS#5**, 5 rec as true. Devin Hester (5-11 168 Fr) **PS#13** in for spg.

WR KEVIN BEARD SR. 6-2 180 **PS#18**. 5 sts in '01, 29 rec (15.5), 10 sts LY, 23 rec (11.4) til ACL inj. Ryan Moore (6-3 185 rFr) **PS#2**. Roscoe Parrish (5-9 157 So) 19 rec (17.9) LY.

TE KELLEN WINSLOW JR. 6-5 233 **PS#31WR**. 13 sts in '02, **2nd Tm AA**, 57 rec (12.7). Kevin Everett (6-6 245 Jr) **PS#24JC**. Brandon Sebald (6-6 248 So) **PS#14**. Curtis Justus (6-6 200 rFr).

C Joel Rodriguez Jr. 6-3 286 PS#134. 12 gms at C as rFr. 13 gms as backup C in '02, 2 letters. Anthony Wollschlager (6-6 300 rFr) **PS#27**. Chris Harvey (6-3 320 Sr) is LS.

RG CHRIS MYERS JR. 6-5 276 **PS#52**. 7 gms as backup as rFr. 13 sts at RG in '02, 2 sks allowed, 41 pancakes. Alex Pou (6-4 276 rFr) **PS#22**. Cyrim Wimbs is **PS#42**.

LG Joe McGrath Sr. 6-5 292 Canadian. 4 gms in 2000. Lettered as backup in '01. 7 gms in '02. Robert Bergman (6-5 273 So) **PS#30**, 1 letter. Andrew Bain is **PS#6**.

RT VERNON CAREY SR. 6-5 350 **PS#1**. 8 games as rFr, 12 gms in '01. 13 sts at RT in 2002, 42 pancakes, trimmed 13 lbs. Eric Winston (6-7 290 So) **PS#2TE**. 2 rec as true.

LT CARLOS JOSEPH SR. 6-6 334 **PS#1**. DL in 2000. 8 gms as backup LT in '01. 13 sts at LT LY, **2nd Tm BE**, 1 sk allowed, 41 pancakes. Rashad Butler (6-5 290 So) **PS#43**, 1L.

K Mark Gent So. 6-1 189 PS#78. 22 of 26 FG's in HS, long of 49. 60% TB's. 0-1 on xp's here. Jon Peattie is PS#75. 12 of 15 FG's in HS, long of 57, 28 of 38 TB's.

DE John Square Jr. 6-5 214 PS#100DL. 4.5 spd, 29 tkls, 5 sks, 3 tfl as rFr. 6 tkl in '02. Alton Wright (6-4 225 Jr) **PS#45**. JUCO in 2001. John Wood (6-3 225 rFr) PS#75.

DT Vince Wilfork Jr. 6-2 350 **PS#8**. 41 tkls, 11 tfl as true, 15 hurries. 1 st in '02, 43 tkls, 7 sks, 8 tfl, 8 QBH. Kareem Brown (6-5 250 rFr) **PS#48**. Larry Anderson (6-4 260 Sr).

DT Orien Harris So. 6-4 294 **PS#6DL**. 36 tkls as rFr, 1 sk, 14 QBH. Santonio Thomas (6-4 302 Jr) **PS#40OL**. 26 tkls, 2 tfl in 2001. 9 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 QBH until injury in 2002.

DE Thomas Carroll So. 6-5 230 **PS#19**. 6 tkls, 1 sk, 1 tfl, 3 QBH as rFr. Baraka Atkins (6-4 240 rFr) **PS#50DL**. David Williams (6-3 225 Jr) PS#79TE, 2 rec LY.

WLB DJ WILLIAMS SR. 6-2 247 **PS#1**. 4 sts at FB, 225 ttl yds as true. 10 sts in '01, 47 tkl, 5 tfl. 12 sts LY, 108 tkls, 16 tfl, 8 pbu. Darrell McClover (6-2 219 Sr) PS#111, 9 tkl, 2 sk, 4 tfl LY.

MLB JONATHAN VILMA SR. 6-2 208 40 tkl, 5 tfl as true. **1st Tm BE**, 2Y. 87 tkls, 8 tfl. 133 tkls, 13 sts, 8 tfl LY. Leon Williams (6-4 225 So) **PS#3**, 14 tkl. Antonio Reynolds (6-4 225 Fr) **PS#38**.

SLB ROGER McINTOSH SO. 6-3 219 **PS#13**. 6 sts as rFr, 43 tkls, 8 tfl, 2 pbu. Carl Walker (6-3 208 Jr) **PS#11**, 11 tkls, 3Y. Jarrell Weaver (6-3 203 Sr) PS#97, 59 tkls in 3 years.

CB KELLY JENNINGS SO. 6-0 170 PS#84WR. 11 sts as rFr, 25 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu. Alfonso Marshall (6-1 186 Sr) PS#179. 5 sts, 47 tkls, 8 pbu, 2Y. Terrell Walden (6-0 170 Fr) PS#44 LY.

CB ANTREL ROLLE JR. 6-1 189 **PS#3**. 9 tkls, 1 int as true. 12 sts LY, 66 tkl, 6 tfl, 1 int, 7 pbu. **1st Tm BE**. Glenn Sharpe (5-11 175 So) PS#21. 18 tkl as true. Travarous Bain (6-0 170 rFr) **PS#9**.

SS MAURICE SIKES SR. 5-11 193 **PS#34**. 15 tkl, 1 int in '01. 12 sts LY, **1st Tm BE**, 80 tkl, 3 int, 9 pbu. Greg Threat (6-2 185 So) **PS#14**, 3 sts as true, 16 tkl. Marcus Maxey (6-3 194 So) PS#44.

FS SEAN TAYLOR JR. 6-3 220 PS#80RB, 26 tkls as true. 13 sts LY, 85 tkls, 4 int, 15 pbu, 4 tfl, **1st Tm BE**. Brandon Meriweather (6-1 173 rFr) **PS#26**, 3 tkls as true. Jon Beason is PS#24.

P Jon Peattie rFr. 6-3 185 Avg 36.0 as punter in HS as Sr. 3 punts here as true, 44.3 avg. 4.9 speed. Brian Monroe (6-2 190 Fr) PS#11, 44.2 avg per punt in HS last year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

QB	Kyle Wright 6-5 220 PS#1	
RB	Tyrone Moss 5-10 210 PS#2	
OL	Andrew Bain 6-4 320 PS#6	
LB	Tavares Gooden 6-1 220 PS#7	
LB	Eric Moncur 6-3 230 PS#17	
DB	Willie Cooper 6-1 190 PS#15	
LB	John Beason 6-1 206 PS#24	
OL	Derrick Morse 6-5 305 PS#27	
DL	Bryan Pata 6-4 260 PS#41	
OL	Cyrim Wimbs 6-5 310 PS#42	
OL	John Rochford 6-3 295 PS#42	
LB	Arlington Highsmith 6-1 220 PS#35	
DL	Nate Robinson 6-5 305 PS#62	
DL	Vegas Franklin 6-3 235 PS#72	

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5-9 Vs Conference	1-0 Away Dog
	5-3 Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: **(12-1)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (22,21,4)
Lost: 18 (9,7,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 69,539

BIG EAST

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#37

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	at Louisiana Tech	G					
Sep. 6	Florida	G					
Sep. 13	E Carolina	G					
Sep. 20	at Boston College	A					
Sep. 27							
Oct. 2	W Virginia (Thur)	G					
Oct. 11	at Florida St	G					
Oct. 18	Temple	G					
Oct. 25							
Nov. 1	at Virginia Tech	G					
Nov. 8	Tennessee	G					
Nov. 15	Syracuse (HC)	G					
Nov. 22	Rutgers	G					
Nov. 29	at Pittsburgh	G					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Miami is 122-16 SU at home since 1980!
Hurricanes are 41-5 SU at home vs Big East opponents since 1980.
Miami is 6-3 SU & ATS vs Florida since 1980.

Canes are 18-5 ATS in road openers since 1980.
In their 1st ever meeting in 2000, UM won 42-31, but failed to cover as 40 pt favs.

Miami is 4-11 ATS in lined non-conference home games since 1996.
Canes are 18-3 SU & 10-5-1 ATS in home openers since 1982.

UM is 8-2 SU but 1-6-1 ATS vs E Carolina since 1980.
Miami is 3-7 ATS in their 2nd straight home game since 1996.

The visitor is 1-8 ATS in the Miami/Boston College series.
UM is 19-9 ATS before a bye since 1990.

Bonus: Canes are 12-8 ATS on artificial turf the last 7 years.

The favorite is 2-6 ATS the last 8 years in this matchup.
Miami is 11-4 ATS the last 15 games hosting a Big East foe.

The Canes have had recent success going 3-1 SU & ATS the L4Y.
The favorite has won 9 of the last 14 games.

Canes are 7-0 SU & 5-2 ATS vs the Owls their last 7.
The avg score in this series is UM-45, TU-11 with an avg line of -33.

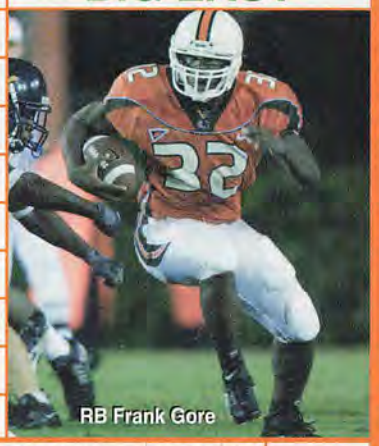
Miami is 3-5 SU & 2-6 ATS the last 8 years vs Virginia Tech.
UM is 8-4 ATS in November road games since 1996.

Canes are 16-4 SU & 14-6 ATS vs SEC their last 20.
UM is 10-0 SU & 8-2 ATS in November home games since 1998.

The favorite is 9-1 SU & ATS the last 10 meetings.
The Hurricanes are 10-2 SU & 9-3 ATS their last 12 games in this series.

Miami is 10-0 SU & 7-3 ATS vs Rutgers.
UM is 10-1 SU & 8-3 ATS in home finales since 1992.

The Canes are just 5-8 ATS the last 13 road finales.
Miami is just 1-4 ATS since 1993 in their last 5 trips to Pittsburgh.


RB Frank Gore

STADIUM: ORANGE BOWL (72,319)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	5-6	8-3	8-4	10-1	11-0	12-0	62-17
ATS	6-4	3-8	7-3	7-5	8-3	6-5	4-7	41-35
Home Fav	1-3	1-4	2-1	4-1	3-2	4-2	1-4	16-17
Home Dog	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-4
Away Fav	3-0	1-2	3-0	1-1	4-1	2-3	2-3	16-10
Away Dog	2-0	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-0	0-0	1-0	7-4
Favorite	4-3	2-6	5-1	5-2	7-3	6-5	3-7	32-27
Dog	2-1	1-2	2-2	2-3	1-0	0-0	1-0	9-8
Grass	3-4	2-6	4-2	6-4	5-2	6-4	3-5	29-27
Artificial	3-0	1-2	3-1	1-1	3-1	0-1	1-2	12-8
vs Conf	5-3	2-5	5-2	4-3	7-0	3-4	2-5	28-22
vs Non-Conf	1-1	1-3	2-1	3-2	1-3	3-1	2-2	13-13
Off SU Win	5-2	2-3	4-3	4-3	7-2	5-5	4-7	31-25
Off SU Loss	1-2	0-5	3-0	2-2	1-0	0-0	0-0	7-9

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Willis McGahee	282	1808	55	1753	28	6.2
Jason Geathers	68	419	21	398	3	5.9
Jarrett Payton	50	236	13	223	0	4.5
Ken Dorsey	23	54	93	-39	0	-1.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Ken Dorsey	393	222	56.5	3369	28	12
Derrick Crudup	26	15	57.7	226	2	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Andre Johnson	52	1092	21.0	9	68	
Kellen Winslow	57	726	12.7	8	58	
Willis McGahee	27	355	13.1	0	77	
Roscoe Parrish	19	340	17.9	2	58	
Ethenic Sands	21	312	14.9	4	53	
Kevin Beard	23	262	11.4	4	32	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Freddie Capshaw	54	2225	41.2	59	33.9	3	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Todd Sievers	66-69	3-3	5-7	4-7	1-5	13-22	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jonathan Vilma	133	2	6	5	0
D.J. Williams	108	4	12	8	0
Sean Taylor	85	0	4	15	4
Maurice Sikes	80	0	1	9	3
Antrel Rolle	66	2	4	7	1
Matt Walters	64	5	3	3	0
Jerome McDougle	55	7	9	3	0
Jamaal Green	52	10	0	0	0
William Joseph	51	5	11	5	0
Roger McIntosh	43	0	8	2	0
Vince Wilfork	43	7	8	1	0
Andrew Williams	38	4	6	2	0
Orien Harris	36	1	0	0	0
Cornelius Green	35	6	1	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Roscoe Parrish	27	392	14.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jason Geathers	24	521	21.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	MicronPC	-6'	NC State	46-23	W
99	Gator	-4'	Georgia Tech	28-13	W
00	Sugar	-6'	Florida	37-20	W
01	Rose	-8'	Nebraska	37-14	W
02	Fiesta	-11'	Ohio St (2OT)	24-31	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MIAMI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	40.5	21	182	5.2	284	55.8	11.5	-1	2002	6	19.1	18	169	3.8	120	46.2	15.2
6*	42.7	22	197	5.3	260	57.6	10.7	+27	2001	8	9.8	17	138	3.2	132	43.9	27.7
6	42.2	22	194	4.9	266	57.9	10.9	+13	2000	8	15.8	19	115	3.4	228	50.1	21.7
7	33.2	20	177	4.5	229	56.5	12.2	+5	1999	9	16.9	18	114	3.1	196	53.6	18.4
6	37.3	23	208	5.1	255	58.8	12.4	+6	1998	6	24.8	21	149	3.6	235	55.5	15.5
7*	28.6	21	170	4.6	222	56.0	13.7	0	1997	3	25.9	22	220	4.9	177	58.2	15.3

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Florida A&M	20	33-312	9.5	12-26	204	0	13	44-61	1.4	16-36	94	7	-2
at Florida	25	46-306	6.7	16-33	202	1	27	36-163	4.5	19-45	191	1	-1
at Temple	24	37-112	3.0	24-39	365	2	12	37-121	3.3	12-18	101	2	0
Boston College	17	31-182	5.9	14-27	211	1	19	48-147	3.1	14-24	138	3	+3
Connecticut	27	29-214	7.4	25-39	284	1	14	34-143	4.2	11-28	100	6	-1
Florida St	19	30-115	3.8	20-45	362	0	25	52-296	5.7	8-20	83	1	-2
at W Virginia	21	39-102	2.6	22-36	422	1	21	62-363	5.9	6-18	60	3	+1
at Rutgers	15	35-195	5.6	18-33	241	1	11	39-83	2.1	10-27	117	2	+2
at Tennessee	25	38-177	4.7	18-36	245	0	10	38-141	3.7	8-21	77	7	0
Pittsburgh	13	23-152	6.6	14-26	163	1	26	50-193	3.9	17-38	150	6	0
at Syracuse	20	34-173	5.1	17-27	392	3	18	45-154	3.4	19-30	151	3	+1
Virginia Tech	22	47-256	5.4	12-21	300	0	19	45-192	4.3	16-27	172	5	+1
† Ohio St	19	33-65	2.0	29-44	304	4	14	52-145	2.8	7-21	122	1	-3
TOTALS	267	455-2361	5.2	241-432	3695	15	229	582-2202	3.8	163-353	1556	47	-1
AVERAGES	20.5	35-182	5.2	19-33	284	1.2	17.6	45-169	3.8	13-27	120	3.6	-0.1

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Tenn St	NL	66-17	–
at Cincinnati	-13'	38-12	W
Virginia Tech	-4	20-27 OT	L
at Rutgers	-28	53-17	W
Florida St	+9'	14-26	L
at W Virginia	+4	34-31	W
Boston Coll	-15	35-17	W
at Temple	-23'	42-7	W
Pittsburgh	-23'	38-10	W
at Syracuse	+3'	13-66	L
UCLA	+9'	49-45	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Ohio St	+5'	23-12	W
Florida A&M	-40	57-3	W
Penn St	+2	23-27	L
at E Carolina	-11	23-27	L
at Florida St	+14	21-31	W
at Boston Coll	-18	31-28	L
W Virginia	-17'	28-20	L
at Pittsburgh	-8	33-3	W
at Virginia Tech	+8'	10-43	L
Rutgers	-33	55-0	W
Syracuse	-10'	45-13	W
Temple	-31	55-0	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
McNeese St	-55	61-14	L
at Washington	-3	29-34	L
at W Virginia	-7'	47-10	W
at Rutgers	-30	64-6	W
Florida St	+6'	27-24	W
at Temple	-22	45-17	W
LA Tech	-40'	42-31	L
Virginia Tech	-9'	41-21	W
Pittsburgh	-20'	35-7	W
at Syracuse	-12'	26-0	W
Boston Coll	-27	52-6	W

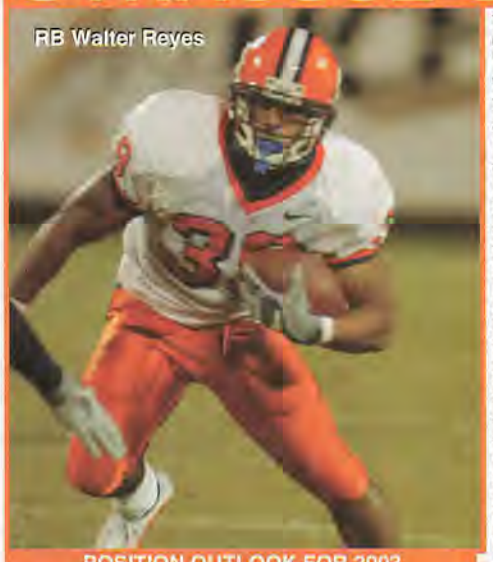
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	-13'	33-7	W
Rutgers	-44	61-0	W
at Pittsburgh	-27	43-21	L
Troy St	-50	38-7	L
at Florida St	-7'	49-27	W
W Virginia	-35	45-3	W
Temple	-42	38-0	L
at Boston Coll	-20	18-7	L
Syracuse	-20'	59-0	W
Washington	-25'	65-7	W
at Virginia Tech	-14	26-24	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Florida A&M	NL	63-17	–
at Florida	+2'	41-16	W
at Temple	-37'	44-21	L
Boston Coll	-26	38-6	W
Connecticut	-43'	48-14	L
Florida St	-13	28-27	L
at W Virginia	-20	40-23	L
at Rutgers	-39	42-17	L
at Tennessee	-9	26-3	W
Pittsburgh	-19	28-21	L
at Syracuse	-20'	49-7	W
Virginia Tech	-17'	56-45	L

SYRACUSE ORANGEMEN


RB Walter Reyes

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - This school has had its share of super QB's like Marvin Graves, Don McPherson and Donovan McNabb. Since McNabb left, the last four years have been plagued by uneven QB play. Troy Nunes (PS#58) was much maligned in his four years on campus. Nunes began 2001 as a starter but RJ Anderson, who had 4 starts in 2000 and 512 yards (46%), took over the starting job and led the Orange to a 9-1 record in ten games and came into 2002 with a 12-2 record as the starting QB. Another highly anticipated QB was Cecil "The Diesel" Howard (PS#16). Howard came out of last spring 3rd string and decided to transfer leaving the 3rd string QB job to Perry Patterson (PS#30) who has a powerful arm. Anderson's best trait in 2001 was his consistency as he had just 3 interceptions in 158 attempts. Anderson's confidence was shaken in 2002, as he started the first seven games, but tossed up 8 int's with 4 TD's and vs IA teams, he completed just 38%. Troy Nunes produced every time he came into the game and took over the starting job. He led Syracuse to a 3-2 record in his 5 starts including his 403 passing yards against VT which was the 2nd highest in school history. Nunes had the second highest career completion % (58.9%) in school history (Marvin Graves' 59.7% is first). He threw for 1,337 yards with an 8-7 ratio while rushing for 175 yards in his final season. Anderson and Patterson are back as is Xzavier Gaines (6-3 206 So) who was originally moved to WR last year but moved back to 3rd string QB due to Howard's departure. This year they also signed Canadian Matt Hale (6-4 220 Fr) after Nebraska signee Joe Dailey reneged on his commitment. The Orangemen hope that Anderson returns to his 2001 form as Patterson suffered a major knee injury in the spring. This unit should be able to improve on last year's numbers as the receiving corps was guilty of numerous drops and they got insufficient protection from the OL.

RUNNING BACKS - Syracuse has had some outstanding runners like Larry Csonka, Joe Morris and three players who wore the famed "44" Ernie Davis, Floyd Little and the great Jim Brown. In 2001 and 2002 they had to replace a 1,000 yard rusher and last year they also had to replace their starting FB who was a #5 NFL DC. Then Diamond Ferri, who was the frontrunner for the starting TB job, had to take off the year due to academics. Walter Reyes, a powerful back with 4.36 speed, took over the starting spot. Reyes is Buckeye Maurice Clarett's cousin. True frosh Damien Rhodes was offered the number "44", but opted for "1" and played immediately. FB Chris Davis weighed 234 lbs but also has 4.37 speed but Rhodes was the fastest of the 3 clocking in at 4.35. Despite the bad year, SU had a solid rush attack and Reyes not only topped 1,000 yards (1,135), but he also set a school record with 17 rushing TD's and averaged an amazing 6.2 ypc. Rhodes rushed for 568 yards (4.1) with a slight tear in his PCL which bothered him all year. Barry Baker (PS#96) was #3 with 116 yards (5.5), but missed spring working on academics and must graduate to be eligible this season. Also in the mix are Tim Washington (5-9 196 rFr, PS#67) and the FB's who I list below that will try to replace Davis (#5DC of SEA). Last year's RB's had 56 career carries combined coming into 2002. This year's group is much more experienced and has a lot of talent.

RECEIVERS - SU has arguably led the Big East in dropped passes over the last two years. Last year they lost all of their starters but did return two of the top 3 receivers including Johnnie Morant (223 lbs with 4.37 speed) who averaged a super 25.1 in 2001. The inexperienced unit had 3 crucial drops vs BYU and later in the year had 8 drops vs BC. They had poor blocking, ran the wrong routes, failed to get open and were partially responsible for QB Anderson's poor play. Morant (PS#3) was suspended for three games and dropped to #3 on the team in receptions. Jamel Riddle (PS#29) led the team with 41 rec's (15.3). This year the only certain loss is David Tyree (12 sts, 36 rec, 15.5, 2nd TM BE, #6DC of NYG). Six players return with starting experience and I list the 2 deep below including 4 VHT's. If Riddle, who was on academic suspension in the spring, can come back for fall (questionable) and if Morant can stay out of trouble, they will have much more experience and will be a much improved group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The results from this unit over the past few years have been very surprising. The team rushed for 4.7 ypc in 1998 and returned four starters but surprisingly dropped to 3.9 ypc in 1999. In 2000 they had to replace four starters and shuffled the line prior to the season but improved to 4.5 ypc while allowing just 20 sacks. In 2001 four starters returned and big things were expected but they averaged just 3.5 ypc rushing while allowing 30 sacks. Last year was an inexperienced group with one starter returning up front but once again they were improved averaging 4.3 ypc while trimming the sacks to 28. This year the only loss up front is LG Erik Kaloyanides (12 sts) and basically nine of the top ten return. Naturally, this group is much more experienced, but will the numbers reflect that?

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Orangemen had to replace the Big East Defensive POY, Dwight Freeney (#1DC of IND), as well as one other starter last year and then the front line was hit hard by injuries with only one player starting all 12 games. Syracuse allowed 4.2 ypc rushing and recorded 26 sacks. This year seven of the top eight DL's return including 2nd Tm Big East Louis Gachelin and some DE's that have outstanding speed. The only loss is DT Brian Hooper (2 sts, 9 tkls). This unit has good size, experience and talent and I'll call it much stronger in 2003.

LINEBACKERS - Syracuse had to replace one starter last year as well as three backups but did have a healthier Clifton Smith at LB. Smith, who used to bench 400 lbs, suffered a torn pectoral muscle in 2001 and was only benching 135 at the end of that season. Last year he was benching 225 and he simply led the Big East in tackles with 136. This year Smith departs (2nd Tm Big East) as does backup LB Jose Harris (4 tkls, 1 tfl). A big question mark at the time of this writing was Jameel Dumas who withdrew from school in January for personal reasons and is questionable to return after starting 11 games (92 tkls) last year. If he is able to make it back, SU looks to be just as experienced at this position as they were heading into last year and I list the 2 deep below. If he is not able to make it back, there is still a lot of talent but the group would be less experienced, especially with the loss of its top 2 guys.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Syracuse finished in the Top 21 in my pass D rankings from 1998 to 2001. Last year they only had to replace two starters but a projected starter, FS Maurice McClain missed the majority of the season and the unit was banged up with no DB's starting all 12 games. SU unfortunately led the NCAA with the most yards passing allowed in 2002 as they yielded 303.8 ypg, (58.1%) with a 22-10 ratio. This year the majority of last year's starters depart in CB Will Hunter (11 sts, 81 tkls, 9 pbu), CB Latroy Oliver (9 sts, 35 tkls, 4 pbu), SS Keeon Walker (11 sts, 91 tkls, 11 tfl), FS Maurice McClain (5 sts, 24 tkls) and backup BJ Darnell (5 tkls). CB Steve Gregory is the team's fastest player and had 19 pbu last year to lead the Big East. There is some decent talent which I list in the 2 deep below including the insertion of Diamond Ferri who moves in from RB and JUCO Moe Sidibe as well as FB Darryl Kennedy. Naturally this unit can only be improved (#110 LY) even with the loss of four players who logged starts last year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Paul Pasqualoni usually fields a good special teams unit. They were #2, #11 and #8 from 1995 to 1997. After they dropped back for a couple of years they finished #20 in my special teams rankings in 2001 and had most of their key players back last year. Even though it was a horrible season for SU, the special teams were a bright spot as they finished #15. This is a team that blocks kicks, as they had seven last year (including 3 FG's) and in the last three years have blocked 9 punts. They also had 3 fumble recoveries on PR's as well. RFr Steve Gregory had 3 blocked kicks last year tying a school record. The Orangemen do suffer a big loss as P Mike Shafer departs. Shafer had super net punting of 37.5 and 38.1 the last two years and also handled the KO's with a high percentage of touchbacks. They do have some HT's waiting to take his place. FG kicking was inconsistent last year as Collin Barber hit 11 of 20 but missed three xp's. Barber will have to hold off Justin Sujansky, who hit 4 of 9 as a true frosh but tore his ACL last year, and true frosh Ricky Krautman (PS#5). The return game looks to be in great hands as KR's Rhodes and Gregory are both dangerous and did well as freshmen. Jamel Riddle (13.7), if he is eligible, and Rashard Williams (7.7) are also top-notch PR's. This looks like another top special teams unit for SU, but with the loss of Mike Shafer, I'll call it down a notch.

COACHES - Paul Pasqualoni is under a lot of pressure after the Orangemen didn't meet expectations in 2002 and last year was the first losing season in his career here. George DeLeone is entering his 15th year as the OC here including from 1987 to 1996 before leaving for the NFL, and this is his 19th year overall at SU. Chris Rippon is in his 5th year as DC and has been at SU for 11 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Carrier Dome used to be a feared venue but the Orangemen have not had a sellout since 1998 even though Paul Pasqualoni had a streak of 11 winning seasons in his first 11 years here. In 2001 the team was extremely fortunate. After opening up 0-2 they won 10 of their last 11 thanks in a huge part to +18 in turnovers. They had zero starters miss zero games due to injury (very rare) and despite their 6-1 league record were actually outgained by 3.7 ypg. Last year they had just 9 starters back and had to replace 24 of 52 lettermen. They were pegged for 3rd in the Big East in the preseason poll but I had them in the lower half of the league. The season was a nightmare for Syracuse. They led N Carolina 22-16 in the 4Q but lost and also lost in 3 OT's to Auburn. They then had an 11 game win streak against Pitt snapped and a 16 game win streak over Temple also ended. This is a team that is 56-26 in Big East play under Pasqualoni and the Orangemen have finished in the Top 3 of the Big East nine times. Last year they were outgained by an average of 82.9 ypg in league play but have 14 starters back and lose just 15 lettermen, the lowest in the league. They have not had outstanding QB play since Donovan McNabb left here and if a QB emerges, the offense should be solid. I look for their defense to be vastly improved over last year's 33.8 ppg allowed and interestingly the previous three years they allowed just 21.3, 19.3 and 19.0 ppg. While the Orange have just three home games in Big East play, they host most of the middle rung teams, and I will call for Syracuse to turn it around and forge out a winning season in 2003.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB R.J. Anderson Sr. 6-1 233 9 sts in '01, 1236 yds (49%), 6-3 ratio, 440 rush. 7 sts LY, 899 yds (43%), 4-8 ratio, 182 rush. Perry Patterson (6-4 240 rFr) **PS#30**. Strong arm, 40* VL.

RB WALTER REYES JR. 5-10 205 **PS#20**. 4.36 spd. 12 sts LY, 1135 yds (6.2), 7 rec (8.9). Damien Rhodes (6-1 193 So) **PS#31. 4.35 spd**, 568 yds (4.1) as true. Tim Washington PS#67.

FB Keith "Thump" Belton Sr. 6-0 240 PS#95. 57 yds (9.5), 13 gms in '01. 12 gms LY, 102 yds (4.9). Breyone Evans (6-0 240 Fr) PS#92. Greg Hanoian (6-2 267 Jr) PS#161LB.

WR Johnnie Morant Sr. 6-4 223 **PS#3**. 20 rec (25.1) in '01. 3 sts LY, 24 rec (13.6). susp 3. Andre Fontenette (6-2 227 Jr) PS#97. 1 st, 7 rec (12.7), 4.4 spd. Tim Lane (6-2 202 rFr) PS#107.

WR JAMEL RIDDLE SR. 5-7 175 **PS#29DB**. 9 sts LY, **2nd Tm Big East**, 41 rec (15.3). Susp spg. Jared Jones (5-11 192 Jr) **PS#17**. 22 rec (9.7) LY. Kyle Bell (6-3 185 Fr) PS#139.

TE LENNY CUSUMANO SR. 6-1 255 PS#66RB. 8 sts LY, 4 rec (9.0). **Joe Donnelly** (6-3 252 Sr) **PS#10**. 3 sts in '01, 8 rec (7.1). 5 sts LY, 12 rec (12.3). Beau Davidson PS#199JC.

C NICK ROMEO SR. 6-1 298 PS#118. 540 bench. 11 sts as rFr. 13 sts in '01. 12 sts at C in '02. Chris Buda (6-2 297 Sr) PS#63, 13 games. 3Y. Chris Thorner (6-4 281 rFr).

RG MATT TARULLO JR. 6-5 313 PS#138. 5 gms as rFr. 12 sts at RG in '02. Steve Franklin (6-3 310 So) PS#121JC. In for spring. Justin Outten (6-1 279 rFr) PS#116.

LG Jason Greene So. 6-5 301 **PS#63**. 5 gms as rFr as backup. Charles Simpson (6-3 322 So) PS#91DL. 4 gms LY. AJ Mitchell (6-2 271 rFr) PS#171OL.

RT KEVIN SAMPSON SR. 6-4 300 **PS#83**. 1 start as rFr. 13 games in 2001. 12 starts at RT in 2002. Quinn Ojinnaka (6-5 264 So) PS#121. 1 start at LT as true, 9 games.

LT ADAM TERRY JR. 6-8 300 **PS#55OL**. 4 games as rFr. 11 starts at LT in 2002. Tim Carignan (6-3 284 So) PS#182. 4 games as rFr. Brent Caldwell (6-3 284 So).

K COLLIN BARBER JR. 6-1 201 PS#42. 5 of 6 FG's, long of 45 as rFr. 11 of 20 FG's in 2002, long of 50, 33 of 36 xp's. Ricky Krautman is PS#5. Justin Sujansky (5-9 180 Jr).

DE JOSH THOMAS SR. 6-7 288 PS#102. 13 starts in 2001, 49 tkls, 8 tfl. 10 starts LY, 33 tkls, 6 tfl, 5 pbu. Julian Pollard (6-4 252 Jr) PS#121. 3 starts, 10 tkls, 1 tfl in 2002.

DT LOUIS GACHELIN SR. 6-1 285 **PS#41**. 1 st, 48 tkls, 5 sks in 2000 & '01. 12 sts LY, **2nd Tm Big East**, 47 tkls, 8.5 sks, 8 tfl, 600 lb bench. Shaheed Harris (6-3 300 rFr) PS#38TE.

DT CHRISTIAN FERRARA SR. 6-4 302 PS#71. 13 sts in '01, 34 tkls, 4.5 sks, 6 tfl. 10 sts in '02, 29 tkls, 2 tfl. Eric Ball (6-4 290 Fr) PS#128. Kader Drame (6-5 288 So) 7 tkls as true.

DE JAMES WYCHE SO. 6-5 242 PS#163. 7 sts as rFr, 40 tkls, 1.5 sks, 3 tfl. 100m champ in HS. Ryan LaCasse (6-2 248 So) PS#151. **4.34 spd!** 4 sts LY, 19 tkls, 2.5 sks, 2 tfl.

SLB JAMEEL DUMAS SR. 6-3 230 PS#140. 6 sts, 67 tkls, 4 tfl in '01, 11 sts LY, 92 tkls. 7 pbu. Not in school in spg. James Dumervil (5-10 234 Jr) PS#65DL. Kelvin Smith (6-2 230 rFr) PS#129.

MLB RICH SCANLON SR. 6-1 240 PS#67, 5 sts in '01, 65 tkls, 4 tfl. 9 sts at WLB in '02, 58 tkls, 3 sks, 6 tfl. Jerry Mackey (6-1 232 rFr) **PS#50**. Tommy Harris (6-2 245 So) PS#164DL.

WLB Kellen Pruitt So. 6-3 216 PS#62TE. 1 st as rFr, 25 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl. Vincenzo Giruzzi is PS#84. Cedric Edmonds (5-11 201 Sr) PS#99, Luke Cain (6-0 205 rFr) PS#215.

CB Terrell Lemon rFr. 5-10 152 PS#181. Thomas Whitfield (5-9 187 So) Canadian. 4.31 spd, 7 tkls as rFr. Moe Sidibe (5-10 175 Jr) PS#407JC from Canada. In for spg.

CB STEVE GREGORY SO. 5-11 178 PS#85. **Sub 4.3 spd.** 7 starts as rFr, 57 tkls, **#1 in Big East w/19 pbu**, 2 int. Marcus Clayton is PS#61. Tanard Jackson (6-0 175 Fr) PS#99.

SS Diamond Ferri Jr. 5-10 206 **PS#21RB**. 252 yds at RB in 2000 & '01. RS LY. Jeremy Sellers (6-1 202 Fr) PS#139LY. Fork Union. Darryl Kennedy (6-1 218 Sr) PS#54QB. FB LY.

FS O'Neil Scott Jr. 6-0 198 PS#167. 7 sts LY, 61 tkls, 1 sk, 1 int. Anthony Smith (6-0 171 So) PS#130. 31 tkls as **true**, 1 tfl, 1 pbu. Troy Swittenburg (5-9 204 Jr) PS#56RB.

P Brendan Carney rFr. 6-5 171 PS#34K. Avg 40.0 as punter in HS, hit 13 of 17 FG's in HS. Justin Sujansky (5-9 180 Jr) 4 of 9 FG's in 2001 as true, long of 43. ACL in 2002.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

K	Ricky Krautman 5-9 185 PS#5	
DL	Kevin Osifchin 6-5 250 PS#90	
DB	Marcus Clayton 5-8 180 PS#61	
LB	Vincenzo Giruzzi 6-3 220 PS#84	
DL	Tony Jenkins 6-3 270 PS#121	
RB	Breyone Evans 6-0 240 PS#92	
DL	Eric Ball 6-4 290 PS#128	
DB	Tanard Jackson 6-0 175 PS#99	
DL	Lee Williams 6-2 235 PS#136	
DL	Cornelius Campbell 6-4 272 PS#154	
DB	Lenny Carter 5-10 170 PS#133	
DB	Jeremy Sellers 6-1 202 PS#138	
DB	Reggie McCoy 6-1 190 PS149	
LB	Jameel McClain 6-2 240 PS#163	
OL	Steve Franklin 6-3 310 PS#121JC	

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SYRACUSE ORANGEMEN

Syracuse, New York
Carrier Dome

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#44

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 6	at N Carolina	G					
Sep. 13	Louisville	A					
Sep. 20	UCF	A					
Sep. 27	Toledo	A					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	at Virginia Tech	G					
Oct. 18	Boston Coll (HC)	A					
Oct. 25	at Pittsburgh	G					
Nov. 1							
Nov. 8	Temple	A					
Nov. 15	at Miami, Fl	G					
Nov. 22	W Virginia	A					
Nov. 29	at Rutgers	G					
Dec. 6	Notre Dame	A					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Syracuse is 3-1 SU, but 1-3 ATS vs Service Academies since 1986.
Syracuse is 5-3 ATS the last 8 Big East openers, 0-2 the last 2.
Orangemen are 8-4 ATS in road openers.

Syracuse is 5-9 ATS the last 14 games on grass.
The Orangemen are 0-5 SU & 1-4 ATS vs ACC teams since 1996.

SU is 6-13 ATS in home openers since '81, but 3-1 ATS the last 4.
Syracuse is 8-2 SU & 8-1 ATS at home vs non-conference teams.

SU is 10-1 ATS in their 2nd straight home game since 1994.
Syracuse is 2-0 SU & ATS vs UCF in this new series.

Orangemen are 10-0 SU & 5-1 ATS L/10 vs MAC tms covering the L/5.
Syracuse is 2-6 ATS vs non-conference teams before a bye.

Bonus: Syracuse is 3-7-1 ATS in Big East road openers.
Bonus: Orangemen are 0-5 ATS the last 5 Homecoming games.

Syracuse is 1-4 SU & ATS their last 5 stops in Blacksburg.
The home team has covered 10 of the last 12 in this series.

Orangemen are 14-8 ATS vs Boston College since '81, but 1-3 ATS L/4.
The favorite is 16-3 ATS the last 19 series meetings.

Orangemen are 6-0 SU their last 6 visits to Pittsburgh.
Syracuse is 19-8 ATS vs Pittsburgh.

Bonus: Syracuse is just 4-10 ATS their last 14 Big East road games.

Syracuse is 22-12 ATS as a Big East home favorite.
SU is 16-1 SU the last 17 meetings, 4-2 ATS the last 6 vs Temple.

The favorite in this series is 9-1 ATS the last 10 meetings.
Orangemen are 2-10 SU & 3-9 ATS since 1990 vs Miami.

The favorite is 11-3-1 ATS the last 15 matchups.
Last year was the 1st time since 1994 that Syracuse was a dog vs WV.

Syracuse has been favored in every game vs Rutgers since 1982.
The Orangemen are 15-1 SU & 13-3 ATS vs Rutgers since 1987.

Syracuse enters 2003 at 5-10 ATS as a road dog the last 7 years.
The Orangemen are 4-0 SU & ATS vs Independents since 1993.

PAUL PASQUALONI (Career 129-64-1)
13th Year at Syracuse
Pasqualoni's records AT SYRACUSE

95-47-1 Straight Up
71-61-2 Vs The Spread
16-22 Off A SU Loss
43-38-1 Vs Conference
34-25 Home Favorite
7-4 Home Dog
24-15-2 Away Favorite
6-17 Away Dog
28-23-1 Vs Non-Conf

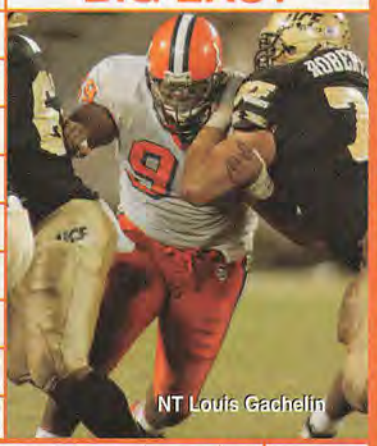
2002 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 24 (13,9,2)
Lost: 15 (6,8,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 42,259

BIG EAST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STADIUM: CARRIER DOME (49,550)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	9-3	8-3	6-5	6-5	9-3	4-8	50-30
ATS	6-4-1	6-6	5-6	5-6	7-4	8-4	4-7	41-37-1
Home Fav	4-2	3-3	2-4	3-2	4-0	5-1	1-2	22-14
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	3-2
Away Fav	2-2-1	3-2	2-2	1-2	2-1	1-1	0-1	11-11-1
Away Dog	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-2	0-2	2-2	2-3	5-10
Favorite	6-4-1	6-5	4-6	4-4	6-1	6-2	1-3	33-25-1
Dog	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-2	1-3	2-2	3-4	8-12
Grass	0-0	2-2	1-1	0-3	0-1	3-3	2-1	8-11
Artificial	6-4-1	4-4	4-5	5-3	7-3	5-1	2-6	33-26-1
vs Conf	5-2	4-3	4-3	1-6	5-2	4-3	2-5	25-24
vs Non-Conf	1-2-1	2-3	1-3	4-0	2-2	4-1	2-2	16-13-1
Off SU Win	5-2-1	5-3	4-3	3-3	2-3	5-3	3-1	27-18-1
Off SU Loss	1-1	0-3	1-2	1-3	4-1	2-1	1-5	10-16

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Walter Reyes	182	1185	50	1135	17	6.2
Damien Rhodes	138	634	66	568	7	4.1
Barry Baker	21	118	2	116	1	5.5
R.J. Anderson	53	182	74	108	1	2.0
Thump Belton	21	103	1	102	0	4.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Troy Nunes	198	115	58.1	1337	8	7
R.J. Anderson	134	58	43.3	899	4	8

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jamel Riddle	41	626	15.3	5	87
David Tyree	36	559	15.5	3	62
Johnnie Morant	24	327	13.6	0	37
Jared Jones	22	213	9.7	2	37
Joe Donnelly	12	148	12.3	1	26

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Mike Shafer	69	2707	39.2	54	38.1	0	23

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Collin Barber	33-36	5-7	4-7	1-5	1-1	11-20	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Clifton Smith	136	2	11	3	1
Jameel Dumas	92	0.5	0	7	1
Keeon Walker	91	2	9	3	0
Will Hunter	81	0	1	9	1
O'Neil Scott	61	1	0	1	1
Rich Scanlon	58	3	6	0	1
Steve Gregory	57	0	0	19	2
Louis Gachelin	47	8.5	8	0	0
James Wyche	40	1.5	3	1	0
Latroy Oliver	35	1	0	4	1
Josh Thomas	33	3	3	5	1
Anthony Smith	31	0	1	1	0
Christian Ferrara	29	0	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jamel Riddle	23	316	13.7	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Damien Rhodes	28	589	21.0	0
Steve Gregory	17	376	22.1	0

SYRACUSE ATHLETICS

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Liberty	-17	Houston	30-17	L
97	Fiesta	+3	Kansas St	18-35	L
98	Orange	+6'	Florida	10-31	L
99	Music City	+3	Kentucky	20-13	W
01	Insight	+6	Kansas St	26-3	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

SYRACUSE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
3*	28.9	20	189	4.3	188	52.3	13.0	+2	2002	6	33.8	21	172	4.2	304	58.1	14.1
8*	25.7	17	170	3.5	152	51.3	12.5	+18	2001	6	19.0	18	160	4.3	191	49.5	18.5
5	26.7	18	207	4.5	171	55.5	14.1	-6	2000	8	19.3	15	136	3.8	175	45.4	16.1
6	25.0	19	174	3.9	168	56.2	13.7	-7	1999	6	21.3	16	112	3.2	195	55.5	14.4
6*	39.8	22	220	4.7	201	60.9	10.6	+11	1998	4	25.0	18	142	3.8	195	48.2	13.5
7*	33.9	22	199	4.5	229	52.1	12.6	+9	1997	4	17.4	15	112	3.0	192	51.2	17.5

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at BYU	18	42-198	4.7	8-24	128	3	31	39-218	5.6	36-55	397	1	0
N Carolina	15	43-183	4.3	4-11	71	2	22	42-152	3.6	19-36	284	3	-1
Rhode Island	27	48-280	5.8	16-25	349	0	17	55-273	5.0	9-16	172	1	+1
at Auburn	15	44-158	3.6	15-30	163	1	23	54-231	4.3	17-33	271	1	+1
Pittsburgh	14	38-144	3.8	14-29	131	2	18	47-180	3.8	10-15	279	3	-2
at Temple	20	28-144	5.1	18-34	239	1	21	43-160	3.7	20-39	340	0	0
at W Virginia	16	38-72	1.9	16-34	170	4	22	57-279	4.9	8-16	105	2	-3
Rutgers	18	44-289	6.6	13-23	117	1	12	37-16	0.4	14-31	177	8	+4
at UCF	22	50-197	3.9	13-19	199	3	26	31-99	3.2	28-47	440	2	+2
Virginia Tech	29	60-201	3.4	24-40	403	6	18	25-55	2.2	23-35	504	2	+2
at Boston College	23	48-245	5.1	14-34	131	2	21	33-227	6.9	22-34	284	0	-1
Miami, Fl	18	45-154	3.4	19-30	151	3	20	34-173	5.1	17-27	392	3	-1
TOTALS	235	528-2265	4.3	174-333	2252	28	251	497-2063	4.2	223-384	3645	26	+2
AVERAGES	19.6	44-189	4.3	15-28	188	2.3	20.9	41-172	4.2	19-32	304	2.2	0.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tennessee	E/-1	33-34	L
at Michigan	+10	38-28	W
Rutgers	-41	70-14	W
at NC State	-12	17-38	L
Cincinnati	-42'	63-21	L
at Boston Coll	-13'	42-25	W
Pittsburgh	-24	45-28	L
at W Virginia	-2'	28-35	L
Virginia Tech	-4	28-26	L
at Temple	-27	38-7	W
Miami, Fl	-3'	66-13	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Toledo	-13'	35-12	W
C Michigan	-30	47-7	W
Michigan	+5'	13-18	W
W Virginia	-13	30-7	W
Tulane	-14'	47-17	W
at Pittsburgh	-10	24-17	L
at Virginia Tech	+12'	0-62	L
Boston Coll	-19	23-24	L
Temple	-18	27-10	L
at Rutgers	-30'	21-24 OT	L
at Miami, Fl	+10'	13-45	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Buffalo	-43'	63-7	W
at Cincinnati	-7'	10-12	L
at E Carolina	+5	17-34	L
BYU	-7'	42-14	W
Pittsburgh	-6	24-17 2OT	W
at Boston Coll	+1	13-20	L
Virginia Tech	+13	14-22	W
at W Virginia	-3	31-27	W
at Temple	-10	31-12	W
Miami, Fl	+12'	0-26	L
Rutgers	-25	49-21	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Georgia Tech	+8	7-13	W
at Tennessee	+15	9-33	L
UCF	-10	21-10	W
Auburn	-2'	31-14	W
E Carolina	-7	44-30	W
at Rutgers	-25	24-17	L
at Pittsburgh	-3'	42-10	W
Temple	-17	45-3	W
at Virginia Tech	+17'	22-14	W
W Virginia	-14'	24-13	L
at Miami, Fl	+20'	0-59	L
Boston Coll	-3'	39-28	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	+3	21-42	L
N Carolina	-5'	22-30	L
Rhode Island	NL	63-17	–
at Auburn	+15	34-37 OT	W
Pittsburgh	-2	24-48	L
at Temple	-4	16-17	L
at W Virginia	+7'	7-34	L
Rutgers	-16	45-14	W
at UCF	+5	38-35	W
Virginia Tech	+10	50-42 3OT	W
at Boston Coll	+7	20-41	L
Miami, Fl	+20'	7-49	L

BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 BC had to replace a two year starter who completed 53% with an 18-10 ratio. His backup, Brian St Pierre (PS#12), saw action in all twelve games in 2000 including one start with 543 yards (60.3%) and a 4-3 ratio. He took over the starting job in 2001 and was simply 2nd Team Big East throwing for 2,125 yards (52%) with a super 26-10 ratio tied with Dorsey for tops in the Big East in TD passes. St Pierre returned last season but struggled at times. He topped the yardage total by throwing for 2,983 yards (58.2%) but had a ratio of just 18-17. Unlike when St Pierre (#5DC of PIT) was the backup, Quinton Porter (PS#30) saw very little action. He has appeared in 12 games in two years throwing for 82 yards (70%) with a 0-1 ratio while rushing for 15 yards. He had arthroscopic surgery after the Rutgers game and saw little action at the end of the year. Karim El Nokali (6-4 205 rFr) was PS#69. Dan Berglund (6-3 215 rFr) was PS#132. Two new additions this year are Paul Peterson who threw for 2,900 yards with a 35-10 ratio at JUCO last year and true frosh Matt Ryan (PS#50). Porter injured a shoulder in the spring and worked in just six practices. There is solid talent here but they go from a two year starter to relative inexperience and the unit will go through some growing pains.

TE Sean Ryan

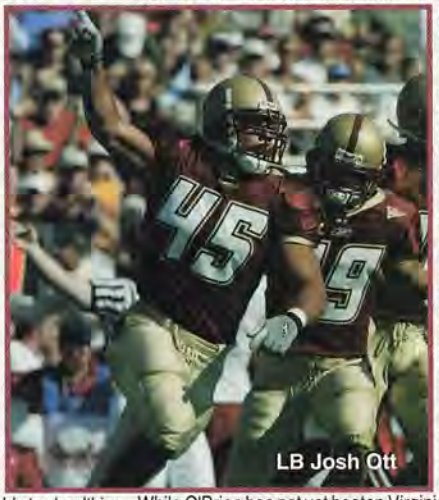
RUNNING BACKS - BC has had a 1,000 yard rusher now for five straight seasons. William Green had a huge junior season in 2001 rushing for 1,708 yards (5.7) with another 265 yards receiving and 18 total TD's. He opted to leave early for the NFL last year. Derrick Knight (PS#144) got in one start in 2001 vs Miami and coming into the season had 576 rush yards (4.2) in 22 games backing up Green. Knight is diminutive (5-9 205) yet speedy and was a track champ in HS. Horace Dodd (6-1 207 Sr) was PS#19 and originally signed at Penn St. The Nittany Lions moved him to LB and he had 18 tackles in 2000 but wanted to play RB so he transferred here. He sat out 2001 earning the scout team award. Dodd, with the best talent of the RB's, won the starting job at the beginning of last season but suffered through some fumble problems in the first two games and lost his starting job to Knight. Dodd finished the year with just 141 yards (2.8). Knight went on to rush for 1,432 yards (5.5). Brandon Brokaw gave the team a power back and a different look when he came in. He rushed for 334 yards (3.5) as the #2 RB but quit football this year. Knight and Dodd return and I list the FB's below. They also must replace FB JP Comella (PS#78) who had 113 yards receiving but lost his starting job after 3 games and opted not to return. They also add Andre Callender (PS#30) and Jo-Lonn Dunbar (PS#36) this year. While Knight put up some outstanding numbers, this group looks even stronger in 2003.

RECEIVERS - Last year they only lost one starter but did lose two of their top three WR's including the top guy. Jamal Burke (PS#23) was leading the team in receptions when he was injured vs Temple and saw very limited action in the final two games yet actually finished fourth on the team with 33 rec's (15.1). Burke departs as does top WR Keith Hemmings (12 sts, 41, 13.6) and TE Frank Misurelli (11, 12.0). BC has a good amount of WR HT's to fill in and I list them below with the leading returnee being Grant Adams (37 rec, 14.6) who led the team in receiving yards in the bowl game. TE Sean Ryan is back and is one of the best TE's in the Big East. He is backed by three HT's including Chris Miller (6-5 251 So, PS#42) and ex QB Eric Boatwright (6-3 237 Jr, PS#49QB). This has the makings of a decent group, but with the loss of two key players I'll call them down a notch.

OFFENSIVE LINE - BC could be termed "O-line U" as they send a lot of players off to the NFL from this position. Every year O'Brien has been bringing in solid recruiting classes including three more VHT's this year (see Top Newcomers pg 319). In 2001 the team averaged 5.0 ypc rushing while allowing just 16 sacks. Last year the line had four starters returning and all five projected starters had started at least six games in 2001. Surprisingly they averaged just 4.2 ypc rushing, but did yield only 14 sacks. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are C Dan Koppen (13 sts, 3 time 2nd Tm BE, #5DC of NE), RT Mark Parenteau (13 sts, 2 yr st'r, 1st Tm BE), LT Leo Bell (13 sts, 2 yr st'r) and backups OT Frank Wilpert (PS#27) and OG Rudy Dipietro. O'Brien has moved three DL's to the OL in Anthony Crosson (PS#48), Justin Hinds (PS#11) and Keith Leavitt (PS#10), and there are a lot of VHT's in this group. This has the makings of a very solid OL, but it is less experienced than it was heading into last season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The 2001 Eagles allowed 3.4 ypc rushing while recording 31 sacks. Last year they had to replace just one starter, and the unit appeared in great shape, but injuries hurt them as the season went on. In fact, versus VT they lost perhaps their top two DL's in DT Doug Goodwin and DE Antonio Garay to season ending injuries. Overall the team allowed 3.9 ypc rushing while recording 22 sacks. This year they must replace DE Garay (5 sts, 34 tkls, 5 sks, #6DC of CLE) and DE Derric Rossy (11 sts, 40 tkls, 6 sks). Two soph's and a frosh were starting at season's end due to the injuries and naturally they return. This unit is so deep that O'Brien moved 3 DL to the O-line in the spring, and some could return here if needed. Look out for Jim Unis who O'Brien compared to former BC 1st round DC Chris Hovan. Unis' nickname is "The Animal", and O'Brien said "he's relentless." I list the 2 deep below and this group should stay healthier than it did last year, and I will call it stronger as Garay and Goodwin were only around for half the season.

LINEBACKERS - O'Brien's LB corps have been plagued by inexperience and injuries. Last year they had two starters returning, but did have four key backups miss all or part of the season with injuries. This year their top tackler, Josh Ott, returns but they must replace #2 tackler, MLB Vinny Ciurciu (13 sts, 108 tkls, 4 pbu). Five of the top six do return and this group goes legitimately 3 deep at all 3 positions. Most of the top guys are listed below, but Patrick Lynch (6-2 240 rFr) and Jeff Parros (6-5 221 So, PS#69QB) could also contribute. Provided injuries do not crop up once again, this unit is more experienced and will be stronger.


LB Josh Ott

DEFENSIVE BACKS - BC finished #33 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and last year they only lost one starter and returned seven of their top eight. Peter Shean, who had two starts in 2001, was a projected starting CB but was lost for the year in the second week, but three full-time starters still returned. Surprisingly BC dropped some in my pass D rankings moving down to #51. The stats were solid as they allowed just 172.1 ypg (53.9%) with a 12-15 ratio, but they took on a light slate of opposing QB's. This year the losses are much heavier. Gone are CB Trevor White (13 sts, 52 tkls, 3 tfl), SS Doug Bessette (12 sts, 78 tkls, 9 tfl) and FS Ralph Parent (13 sts, 99 tkls, 4 int, 6 pbu). Shean returns to battle VHT Will Blackmon (PS#7) who took off his redshirt as a true frosh when Shean went down. The safeties are lightly tested and that could be a problem area. I do expect some of this year's true frosh to play immediately, but this unit is less experienced than it was heading into last season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This has been a weak spot for the Eagles. In 1998 they finished #101 in my special teams rankings, #69 in 1999, #87 in 2000 and #60 in 2001. Last year they had their best finish yet under O'Brien at #57. Kevin McMyler saw his punting totals go from a 42.6 average (38.0 net) to 37.3 average (33.9 net). This was very surprising because McMyler was also handling the kicking duties due to an injury to Sandro Sciortino in 2001 and McMyler was able to concentrate solely on punting last year. Sciortino had a fine season hitting 23 of 32 FG's with a long of 49 and was named 2nd Team Big East and had a 75 yard KO sail through the uprights against Temple. McMyler departs but Sciortino is back. The top PR, Jamal Burke (11.9), is gone but the top KR Will Blackmon (22.5) is back. The key will be finding another punter and I list the candidates below.

COACHES - Tom O'Brien enters his seventh year here after coming over from Virginia where he was OC. After a couple of losing seasons in his first two years he has now recorded four straight bowl seasons and three straight bowl victories. OC Dana Bible enters his fifth year here and was the OC for the Philadelphia Eagles prior to his arrival. Frank Spaziani also enters his fifth year as DC here after holding that role at Virginia and with the Calgary Stampeders (CFL). O'Brien's 32 wins the last four years are the most at this school since 1981-'84. While O'Brien has not yet beaten Virginia Tech or Miami (FL) in his six years, they did upset #4 ranked and unbeaten Notre Dame last year, their first win over a Top 5 team since 1993.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Boston College has been to a bowl four straight years and does a very good job beating up on the weaklings but struggles against the top teams. They have beaten only two Top 25 opponents since 1995 beating Georgia in the 2001 Music City Bowl and ending Notre Dame's unbeaten season on the road last year. Despite their 9-4 record last year BC was just 3-4 in Big East play, losing to the top four teams and beating the bottom three. That was a veteran BC squad with 16 starters returning. This year they lose 25 lettermen and return just 11 starters. BC also benefited from +8 turnovers last year. With the graduation losses, it may be tough for BC to contend for the Big East Title, but they have a very good shot at getting to a fifth straight bowl game.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Quinton Porter Jr. 6-4 215 **PS#30**. 12 games in 2 yrs, 82 yds (70%), 0-1 ratio. Paul Peterson PS#92JC, 2900 yds (64%) 35-10 ratio at JUCO LY. Originally at BYU.
RB DERRICK KNIGHT SR. 5-9 205 PS#144. 576 yds (4.2) in 2000 & '01. 11 sts LY, **2nd Tm BE**, 1432 yds (5.5), #3 rec w/37 (10.1). **Horace Dodd** (6-1 207 Sr) **PS#19**, 211 total yds LY.
FB GREG TOAL SR. 5-11 225 PS#63. 9 yds as rFr. 2 sts, 45 yds ttl off in '01. Last 10 sts LY, 6 rec (10.3). Lennox Whitworth is PS#82. Haven Perkins (5-11 219 Jr).
WR Grant Adams Jr. 6-0 189 PS#45. 2 rec as rFr. 2 sts LY, #2 w/37 rec (14.6). Jason Lilly (6-2 200 rFr) PS#60. State champ 400m. Tony Gonzalez (6-1 180 rFr) PS#122DB.
WR Joel Hazard Jr. 5-9 184 **PS#39**. 4.35 spd. 19 rec (12.2) incl 5 in bowl. Dorien Bryant is **PS#11**. Taylor Sele (6-0 190 rFr) PS#80. Kevin Challenger (5-10 175 Fr). Canadian.
TE SEAN RYAN SR. 6-5 259 7 sts at DE as rFr, 30 tkls, 3 tfl. 12 sts in '01, 18 rec (13.5). 13 sts LY, **2nd Tm BE**, 23 rec (12.2). David Kashetta (6-3 248 Jr) PS#22, 7 rec (9.0).
C Patrick Ross So. 6-4 280 PS#78DL. 2nd string C in 2002 & a lot of playing time. Anthony Crosson (6-3 280 Jr) **PS#48DL**. 1 tkl, 2 games LY. Ty Hall is **PS#31**.
RG AUGIE HOFFMANN SR. 6-2 305 **PS#15**. 1 start as rFr, 7 games. 6 starts in '01 until inj. 13 sts at RG LY. James Marten (6-8 285 rFr) **PS#52**. Tom Anevski is PS#116.
LG CHRIS SNEE JR. 6-2 305 PS#111. Scout Tm MVP in 2000. Last 7 sts as rFr. 13 sts at LG in '02. Josh Beekman (6-3 320 rFr) PS#65. Chris Hathy (6-4 282 So) **PS#76**.
RT Keith Leavitt Sr. 6-6 345 **PS#10**. 11 sts at DT in 2000, 50 tkls, 5 tfl. 13 tkls, 2 tfl in '01. 6 tkls, 2 tfl, 7 gms LY. Justin Hinds (6-3 284 Sr) **PS#11DL**, 14 tkls in 3 years.
LT Jeremy Trueblood So. 6-9 295 **PS#37OL**. 2nd string as rFr and lettered. Shadu Moore (6-4 305 rFr) **PS#18OL**, added 50 lbs. Ryan Poles (6-5 285 Fr) **PS#13OL**.
K SANDRO SCIORTINO SR. 5-10 201 Canadian. 1273 rush in HS. Hit 3 of 4 FG's in 2001 (inj). Hit 23 of 32 FG's here LY, L/49. **2nd Tm BE**. 75 yd KO thru the uprights vs Temple.

DE Mathias Kiwanuka So. 6-6 248 PS#45TE. "Gazelle". Scout MVP in '01. 2 sts LY, 44 tkls, 5 sks, 2 tfl. Jake Ottolini (6-3 230 rFr) PS#67. Robert Ziminski (6-3 220 rFr) PS#94.
DT DOUG GOODWIN SR. 6-1 285 **PS#77OL**, 7 sts, 7 tfl as **true**. 12 sts in '01, 52 tkls, 5 sks, 8 tfl. 5 sts in '02 until inj, 10 tkls, 3 sks. Tim Bulman (6-3 280 Jr) PS#81. 8 sts, 56 tkls, 8 tfl LY.
DT TOM MARTIN SR. 6-4 282 **PS#26**. 5 sts, 37 tkls, 8 tfl. 12 sts, 58 tkls, 5 tfl. 13 sts in '02, 36 tkls, 7 tfl, 7 QBH LY. Alvin Washington (6-0 297 So) PS#114, 10 tkls as **true**.
DE PHIL METTLING JR. 6-2 257 PS#172. 1 st as rFr, 11 tkls. L/8 sts, 31 tkls, 6 tfl LY. **Jim Unis** (6-4 252 So) **PS#10**. 15 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl, 6 games as true. Took off RS in Game 7.
WLB JOSH OTT SR. 6-2 225 PS#115. 60 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. Last 6 sts in '01, 82 tkls, 3 int, 5 tfl. 13 sts LY, #1 w/128 tkls, 8 tfl. Kevin Kiley (6-3 225 Sr) PS#59QB. 2 starts LY.
MLB Ray Henderson So. 6-3 225 PS#41QB. 25 tkls as rFr, 2 sks, 2 tfl. Ricky Brown (6-2 230 So) PS#79LB, 18 tkls, 1 sk as **true** until inj. Jon Misiewicz (6-2 240 So) PS#175 10 tkls LY.
SLB BRIAN FLORES SR. 5-11 212 **PS#39DB**. 24 tkls in '01. 11 sts LY, 74 tkls, 4 pbu. Patrick McShane (6-0 199 So) PS#28. 3 gms until inj LY. Jeff Burns (6-3 210 rFr) PS#78.
CB LARRY LESTER SO. 5-7 169 **PS#57**. 10.6 in 100m. 11 sts LY, 55 tkls, 2 tfl, 9 pbu. Jazzmen Williams (5-8 178 So) PS#61RB. 11 tkls as rFr. Brad Mueller (5-11 165 Fr) **PS#39**.
CB Will Blackmon So. 6-0 175 **PS#7RB**. 659 ret yds as **true**, 29 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu. **Peter Shean** (5-9 177 Jr) PS#88. 2 sts, 42 tkls, 2 int in '01. 2 sts, 16 tkls until ACL LY.
SS Paul Cook Sr. 5-11 201 PS#114. 23 tkls in 2000. 23 tkls in '01. 34 tkls, 1 tfl, 4 pbu LY. Nathanael Hasselbeck (5-11 179 So) PS#74WR, 5 tkls as rFr. DeJuan Tribble is **PS#49**.
FS TJ Stancil Jr. 6-1 202 PS#67. 17 tkls as rFr. 24 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu in 2002. Larry Anam (6-1 180 rFr) PS#116DB. Jamie Silva (5-11 200 Fr) PS#115RB.
P Rob Leuffen Sr. 6-5 232 Played basketball & football at Trinity Coll in 2002. Walk-on here this year. Mike Fassel (5-11 162 Jr) holder. Handled K/P duties in high school.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

OL	Ryan Poles	6-5 285 PS#13
WR	Dorien Bryant	5-11 175 PS#11
OL	Ty Hall	6-4 285 PS#31
RB	Andre Callender	5-11 190 PS#30
RB	Jo-Lonn Dunbar	6-1 215 PS#36
OL	Gosder Cherilus	6-7 275 PS#52
DL	Nick Larkin	6-3 245 PS#66
DB	Brad Mueller	5-11 165 PS#39
DB	DeJuan Tribble	5-9 180 PS#49
TE	Trey Koziol	6-5 240 PS#23
QB	Matt Ryan	6-5 205 PS#50
RB	Taji Morris	5-10 180 PS#65
RB	Lennox Whitworth	6-0 220 PS#82
OL	Tom Anevski	6-3 280 PS#116

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BC	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	Wake Forest	A					
Sep. 6	at Penn St	G					
Sep. 13	at Connecticut	G					
Sep. 20	Miami, Fl	A					
Sep. 27	Ball St	A					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	at Temple	A					
Oct. 18	at Syracuse	A					
Oct. 25	Notre Dame	A					
Nov. 1	Pittsburgh	A					
Nov. 8	W Virginia	A					
Nov. 15	at Rutgers	G					
Nov. 22	at Virginia Tech	G					
Nov. 29							

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Eagles are 18-4 SU & ATS at home the last 22 games.
BC has not beaten Miami since the 1984 "Hail Mary" game.
BC has been favored in 20 straight games vs Temple.

Boston College is 5-13 ATS in season openers since 1985.
The Eagles are 6-2 ATS their last 8 vs the ACC.

BC is 2-8 SU but 7-3 ATS the last 10 vs Penn St.
Boston College is 2-12 ATS in road openers since 1989.

May apply: Eagles are 10-3 ATS the last 4 years off a SU loss.
Boston College is 1-5 ATS the last 6 as a non-conference away favorite.

The home team has covered the last 6 in this series.
Eagles are 8-1 SU & 6-3 ATS in the 1st of 2+ home games.

Boston College is 10-6 ATS as a double digit home favorite since 1998.
The Eagles are 6-3 ATS in their 2nd back-to-back home game since 1998.

Boston College is 4-8 ATS after a bye the last 12.
The SU winner is 6-0 ATS the last 6 meetings (Eagles are 4-1 ATS L/5).

The favorite is 16-3 ATS the last 19 in the Syracuse/BC series.
BC is 7-5 SU & 9-3 ATS in games before Notre Dame since 1987.

Boston College is 7-3 ATS vs Notre Dame the last 10.
The Eagles are 10-4 SU all-time vs ND, 1st game was in 1975.

The Eagles are 13-5 ATS the last 18 in this series.
BC is 2-8-1 ATS the game after playing the Fighting Irish.

The home team is 7-0 ATS the last 7 in this series.
Boston is 7-2 ATS the last 9 home finales.

Boston College is 9-2 ATS vs Rutgers the last 11.
BC has been the favorite in 21 of the last 22 meetings with Rutgers.

The home team is 2-6-1 ATS the last 9 in this series with BC 3-0-1 L4Y.
BC is 1-3-1 ATS in road finales since 1998, but was 5-1 ATS from '92-'97.

TOM O'BRIEN (Career 40-31)

7th Year at Boston College

O'Brien's records AT BOSTON COLLEGE

40-31 Straight Up	15-8 Home Favorite
36-29-1 Vs The Spread	8-4 Home Dog
15-11 Off A SU Loss	5-6 Away Favorite
27-14-1 Vs Conference	8-11-1 Away Dog
	9-15 Vs Non-Conf

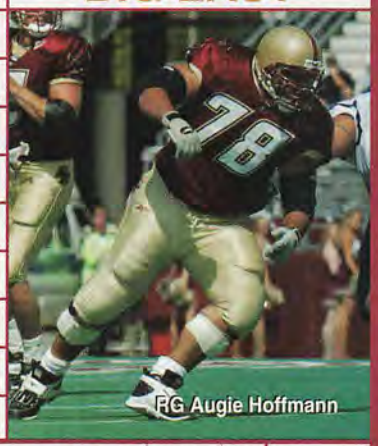
2002 RECORD: **(9-4)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (11,24,3)
Lost: 25 (15,7,3)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 39,587

BIG EAST


FG Augie Hoffmann

STADIUM: ALUMNI STADIUM (44,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	4-7	4-7	8-3	6-5	7-4	8-4	42-37
ATS	4-8	4-7	5-6	6-3-1	7-4	7-4	7-5	40-37-1
Home Fav	1-2	0-2	2-1	1-1	5-0	4-1	3-3	16-10
Home Dog	0-3	2-2	1-2	2-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	8-7
Away Fav	0-2	0-2	1-1	1-2	1-0	1-1	1-0	5-8
Away Dog	3-1	2-1	1-2	2-0-1	0-4	1-2	2-2	11-12-1
Favorite	1-4	0-4	3-2	2-3	6-0	5-2	4-3	21-18
Dog	3-4	4-3	2-4	4-0-1	1-4	2-2	3-2	19-19-1
Grass	2-0	1-2	1-2	2-1-1	0-2	2-2	2-1	10-10-1
Artificial	2-8	3-5	4-4	4-2	7-2	5-2	5-4	30-27
vs Conf	2-5	4-3	3-4	5-1-1	4-3	6-1	5-2	29-19-1
vs Non-Conf	2-3	0-4	2-2	1-2	3-1	1-3	2-3	11-18
Off SU Win	2-3	1-2	2-2	4-2-1	4-2	4-3	4-3	21-17-1
Off SU Loss	2-4	3-4	2-4	2-0	3-1	2-1	3-1	17-15

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Derrick Knight	**259**	**1471**	**39**	**1432**	**12**	**5.5**
Brandon Brokaw	96	363	29	334	10	3.5
Horace Dodd	**51**	**164**	**23**	**141**	**2**	**2.8**
Brian St. Pierre	68	274	148	126	1	1.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Brian St. Pierre	407	237	58.2	2983	18	17
Quinton Porter	**7**	**6**	**85.7**	**27**	**0**	**0**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Keith Hemmings	41	559	13.6	2	54	
Grant Adams	**37**	**542**	**14.6**	**6**	**40**	
Jamal Burke	33	498	15.1	3	45	
Derrick Knight	**37**	**372**	**10.1**	**2**	**52**	
Sean Ryan	**23**	**280**	**12.2**	**3**	**31**	
Joel Hazard	**19**	**231**	**12.2**	**2**	**42**	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Kevin McMyler	57	2125	37.3	71	33.9	0	16
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Sandro Sciortino	**38-40**	**8-9**	**8-12**	**7-11**	**0-0**	**23-32**	**49**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Josh Ott	**128**	**0**	**8**	**6**	**2**
Vinny Ciurciu	108	0	1	4	1
Ralph Parent	99	1	5	5	4
Doug Bessette	78	0	9	3	0
Brian Flores	**74**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**1**
Tim Bulman	**56**	**2**	**6**	**7**	**0**
Larry Lester	**55**	**0**	**2**	**9**	**0**
Trevor White	52	0	3	2	2
Mathias Kiwanuka	**44**	**5**	**2**	**2**	**1**
Derric Rossy	40	6	2	2	0
Tom Martin	**36**	**1**	**6**	**2**	**0**
Paul Cook	**34**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**0**
Antonio Garay	34	5	2	2	0
Phillip Mettling	**31**	**1**	**5**	**2**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Jamal Burke	24	286	11.9	1
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Will Blackmon	**28**	**630**	**22.5**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Aloha	+1'	Kansas St	12-7	W
99	Insight.com	+7'	Colorado	28-62	L
00	Aloha	+3'	Arizona St	31-17	W
01	Music City	+4	Georgia	20-16	W
02	Motor City	-4	Toledo	51-25	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

BOSTON COLLEGE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		DEF RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	30.2	21	159	4.2	232	58.7	13.0	+8	2002	8	19.5	18	167	3.9	172	53.9	17.4
6	28.1	19	207	5.0	182	52.4	13.8	+6	2001	8	18.9	19	151	3.4	183	50.0	17.7
7*	31.5	20	199	4.8	214	54.7	13.1	+14	2000	5	23.1	20	207	4.7	173	48.0	16.4
3	24.8	20	171	4.1	200	54.6	15.0	-1	1999	8	25.7	21	162	3.9	235	61.0	15.5
4	24.8	22	196	4.6	216	60.5	16.6	-2	1998	7	28.3	20	164	3.8	234	57.7	14.1
8*	21.6	20	178	4.6	222	61.8	18.6	-1	1997	5	28.6	20	199	4.3	196	58.3	13.8

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Connecticut	18	34-114	3.4	19-33	239	0	18	34-40	1.2	24-38	203	2	-1
Stanford	24	39-139	3.6	22-36	260	1	14	36-55	1.5	17-27	244	5	-1
at Miami, Fl	19	48-147	3.1	14-24	138	3	17	31-182	5.9	14-27	211	1	-3
C Michigan	26	34-195	5.7	29-39	330	0	12	42-154	3.7	12-27	88	0	+3
Virginia Tech	15	26-83	3.2	16-30	232	1	21	61-334	5.5	4-7	86	1	-4
Navy	22	41-185	4.6	18-27	279	0	22	65-380	5.8	5-10	66	1	+4
at Pittsburgh	19	40-177	4.4	18-34	179	2	19	32-143	4.5	20-38	201	2	0
at Notre Dame	9	33-107	3.2	9-20	77	4	22	44-122	2.8	20-40	235	2	+4
at W Virginia	21	30-80	2.7	28-50	284	1	20	53-273	5.2	12-18	124	0	-2
Syracuse	21	33-227	6.9	22-34	284	0	23	48-245	5.1	14-34	131	2	+1
at Temple	21	45-148	3.3	13-28	203	1	14	31-56	1.8	15-35	166	2	+3
Rutgers	22	49-313	6.4	10-24	163	0	15	44-80	1.8	17-31	151	1	+2
† Toledo	30	40-149	3.7	25-35	342	1	21	28-102	3.6	27-41	331	3	+2
TOTALS	267	492-2064	4.2	243-414	3010	14	238	549-2166	3.9	201-373	2237	22	+8
AVERAGES	20.5	38-159	4.2	19-32	232	1.1	18.3	42-167	3.9	15-29	172	1.7	0.6

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia Tech	+13	41-31	W
Rutgers	-22'	41-14	W
Temple	-18	31-7	W
at Louisville	-6'	28-52	L
Virginia Tech	+6'	0-17	L
Syracuse	+13'	25-42	L
Navy	-14	31-32	L
at Miami, Fl	+15	17-35	L
Notre Dame	+11	26-31	W
at Pittsburgh	-1'	23-15	W
at W Virginia	+13'	10-35	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Baylor	-4	30-29 OT	L
at Navy	-7	14-10	L
at Rutgers	-7	27-7	W
Northeastern	NL	33-22	–
at Temple	-14	14-24	L
Pittsburgh	+3'	20-16	W
Miami, Fl	+18	28-31	W
at Syracuse	+19	24-23	W
West Virginia	-3'	34-17	W
at Notre Dame	+8'	31-29	W
at Virginia Tech	+24	14-38	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at W Virginia	+2'	14-34	L
at Army	-6'	55-17	W
Navy	-19	48-7	W
Virginia Tech	+14'	34-48	W
Connecticut	-29	55-3	W
Syracuse	-1	20-13	W
at Pittsburgh	+3'	26-42	L
Rutgers	-22	42-13	W
Temple	-9'	31-3	W
at Notre Dame	+8'	16-28	L
at Miami, Fl	+27	6-52	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Virginia	-4	34-10	W
at Stanford	+5'	22-38	L
at Navy	-20	38-21	L
Army	-23'	31-10	L
Temple	-13	33-10	W
at Virginia Tech	+20	20-34	W
Pittsburgh	-11	45-7	W
Notre Dame	-3'	21-17	W
Miami, Fl	+20	7-18	W
at Rutgers	-30	38-7	W
at Syracuse	+3'	28-39	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UConn	-33	24-16	L
Stanford	-8'	34-27	L
at Miami, Fl	+26	6-38	L
C Michigan	-20	43-0	W
Virginia Tech	+9'	23-28	W
Navy	-28	46-21	L
at Pittsburgh	+4'	16-19	W
at Notre Dame	+9	14-7	W
at W Virginia	+3'	14-24	L
Syracuse	-7	41-20	W
at Temple	-8'	36-14	W
Rutgers	-28	44-14	W

W VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

QB Rasheed Marshall

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In Rich Rodriguez's offense he likes to use a QB who is not only an effective passer but also a dangerous runner like Shaun King or Woodrow Dantzler. In his first year here the returning starter, Brad Lewis did not have that type of mobility. He wanted to redshirt his VHT signee Danny Embrick (PS#28). Second string QB Scott McBrien transferred to Maryland. Rasheed Marshall (PS#119) had a chance to lay claim to the starting job but he broke a bone in his wrist and didn't return until late in the year. WV averaged just 21.4 ppg as a result in 2001. That year Marshall hit 41 of 71 passes for 327 yards with a 2-4 ratio and was the team's 2nd leading rusher (261) despite his limited play. Marshall, who is an avid weightlifter, and is one of the Iron Mountaineers, did not throw an int in his first 103 passes last year. Throughout the year, however, he was a more effective runner than passer. He rushed for 833 gross yards guiding the offense to 30.4 ppg. In a six game stretch from EC to Temple, he threw for just 459 yards (76.5 ypg) and the team's success was mostly due to its running game. He did hit 12 of 18 for 215 yards in the bowl vs Virginia but finished throwing for 1,616 yards (124.3 ypg) hitting 53.7% with a 9-5 ratio. Embick got in 6 games (18 passes) and opted to transfer. Charles Hales (6-0 190 Jr) led his JUCO team to the Mississippi championship. This year they add 3 true frosh. Keep in mind Marshall's receivers and offensive line were banged up last year. I look for Marshall to make great strides in the passing game in his second year as a starter.

RUNNING BACKS - Avon Cobourne topped 1,000 yards in all four of his seasons, just the fifth back to do that in NCAA history with some of the others being Tony Dorsett and Ron Dayne. Cobourne became WV's career rushing leader and had his best season yet rushing for 1,710 yards (5.1) with 17 TD's while also snagging 15 rec's (9.7). Cobourne set the Big East career rushing record despite having just 4.7 speed. Quincy Wilson (PS#33) got in a lot of time last season including two starts and had 901 yards, an impressive 6.4 ypc, and figures to be the new feature back. The team used the FB more often last year and Moe Fofana (5-10 250 Sr) delivered some crushing blocks. Backing him up at FB are Hikee Johnson (5-11 207 Jr, PS#86) who had 61 yards, Lanfer Simpson (6-0 255 So, PS#88LB) and Adam King (5-11 230 Sr). Also in the mix at TB are Erick Phillips (5-9 210 rFr, PS#85), Bryan Wright (5-6 185 rFr) and Jason Colson (6-0 200 rFr). This year they signed Kay-Jay Harris who is a 240 lb bruiser who rushed for 2087 yds at JC the last two years. I think the unit appears to be in good shape but without the career rushing leader in the backfield, it could be down a notch.

RECEIVERS - Last year WV had to replace 2 of their top 3 receivers and then their top 2 returnees, AJ Nastasi and Phil Braxton both suffered through injury plagued seasons. Braxton missed the opener with a groin injury and then had a neck injury in October. Nastasi would get just one start and played in eight games (4 rec). Prior to the season, Rasheed Marshall pegged Miquelle Henderson as a player who could surprise in 2002 and he did leading the team with 40 rec's. This year the Mountaineers must replace Braxton (11 sts, 20, 19.0), Nastasi, WR Derrick Smith (7 sts, 17 rec, 11.9), WR Mike Page (2 sts, 7 rec) and TE Darnell Glover (2 rec). Travis Garvin was the Big 12 Newcomer of the Year in 1999 with 11 starts as a true at Missouri. He left Missouri, played basketball at JUCO in 2001 and didn't quite have the impact expected here last year with just two starts (did have 90 yds on reverses) but should have a much bigger impact this season. The team started two TE's in many games and 3 TE's with starting experience return. Not listed below at this deep position is JC TE Jason Hardee (6-2 265 Jr) and Adam Serena (6-2 220 rFr, PS#54). Despite the losses, 2 of the top 4 receivers basically return and they figure to be less injury plagued this season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Rodriguez's first years at Clemson, Tulane and WV he has had very inexperienced O-lines. He inherited a large, bulky group when he took over here and had them lose weight to become more mobile during the offseason. In his first year, WV averaged 4.2 ypc rushing while allowing 27 sacks. Last year he had the unit bulk up a little and overall had four starters returning. The unit paved the way for a super 5.16 ypc rushing while allowing just 16 sacks. This team finished #2 in the NCAA in rush ypg with 283.6. This year the losses are a little heavier. Gone are C Zack Dillow (13 sts, 2 yr st'r), RG Ken Sandor (11 sts, 2 yr st'r, 2nd Tm BE) and LT Lance Nimmo (13 sts, 2 yr st'r, 1st Tm Big East, #4DC of TB). Seven of the top ten are back including four players who earned starts last year. The 2 deep does have a good number of HT's, but it will be tough to match the performance of last year's solid veteran bunch.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Rodriguez's first year the team allowed 213 ypg (4.2) ypc rushing. Last year they switched defensive schemes to a 3 man front and had to replace three players who combined for 15 starts the previous year. They basically had two starters back on the defensive wall and allowed just 121.8 ypg (3.5) but only recorded 15 sacks. This year 5 of their top 6 DL tacklers all depart. Gone are Jason Davis (10 sts, 28 tkls, 1 sk), David Upchurch (13 sts, 41 tkls, 14 tfl, 2nd Tm BE), Tim Love (9 sts, 32 tkls, 3 sks), Kelvin DuBouse (14 tkls) and Kevin Freeman (5 sts, 28 tkls). Ernest Hunter was a starter until he suffered a broken leg and is back to man one DT spot and there is some talent in the 3 deep that I list below. This has the makings of a decent group but is a lot less experienced than last year.

LINEBACKERS - WV plays a 3-3-5 Stack Defense but I always limit the secondary outlooks to 4 positions, so I will list one of the safeties here even though they do have three true safety positions. Last year two of four starters returned to the LB unit including their star, Grant Wiley. This year the losses are a bit heavier as OLB James Davis (13 sts, 2nd Tm BE, 120 tkls, 13 tfl, #5DC of DET), MLB Ben Collins (13 sts, 102 tkls, 5 tfl) and SPUR safety Jermaine Thaxton (10 sts, 83 tkls, 6 tfl) are gone as well as backup LB Shane Graham (12 tkls). Wiley, in his first completely healthy season, had 133 tackles and was 1st Team Big East and returns for his senior year. I like the addition of this year's JUCO Joe Sykes (PS#44) as well as some talented true frosh I list in the 2 deep below. This has the makings of a pretty good group but with the loss of 3 starters, I'll call them down a notch or two in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001, WV had all four starters and all four backups returning and while they finished #1 in the NCAA in ypg allowed passing, they finished just #55 in my pass D rankings because teams were able to run the ball at will on them and they faced few quality QB's. Last year they had two starters returning. They moved up to #47 in 2002 with the defense vs the run tougher and allowed 213.6 ypg passing but allowed a respectable 55.3% with a 17-19 ratio. This year they must replace SS Angel Estrada (12 sts, 116 tkls, 2nd Tm BE), SS Arthur Harrison (2 sts, 46 tkls), CB Lewis Daniels (3 sts, 41 tkls) and SS Bill Martin (4 tkls). Basically three of four starters return and FS Jahmile Addae had quite an impact in his first year as a starter with 99 tackles and 16 pbu.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2000 W Virginia was #92 in my special teams rankings but improved greatly up to #48 in 2001. Last year they had to replace their outstanding KR Shawn Terry (25.9) as well as a top-notch FG man, Brenden Rauh who hit 13 of 15 FG's. The Mountaineers struggled in this area and finished a lowly #103. Their net punting was near the bottom of the NCAA for the entire season (29.7). They must replace their punter, Mark Fazzolari, whose best game came vs Syracuse when he pinned punts at the 14, 19, 8 and 6 yard lines. Todd James handled the punting for half of 2001 with 32 punts (40.7) and last year had 14 punts (37.4). As the kicker he hit 11 of 16 FG's with a long of 42, and is also an outstanding KO man with plenty of TB's. Incoming kicker Brad Cooper (6-3 185 Jr) is a transfer from Middle Tennessee St and is also outstanding on KO's and perhaps a little more accurate on FG's with an NFL caliber leg. He could supplant James. The top KR Phil Braxton departs (25.3) but the top PR's are back and can only improve on their average numbers. Special Teams POY James Davis, who blocked two FG's vs BC, departs. This is not an overwhelming unit except in the area of KO's, but naturally can only improve after a poor 2002 season. Rodriguez says he will put more emphasis on the unit this year.

COACHES - Rich Rodriguez was the OC at both Tulane and Clemson under Tommy Bowden and came here in 2001. After a 3-8 inaugural season, the team finished 9-4 last year, an increase of six wins and he was given a seven year contract extension. Rodriguez is his own OC. Last year the Mountaineers had co-DC's in Jeff Casteel and Todd Graham. Graham resigned after the bowl to move on to Tulsa so Casteel is left to man the fort alone in 2003.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Don Nehlen did a tremendous job with this program with a 149-93-4 record here and finished 5th in the NCAA in career wins. Rich Rodriquez and his "Hair On Fire" offense was supposed to brighten WV fortunes. Unfortunately it was not a good debut season with 20 players leaving the program beside those that graduated. Nehlen's humdrum, conservative offense in 2000 averaged 29.7 ppg, Rodriguez's new fangled offense averaged just 21.4 in the first year and WV plummeted to 3-8. Last year his "Power Spread" offense had a fine season compiling 419 ypg and 30.5 ppg. I pointed out last year that in 2001 the team went 1-6 but was only outgained in league play by 30 ypg which is very respectable. They greatly turned things around last year with the help of +19 turnovers and 22 seniors. After knocking off Virg Tech and Pitt to end the season, WV finished the regular season ranked 15th in the AP poll, their best since 1993. It was a classic case of Turnovers=Turnaround as the 2001 unit was -8 in turnovers. WV was fortunate last year as Pitt, VT and Cincy all had the ball, down by one score late in the game. Their turnaround from 3-8 to 9-4 was the biggest in Big East history. Graduation losses are heavy as they have to replace top RB Avon Cobourne as well as 3 OL and 7 defensive starters. This is a talented WV team but I don't think they'll be able to match last year's nine wins.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB RASHEED MARSHALL JR. 6-1 190 PS#119. 261 rush, 327 pass in 2001. 13 sts LY, 1616 yds (53.7%), 9-5 ratio, 833 rush. Iron Mountaineer. Charles Hales (6-0 190 Jr) PS#222JC, RS LY.
RB Quincy Wilson Sr. 5-9 210 **PS#33**. 343 yds '99 & '01. 3 sts LY, 901 yds (6.4), 8 rec, 225 bench 18x's. Kay-Jay Harris (6-2 240 Jr) **PS#28JC**, baseball 3Y, 2087 yds 2Y at JC.
WR Aaron Neal Sr. 6-4 205 4.5 spd. 49 rec (17.8) at JC in '01. 5 rec (6.8) LY. Cassel Smith (5-11 195 Sr) PS#261, 260 yds tot off @ RB. Jubal Thomas (6-1 180 Jr) PS#226JC.
WR Travis Garvin Sr. 6-2 185 PS#260. 4.3 spd. 11 sts at MU, 36 rec (16.9), **B12 New Yr.** 133 yds LY. John Scott (5-11 190 rFr) PS#108RB. Rayshawn Bolden (6-4 190 rFr) PS#235.
WR MIQUELLE HENDERSON JR. 6-2 205 PS#349. 4 rec (6.0) as true. 9 sts in '02, #1 w/ 40 rec (12.4). John Pennington (5-9 175 Jr) PS#212, 1 rec, 33 yds LY. Michael Meggett PS#75.
TE TORY JOHNSON SR. 6-2 255 PS#42. 10 sts, 3Y, 14 rec. Josh Bailey (6-5 250 So) PS#54. 10 sts as rFr, 8 rec (13.8). Ryan Thomas (6-7 250 Jr) PS#117, 1 st, 3 rec (15.7) LY.
C Ben Timmons Sr. 6-5 270 **PS#81OL**. TE in 2000. 1 st at RT in '01, 10 gms backup. Moved to C LY, 1 st at RT, 13 gms backup C. Jeremy Hines (6-1 265 rFr) PS#180.
RG Geoff Lewis Sr. 6-4 295 PS#227DL. 2 gms at RT in '01. 1 st at RG in '02, 13 gms. Justin Williams (6-2 305 Jr) PS#91DL, 13 gms LY. Gary Lindor (6-1 315 Jr) JUCO.
LG JEFF BERK JR. 6-5 275 PS#435. Last 3 starts as rFr @ LG. 13 starts at LG in '02, 2 letters. Dan Mozes (6-3 290 rFr) PS#154, Co-Rookie of the Year last year.
RT TIM BROWN SR. 6-5 295 **PS#76**. 12 gms as backup C as rFr. 11 sts (10 at RT) in '01. 13 sts (12 at RT) in '02. Travis Garrett (6-5 290 So) PS#134OL, 2nd string RT in '02.
LT Mike Watson Jr. 6-5 305 PS#328JC in for spg. Josh Stewart (6-5 300 So) PS#166. Scout Tm Off MVP as true. 2nd string LT in '02. Garin Justice (6-7 295 So) PS#146.
K TODD JAMES SR. 6-3 210 PS#59. KO's as true. 2 FG att's in '01. 11 of 16 FG's LY, L42, 20 TB's on KO's. Andrew Good (5-11 170 Fr) PS#35. Brad Cooper MTSU trans.

DE Ben Lynch Jr. 6-4 265 PS#315. 1 st at NT as rFr, 6 tkls, 5 QBH. 11 tkls at DE in '02. Chris Malamet (6-4 265 Fr) in for spg (PS#86). Warren Young (6-2 270 rFr) PS#340.
DT Ernest Hunter So. 6-3 270 PS#170. Def Scout MVP in '01. 2 starts at DT last year, 8 tkl, 1 tfl (miss 7 inj). Keilen Dykes is **PS#70**. Pat Liebig (6-3 250 Fr). In for spring.
NT Fred Blueford Sr. 6-4 285 **PS#11JC**. 13 gms here LY, 15 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl. Rachid Stoury (5-9 265 rFr) PS#434. Craig Wilson (6-2 300 rFr) PS#308OL. Co-Def Rookie Yr LY.
RLB Leandre Washington Sr. 5-11 220 PS#256JC. 37 tkls, 3 tfl here in '02. Joe Sykes (6-4 245 Jr) **PS#44JC**, 9 sks at JC LY. Jay Henry (6-2 215 rFr) PS#217. Co-Def Rookie of Yr LY.
LLB GRANT WILEY SR. 6-1 230 PS#141. 12 sts as rFr, 94 tkls, 14 tfl, BE Fr of Yr. 6 sts (inj) 98 tkls in '01. 13 sts, 133 tkls, 13 tfl, **1st Tm BE**. 9 pbu LY. Scott Gyorko (6-0 200 Jr) 32 tkls LY.
MLB Adam Lehnortt Jr. 6-3 230 PS#144. 31 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. 63 tkls, 3 tfl in '02. Alex Lake (6-1 230 So) PS#116RB. 17 tkls in 2002. Kevin McLee (6-1 225 rFr) PS#72RB.
SPUR Mike Lorello So. 6-0 185 PS#309DB. 1 st, 7 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 pbu as true. Vince Beamer (6-2 200 Fr) **PS#53DB**. Fernandez McDowell (6-3 200 Fr) PS#85. Jules Montinar PS#118.
CB BRIAN KING SR. 6-0 180 PS#190. 9 sts, 42 tkls, 10 pbu as rFr. 3 sts in '01, 34 tkls, 8 pbu. 10 sts LY, 79 tkls, 3 int, 12 pbu. Adam Jones (5-11 175 So) PS#123, 1 st, 36 tkls as true.
CB LANCE FRAZIER SR. 5-10 190 PS#146. 4 sts as rFr, 27 tkl, 2 int. 7 sts in '01, 49 tkl, 7 pbu. 13 sts LY, 49 tkl, 8 pbu. Krys Williams (5-9 155 rFr) PS#200. Thandi Smith (5-11 160 Jr) 10 tkl.
SS Akeem Jackson rFr. 6-0 190 PS#124. Lawrence Audena (5-11 190 Jr) PS#380, 6 tkls in '02. James Woodruff (5-7 190 Sr) 17 tkls, 2Y. Abraham Jones (5-11 185 rFr) PS#422.
FS JAHMILE ADDAE JR. 5-11 207 1 st, 18 tkls as true. 13 sts in '02, 99 tkls, 4 int, 16 pbu, 1 tfl. Larry Williams is PS#100DB. Dwayne Mundle (6-0 215 rFr) PS#377 is from Canada.
P Todd James Sr. 6-3 210 PS#59. 32 punts in '01, 40.7 avg, 5 inside the 20. 14 punts LY, 37.4 avg. Brad Cooper (6-3 185 Jr) MTSU transfer, strong leg for FG's and punts.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

DL	Keilen Dykes 6-4 270 PS#70
DB	Vince Beamer 6-2 200 PS#53
DL	Chris Malamet 6-4 265 PS#88
RB	Kay-Jay Harris 6-2 240 PS#29JC
DB	Michael Meggett 6-1 200 PS#75
TE	Chris Bassler 6-4 260 PS#33
QB	Adam Bednarik 6-3 215 PS#72
DL	Joe Sykes 6-4 245 PS#44JC
DB	Fernandez McDowell 6-3 200 PS#85
DB	Vaughn Rivers 5-9 165 PS#91
LB	James Alford 6-3 220 PS#111
DB	Larry Williams 6-1 180 PS#100
DB	Jules Montinar 6-1 195 PS#118
TE	Mike Villagrana 6-3 235 PS#54
DB	Eric Wicks 6-1 195 PS#167

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WV	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	Wisconsin	A						WV won & covered the last 5 road games of 2002, 3 as dogs. West Virginia is 8-3 ATS their last 11 Homecoming games. Mounties are just 1-7 ATS after Pittsburgh and the "Backyard Brawl".
Sep. 6	at E Carolina	G						W Virginia is 2-6 SU & 3-5 ATS their L/7 HG's vs current Big 10 teams. The Mountaineers are 3-10 ATS in their last 13 lined season openers.
Sep. 13	Cincinnati	A						West Virginia is 9-2 SU, but only 4-5-2 ATS last 11 vs E Carolina. WV is 1-3-1 ATS at East Carolina since 1986.
Sep. 20	at Maryland	G						Mountaineers are 11-0-1 SU in this series the last 12 meetings. WV is 6-2 SU & 4-2-2 ATS vs CUSA teams since 1993.
Sep. 27								West Virginia is 4-9-1 ATS their last 14 vs the Terps. The Mountaineers are 16-6-1 ATS prior to a bye since 1991.
Oct. 2	at Miami, Fl (Thur)	G						The visiting team has dominated with a 9-3 ATS mark the last 12 years. West Virginia is 2-10 SU vs Miami, Fl since 1991.
Oct. 11	Rutgers	A						WV is 20-3 SU & 16-7 ATS vs the Knights S/'80, outscoring them 824-299. The home team has covered 10 out of 12 games in this matchup.
Oct. 18								
Oct. 22	Virginia Tech (Wed)	A						The favorite is 7-2 ATS the last 9 in this series. Mountaineers are 13-5 SU & 12-6 ATS after a bye week.
Nov. 1	UCF (HC)	A						This is the 1st meeting between these two schools. WV is 11-0-1 SU, but 4-8 ATS their last 12 vs current MAC schools.
Nov. 8	at Boston College	A						WV is 17-5 ATS vs Boston College since 1981. Mountaineers are 8-3 SU & ATS at BC L/11 meetings (0-3 SU & ATS L3Y).
Nov. 15	Pittsburgh	A						WV is 3-8 ATS at home vs Pittsburgh the last 11. West Virginia is 13-6 ATS at home in November since 1993.
Nov. 22	at Syracuse	A						Mountaineers are 2-6 SU & 3-5 ATS vs Syracuse since 1995. West Virginia is 7-3 ATS in the last 10 road finales.
Nov. 29	Temple	A						The visitor is 9-2 ATS the last 11 series meetings, WV is 11-1 SU last 12. WV is 15-7 ATS in their home finale since 1981.

RICH RODRIGUEZ (Career 12-12)
3rd Year at West Virginia

Rodriguez's records AT WEST VIRGINIA

12-12 Straight Up	5-3 Home Favorite
13-9 Vs The Spread	1-2 Home Dog
6-4 Off A SU Loss	2-0 Away Favorite
9-5 Vs Conference	5-4 Away Dog
4-4 Vs Non-Conf	

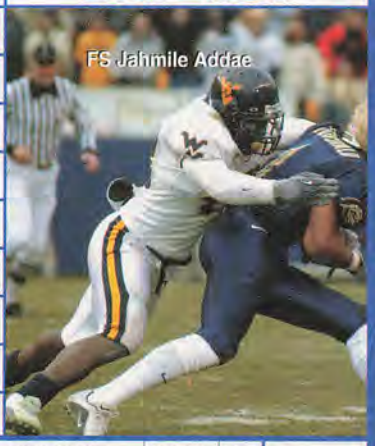
2002 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (19,22,3)
Lost: 25 (11,12,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 52,413

BIG EAST



STADIUM: MOUNTAINEER FIELD (63,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	7-4	8-3	4-7	6-5	3-8	9-3	45-33
ATS	4-6-1	5-5-1	7-4	5-6	3-8	4-7	9-2	37-38-2
Home Fav	1-3-1	2-3-1	3-1	2-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	15-13-2
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	1-1	2-0	1-3	0-2	1-0	5-7
Away Fav	3-1	1-1	3-1	0-2	0-2	0-0	2-0	9-7
Away Dog	0-1	2-1	0-1	1-2	0-2	2-3	3-1	8-11
Favorite	4-4-1	3-4-1	6-2	2-4	2-3	2-2	5-1	24-20-2
Dog	0-2	2-1	1-2	3-2	1-5	2-5	4-1	13-18
Grass	2-1	3-0	1-2	1-2	0-2	1-2	3-0	11-9
Artificial	2-5-1	2-5-1	6-2	4-4	3-6	3-5	6-2	26-29-2
vs Conf	3-4	3-4	4-3	4-3	1-6	2-5	7-0	24-25
vs Non-Conf	1-2-1	2-1-1	3-1	1-3	2-2	2-2	2-2	13-13-2
Off SU Win	2-5-1	4-2-1	5-2	2-1	2-4	1-2	6-2	22-18-2
Off SU Loss	1-1	1-2	2-1	4-3	0-4	3-4	3-0	14-15

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Avon Cobourne	335	1765	55	1710	17	5.1
Quincy Wilson	**140**	**939**	**38**	**901**	**6**	**6.4**
Rasheed Marshall	**173**	**833**	**167**	**666**	**13**	**3.8**
Cassel Smith	**12**	**97**	**1**	**96**	**1**	**8.0**
Travis Garvin	**7**	**90**	**0**	**90**	**0**	**12.9**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Rasheed Marshall	**259**	**139**	**53.7**	**1616**	**9**	**5**
Danny Embick	18	9	50.0	137	2	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Miquelle Henderson	**40**	**496**	**12.4**	**2**	**55**
Phil Braxton	20	379	19.0	2	79
Derrick Smith	17	202	11.9	0	56
Avon Cobourne	15	146	9.7	0	28
Josh Bailey	**8**	**110**	**13.8**	**1**	**24**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Mark Fazzolari	53	1969	37.2	56	–	0	18

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Todd James	**46-50**	**3-4**	**6-7**	**2-5**	**0-0**	**11-16**	**42**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Grant Wiley	**133**	**3**	**10**	**9**	**2**
James Davis	120	4	9	0	0
Angel Estrada	116	5	4	2	2
Ben Collins	102	0	5	6	1
Jahmile Addae	**99**	**0**	**1**	**16**	**4**
Jermaine Thaxton	83	0	6	2	2
Brian King	**79**	**0**	**0**	**12**	**3**
Adam Lehnortt	**63**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Lance Frazier	**49**	**0**	**2**	**8**	**1**
Arthur Harrison	46	0	3	2	1
David Upchurch	41	3	11	3	0
Lewis Daniels	41	0	0	1	0
Leandre Washington	**37**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Adam Jones	**36**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lance Frazier	**30**	**208**	**6.9**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Phil Braxton	19	481	25.3	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Gator	+7	N Carolina	13-20	T
97	Carquest	+3	Georgia Tech	30-35	L
98	Insight.com	+3'	Missouri	31-34	W
00	Music City	+3'	Mississippi	49-38	W
02	Continental Tire	-6	Virginia	22-48	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

WEST VIRGINIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	30.5	22	284	5.2	135	53.0	13.7	+19	2002	6	23.2	17	122	3.5	214	55.3	14.4
4*	21.4	20	181	4.2	165	53.8	16.2	-8	2001	9	24.4	19	213	4.2	137	48.6	14.4
7	29.7	18	139	3.4	217	48.1	12.0	+9	2000	4	30.3	20	142	3.8	246	56.7	12.8
3*	26.6	20	144	3.8	225	59.7	13.9	-5	1999	6	26.3	19	192	4.5	218	51.7	15.6
8*	34.2	23	154	4.2	308	64.7	13.5	+6	1998	7	22.3	19	171	3.8	180	51.7	15.8
7	30.0	20	168	4.3	215	58.9	12.8	+7	1997	5	23.8	20	138	3.6	222	54.3	15.1

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE							
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Tennessee-Chat	30	56 - 332	5.9	17 - 29	228	0	7	26 - 52	2.0	18 - 29	98	0	+1
at Wisconsin	17	39 - 180	4.6	17 - 36	219	1	24	45 - 156	3.5	18 - 28	291	1	-1
at Cincinnati	27	55 - 334	6.1	16 - 24	189	1	21	37 - 137	3.7	20 - 32	275	1	+1
E Carolina	26	62 - 536	8.6	6 - 14	33	1	15	24 - 65	2.7	23 - 33	207	1	+2
Maryland	18	57 - 186	3.3	16 - 32	138	5	14	37 - 215	5.8	8 - 20	162	1	-1
at Rutgers	23	63 - 236	3.7	9 - 24	96	2	6	25 - 20	0.8	11 - 36	70	1	+5
Syracuse	22	57 - 279	4.9	8 - 16	105	2	16	38 - 72	1.9	16 - 34	170	4	+3
Miami, Fl	21	62 - 363	5.9	6 - 18	60	3	21	39 - 102	2.6	22 - 36	422	1	-1
at Temple	19	59 - 230	3.9	10 - 18	74	0	12	24 - 52	2.2	14 - 34	182	1	+5
Boston College	20	53 - 273	5.3	12 - 18	124	0	21	30 - 80	2.7	28 - 50	284	1	+2
at Virginia Tech	20	46 - 263	5.7	13 - 20	124	0	23	44 - 243	5.5	18 - 31	168	2	+1
at Pittsburgh	17	53 231	4.4	6 10	148	1	25	45 195	4.3	17 30	252	1	+4
† Virginia	21	52 244	4.7	12 20	215	0	20	39 195	5.0	17 23	196	0	-2
TOTALS	281	714 - 3687	5.2	148 - 279	1753	16	225	453 - 1584	3.5	230 - 416	2777	15	+19
AVERAGES	21.6	55 - 284	5.2	11 - 21	135	1.2	17.3	35 - 122	3.5	18 - 32	214	1.2	1.5

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio St	+10	17-34	L
Maryland	-19	42-20	W
Tulsa	-13	44-21	W
at Navy	-16	45-24	W
at Temple	-25	37-7	W
Miami, Fl	-4	31-34	L
at Virginia Tech	+4	13-27	L
Syracuse	+2'	35-28	W
at Rutgers	-20'	28-14	L
Boston Coll	-13'	35-10	W
at Pittsburgh	-15'	52-14	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at E Carolina	-6	23-30	L
Miami, Oh	-3'	43-27	W
at Maryland	-6	0-33	L
at Syracuse	+13'	7-30	L
Navy	-10	28-31	L
Rutgers	-20	62-16	W
Temple	-17	20-17	L
at Miami, Fl	+17'	20-28	W
Virginia Tech	+19	20-22	W
at Boston Coll	+3'	17-34	L
Pittsburgh	+1	52-21	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boston Coll	-2'	34-14	W
Maryland	-10	30-17	W
Miami, Fl	+7'	10-47	L
at Temple	-6	29-24	L
Idaho	-13	28-16	L
at Virginia Tech	+22	20-48	L
Notre Dame	+3	28-42	L
Syracuse	+3	27-31	L
at Rutgers	-14'	31-24 2OT	L
E Carolina	+3	42-24	W
at Pittsburgh	+5'	28-38	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boston Coll	+4	10-34	L
Ohio U	-5'	20-3	W
Kent St	-27	34-14	L
at Maryland	+10	20-32	L
Virginia Tech	+15'	0-35	L
at Notre Dame	+12	24-34	W
at Miami, Fl	+35	3-45	L
Rutgers	-18	80-7	W
at Syracuse	+14'	13-24	W
Temple	-16'	14-17	L
Pittsburgh	+3'	17-23	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tenn-Chat	NL	56-7	–
at Wisconsin	+10'	17-34	L
at Cincinnati	+4'	35-32	W
E Carolina	-7'	37-17	W
Maryland	-4	17-48	L
at Rutgers	-13	40-0	W
Syracuse	-7'	34-7	W
Miami, Fl	+20	23-40	W
at Temple	-7	46-20	W
Boston Coll	-3'	24-14	W
at Virginia Tech	+7'	21-18	W
at Pittsburgh	+2'	24-17	W

TEMPLE OWLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Devin Scott had 8 starts in 2000 throwing for 1,456 yards (63%) with a 5-7 ratio. Surprisingly true frosh Mike McGann took over the starting job for 7 games in 2001 and despite facing tough defenses like BC, Syracuse, Pitt, Miami and VT, he played adequately for a true frosh. He suffered a thumb injury vs BC, but still threw for 934 yards (45.8%) with a poor 3-9 ratio. Fan favorite Mac DeVito, a Doug Flutie-type, started the last two games and delivered victories. The team brought in the new no-huddle spread offense in 2002 and McGann won the starting job over Mike Frost and held on to it all season. He threw for 1,994 yards (49%) with a 13-22 ratio while rushing for 371 gross yards. Frost got in 26 passes. McGann is back but Frost graduated and two backups left the team over the winter so the backup in the spring was walk on Satyen Bhakta (6-1 220 Jr). This summer my projected starting QB Walter Washington (PS#16JC) will enroll. Washington turned down schools such as Nebraska to come here. This will be just his third year at the QB position but he is built like a FB with speed and hit 62% of his passes last year. McGann has excellent size and now has two years of starting experience so no matter who wins the job, I expect much better numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 Tanardo Sharps became the first Temple RB to top 1,000 yards since 1987 with a super 5.2 ypc and had 1,542 all-purpose yards. His biggest games did come vs weak defenses. In 2001 everyone was back but Sharps, running behind an injury plagued offensive line, only finished with 771 yards (5.1). Sharps returned last year with a veteran OL with 4 senior starters. He finished with 1,276 yards (4.1) and leaves as the school's #2 all-time leading rusher with 3,269 yards (Paul Palmer is #1 with 4,895). Sharps became just the 6th player in NCAA history to have four 100 yard rushing games vs one opponent (Rutgers). He also set a Big East record with 48 carries against Rutgers (215 yards). He wasn't 100% in the last couple of games because of a bruised thigh. Sharps' backup, Lawrence Wade (6-0 195 Jr, PS#108), touched the ball just 23 times (88 yds). Makonnen Fenton had 216 yards rushing in 2001 but moved to WR last year and had 11 rec's (19.3). He has finished in the Top 2 in the Big East in KR avg the last two years with 902 KR yards. He will battle Wade for the starting job along with Umar Ferguson (6-0 210 So, PS#129) who has yet to see action. Ryan Gore (6-0 205 rFr) was PS#228 and Jason Scott (5-8 160 Jr) is a JUCO transfer who redshirted. JUCO Jamil Porter and true frosh Issac Redman will also contend. Sharps will be very difficult to replace, and the new RB will not have the luxury of a veteran front either.

RECEIVERS - In 2001 Temple's receiving corps was banged up and at midseason they had 4 of their top 5 WR's out. Sean Dillard emerged as the top man by far with 51 rec's (14.6) as the #2 man had just 19 grabs. While the top 3 rec's returned last year, Dillard missed three games due to injury and was not 100% until the second half of the season and finished with just 31 rec's (12.2). Zamir Cobb (#2 rec in 2001) led with 45 rec's (10.7). Terrence Stubbs, who benches 365 lbs, was #2 with 32 rec's (11.4). This year they lose Dillard and his blazing speed and also WR Krishan Lewis (1 st, 12 rec). I think Jamel Harris (PS#43) has nice size (6-1 186) with 4.3 speed and could have a major impact. Bill Monan (6-3 200 rFr) was PS#119. Not listed below are Andre Mixon (6-3 200 Jr) who had 53 rec's (17.5) at JC last year, TE Anthony Martinez (6-5 260 Jr, PS#295JC), Ray Lamb (5-11 180 Jr) and TE Mike Costello (6-3 260 So, PS#153). All together 6 JC's join the receiving unit including PS#7 JC Phil Goodman who should be the top WR. Despite the loss of Dillard, the school's all-time leader in receptions, this unit should be even stronger in 2003 with all the added talent.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Temple's O-line had been injury plagued heading into last season and they averaged just 3.1 ypc rushing while allowing 37 sacks in 2001. Last year basically all five starters returned and each started all 12 games. The numbers did improve as they averaged 3.47 ypc rushing while allowing just 18 sacks. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are LT Dave Yovanovits (12 sts, 4 yr st'r, Top OL Award, #7DC of NYJ), C Donny Klein (12 sts, 4 yr st'r), RG Anthony Bolden (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), RT Damian Hendricks (12 sts, 2 yr st'r) and backup C Jason Heilman. Wallace has gone the JUCO route and this line probably won't be formed until August when three more JUCO's arrive. There is plenty of talent to choose from and I list a 3 deep below and it will be up to new O-line coach, Jim Turner, to mold them. This unit has the potential to top last year's numbers, but is clearly a less experienced group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Temple allowed just 3.4 ypc rushing and allowed 23 sacks in 2001. Last year they had to replace two full-time starters including a 7th round DC and three backups who combined for nine starts and 20 tfl. They did have seven players back with starting experience including their top player, Dan Klecko who was the first Owl ever to earn unanimous 1st Tm Big East honors. The Owls allowed just 2.83 ypc rushing while recording 27 sacks. They do have five players returning who combined for 21 starts last season, but three very productive DL's are gone so I will list just one starter returning. Gone are DT Dan Klecko (11 sts, 68 tkls, 10 sks, 12 tfl, 2nd Tm AA, BE Def POY, #4DC of NE), DE Tyrone Ditzel (8 sts, 39 tkls, 4 sks), NT Robert Sack (7 sts, 49 tkls, 4.5 tfl) as well as NT Dominique Veney (2 tkls). They add three JUCO's this year and I list a 3 deep below. This group does have some potential, but will be weaker with the loss of Klecko and two other quality starters.

LINEBACKERS - Temple runs a variation of the 4-2-5 defense and I will list their OWL back as an OLB. Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 10 starts so basically had two starting LB's returning. This year they must replace OWL Jairo Almonte (12 sts, 71 tkls), SLB JD Nichols (9 sts, 50 tkls) and LB Terrence Belvin (5 tkl). While Temple does lose two starting LB's, I list two starting LB's returning because Bennett and Wallace each had more tackles than Nichols, and the players returning at LB combined for 16 starts last year. I list the starters below and there will be a lot of competition for the starting spots. Despite the losses, I think this group can be stronger than the 2002 version.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Temple was #75 in my pass D rankings and last year had to replace one starter and two backups. With teams unable to run on the Owls, they were forced to pass and they allowed 207.3 ypg (59%) with a 20-11 ratio and moved to #92. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are FS Jamal Wallace (12 sts, 96 tkls, 5 pbu), CB Terrance Leftwich (12 sts, 77 tkls, 3 int, 13 pbu), SS Lafton Thompson (8 sts, 45 tkls, 3 pbu), SS Gerard Bishop (4 sts, 52 tkls, 4.5 tfl) and CB David Reese (15 tkls, 4.29 spd). Only one player returns with starting experience in the secondary and he missed the spring (Yazid Jackson) recovering from injury. Eight JUCO's will contend for time in the fall and I list a 2 deep below. This unit actually has the potential to improve upon last year's poor finish, but it is less experienced and will need to come together quickly.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Bobby Wallace's N Alabama teams led Div II in net punting in two of his 5 years there but his teams have struggled here always finishing near the bottom of my special teams rankings including a #100 finish in 2001. Last year most of the key players returned and Temple moved up to #53. K Cap Poklemba led the Big East in FG % hitting 70% (14 of 20) with a long of 42 and set a Big East record with 5 FG's vs Pitt. Garvin Ringwelski handled the punting duties last year averaging 38.7 (31.4 net). Mike McLaughlin had 7 punts (29.7). They will miss the directional punting of Mike Frost who had 7 punts (34.0) and was given the Big East Special Teams POW Award for allowing Syracuse zero yards on his 4 punts. KR Makonnen Fenton averaged a Big East best 26.1 and 27.1 the last 2 years. PR Zamir Cobb (9.7) is also back. They must replace Poklemba, but Jared Davis (PS#42) should be a capable replacement. Temple had a remarkable KR defense allowing just 12.03 ypr and it is doubtful that they will duplicate those numbers, so this unit is a little weaker.

COACHES - Bobby Wallace enters his sixth season with a record of 16-40. He was named Div II Coach of the Quarter Century in 1997 at N Alabama and was 13-3 in the postseason in Div II. Dave Brock enters his second year as the OC, and he was the OC at Hofstra in 2000 and 2001. Raymond Monica enters his sixth year as DC here after being the DL coach at N Alabama under Wallace. Monica's D's have finished in the Top 20 in each of the last two years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Big East kicked Temple out in 2001 but gave them a reprieve allowing them to play in the conference through 2004. It should be pointed out that Temple has not finished in the basement of the Big East in six of the seven years of league play and they've actually averaged two wins per season over the last six years. They have manhandled both UConn and Rutgers (two teams that will be in the Big East in 2004) over the last four years by an average of 25.5 ppg. Temple loses more lettermen (23) than any other team in the Big East besides BC (25) this year. The Owls had to replace 22 seniors and Wallace signed many top-notch JUCO's to step in and play the final two years of Big East ball. The schedule this year includes eight teams that played in bowl games last season plus a team that reached the Semifinals in IAA. Five of the eight bowl teams must be played on the road. Temple actually had the leading rush D in the Big East allowing just 108.3 ypg and ranked 15th nationally. They were also 18th in the NCAA in total defense, (315.7) and is just one of eight Div IA teams to rank in the Top 20 nationally in total defense in each of the last two years. Temple's offense had to once again learn a brand-new system last year and averaged just 317.8 ypg and 20.2 ppg. In 2001 they were outscored by an average of 19.4 ppg in Big East play but last year had 22 seniors and trimmed that to being outscored by 12 ppg in league play despite the fact that they were -14 in turnovers. Temple will be playing in brand-new Lincoln Financial Field this year after playing past seasons in old Franklin Field (built in 1895) as well as Veterans Stadium. With all the JUCO transfers Wallace has developed a "win now" attitude, but it may be tough topping last year's four win total.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB WALTER WASHINGTON SO. 6-2 246 **PS#15JC**. 1464 pass (62%) 13-6 ratio, 708 rush at JC LY. **Mike McGann** (6-6 210 Jr) PS#207. 19 sts, 2928 yds (48%) 16-31 ratio, 389 rush.

RB Jamil Porter Jr. 5-10 190 **PS#105JC. 2337 yds** (8.1) 2Y. Makonnen Fenton (5-10 200 Sr) 216 rush (5.4) in '01. 5 sts @WR LY. 11 rec (19.3). 902 KR yds 2Y.

WR Phil Goodman Jr. 6-3 215 **PS#7JC!** 79 rec (16.1) at JC LY, 4.45 spd. **Sean Szarka** (6-2 210 So) PS#138RB. 4.42, 3 sts, 22 rec (16.1) LY. Robert Johnson PS#169JC.

WR TERRENCE STUBBS SR. 6-0 195 12 sts in '02, 32 rec (11.4) 365 bench. **Jamel Harris** (6-1 186 rFr) **PS#43**. Jeremy Hartsfield PS#176JC. Ikey Chuku (6-3 196 Sr) 13 rec in 2000.

WR ZAMIR ABDUL-HAKIM SR. 6-1 185 9 sts, 46 rec in 2000 & '01. #1 LY w/45 rec (10.7). Bill Monan (6-3 200 rFr) PS#119. Sam Fatherly (5-10 210 Jr) PS#191, 4.4 spd, **VT trans**.

TE ERIC CARPENTER JR. 6-6 255 PS#346DL. 7 sts as **true**, 8 rec. 5 sts LY, Dan Bosnic (6-7 255 Jr) PS#150QB. 2 sts, 1 rec. Collin Hannigan (6-5 260 Jr) PS#76QB. Moved to TE.

C CJ Blomvall Jr. 6-2 305 PS#154JC. 10 sts at JC LY, in for spring. Anthony Nembhard (6-4 285 Sr) 6 sts at T in '01. 435 bench. Joey Lippo is PS#319JC, 450 bench.

RG Jose Portillo Sr. 6-4 305 620 squat. 7 sts at RG in 2000. 4 sts in '01 until MCL. 5 gms LY. Leigh Denman (6-6 325 rFr) PS#153. Chris Harris (6-4 295 Jr) PS#402JC, 410 bench.

LG JOE LAUDANO SR. 6-2 290 440 bench. 6 sts as rFr. 10 sts in '01. 12 sts LY. Stephen Bell (6-4 326 Jr) PS#192JC, 405 bench. Stan Primus (6-5 340 Jr) 450 bench, PS#182 in '01.

RT Yohance Perry So. 6-5 330 PS#339. Impressive LY. 2nd string as rFr but only 1 gm. John Gross (6-6 285 So) 430 bench, 2nd string 6 gms LY. Elliott Seifert (6-8 295 rFr) PS#407.

LT Adam Boyd Sr. 6-4 295 PS#268JC in '02. 2 games here LY. Tariq Sanders (6-6 290 rFr) PS#219OL. Larry Bonczar (6-8 290 rFr). Frank McAndrew (6-3 310 Jr).

K Jared Davis Sr. 5-6 145 PS#42K. Hit 1 of 2 FG's L/39 in '01, handled KO's 15 gms in his career. RS LY. Roger Price (5-10 165 So). Stephen Josephson (6-2 260 So).

DE Mike Mendenhall So. 6-3 250 PS#229. #3 in NJ in HS wrestling. 3 sts as true, 35 tkls, 5 tfl. **JD Stanley** (6-3 255 Sr) **PS#63**. 1 st, 13 tkls LY. Antwon Burton (6-4 330 Jr) PS#208JC.

NT Taso Apostolidis Sr. 6-0 285 #3 USA prep wrestler. 7 sts LY, 40 tkls, 3 sks, 7 QBH, **475 bench!** Steve Jewell (6-1 280 So) PS#199, 4.7 spd! Ismael Seals (6-4 290 Jr) 8 sks at JC in '00.

DT Adam Fichter So. 6-3 280 PS#322DL. 1 st, 5 tkls in '02, 2 tfl. Tai Seti (6-1 285 Jr) PS#261JC. Luis Lumpris (6-3 295 Sr) JUCO. 470 bench, 2 games here last year.

DE RODNEY WORMLEY SO. 6-4 226 PS#167TE. 9 sts as rFr, 42 tkls, 2.5 sks, 4 tfl. **JC Braker** (6-6 245 Jr) **PS#58JC**. Jason Johnson (6-2 255 So) PS#226DB, 4.68 speed.

SLB TROY BENNETT SR. 6-2 250 PS#57LB. 2 sts, 29 tkls in '01. 7 sts LY, 53 tkls, 1.5 tfl, 450 bench! Manuel Tapia (6-3 235 So) PS#107. 1 st, 17 tkls as rFr. Christian Dunbar 1 st, 15 tkls LY.

WLB RIAN WALLACE SO. 6-4 250 L/7 sts as rFr, 76 tkls, 1 sk, 5 tfl, 3 pbu. **Anthony DeGannes** (6-4 252 Jr) **PS#55**. David Fatherly (6-2 250 rFr) PS#153. Marcus Elbert PS#187 in 2000.

OWL Sadeke Konte Jr. 6-1 215 PS#439JC, in for spg. Shawn Bullard (6-3 215 Sr) 2 tkls, 1 tfl in '01. Justin Johnson (6-1 205 Jr) PS#362JC. **Donta Rajah PS#76LB** in '01.

CB Carl Marshall Jr. 6-0 185 **PS#94JC**. 7 int's 2Y at JC. Mike Holley (5-9 170 So) PS#151DB, 14 tkls, 1 int as true. Bobby Fulmore (5-11 180 Jr) PS#393JC, 4.48 speed.

CB YAZID JACKSON SR. 5-10 185 12 sts LY, 65 tkls, 3 int's, 7 pbu, 2 tfl. Donnie Coleman (5-10 175 Sr) 21 tkls in 2000. 4 rec at WR LY. Pete McBride (5-10 171 Jr) PS#380JC, 4.37 spd.

SS Joel Gray Jr. 5-10 180 PS#132DB. 2 tkls, 9 gms, 2Y. Alex McClean (6-1 220 Jr) 10 gms LY. Matt Douglas (6-2 200 Jr) PS#361JC. 5 int LY. Khalid Saleem (6-1 217 rFr).

FS Jonathan McPhee So. 5-11 185 PS#78DB. 4.5 spd. 5 tkls as true. Eric Wright (6-2 185 Jr) PS#142JC. Anthony Davis (6-2 190 Fr) PS#117QB. Khalee Ward (6-0 170 Sr) JC in '00.

P GARVIN RINGWELSKI SR. 6-5 235 PS#75. 41 P in '99, 36.5 avg. 55 in '00, 37.3 avg, 31.0 net. RS in '01. 47 LY, 38.7 avg, 31.4 tm net. Mike McLaughlin (6-1 215 So) 7 P (29.7) LY.

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WR	Phil Goodman 6-3 215	PS#7JC
QB	Walter Washington 6-2 246	PS#16JC
DL	JC Braker 6-6 245	PS#58JC
RB	Isaac Redman 6-0 205	PS#114
CB	Carl Marshall 6-0 185	PS#94JC
DB	Michael Neal 6-1 195	PS#158
QB	Anthony Davis 6-2 190	PS#117
DB	Eric Wright 6-2 185	PS#142JC
OL	CJ Blomvall 6-4 305	PS#155JC
RB	Durrell Davis 5-11 197	PS#194
WR	Robert Johnson 6-0 180	PS#169JC
WR	Jeremy Hartsfield 6-0 185	PS#176JC
OL	Stephen Bell 6-4 326	PS#192JC
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Phil's Homefield Edge-2
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#28

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	at Penn St	G						TU is 2-8 ATS their last 5 years as a double digit home dog. Owls are 4-9-1 ATS vs non-conf teams on the road the last 14 games. Temple is 5-2 ATS the last 5 years in November road games.
Sep. 6	Villanova	A						Temple is 0-16 SU since 1980 vs Penn St, 2-7 ATS their last 9. Owls are 6-17 SU since 1980 in road openers, also 4-8 ATS their L/12.
Sep. 13								Villanova is in the Atlantic 10 Conf & was 11-4 SU LY (2-1 in playoffs). Wildcats upset Rutgers 37-19 to open their season last year.
Sep. 20	at Cincinnati	A						Temple is 3-10 SU & 4-8-1 ATS vs current CUSA members since 1986. Temple is 1-12 SU & 3-10 ATS the last 13 off of a bye.
Sep. 27	at Louisville	G						Could apply: Owls are 9-3 ATS as a double digit road dog. Temple is 8-3 ATS on grass the last 3 years.
Oct. 4	at Middle Tennessee	A						Temple is 1-5-1 ATS in the 3rd of a 3+ game road stint. Owls are 3-9 ATS as a road favorite since 1987.
Oct. 11	Boston Coll (HC)	A						Temple is 2-4 SU & ATS the last 6 vs the Eagles. The Owls are 8-1 ATS in Big East home openers.
Oct. 18	at Miami, Fl	G						Temple is 0-7 SU & 2-5 ATS vs Miami the last 7 years. TU has been outscored vs UM since 1992 by an avg score of 45-11.
Oct. 25	Rutgers	A						The home team has covered 6 of the last 7 meetings. Temple is 6-14 ATS before a bye since 1986.
Nov. 1								
Nov. 8	at Syracuse	A						Owls are 1-5 SU & 2-4 ATS the last 6 games vs Syracuse. Last year was the 1st time Temple beat Syracuse since 1983.
Nov. 15	Virginia Tech	A						The visitor has taken 5 straight ATS. Temple is 2-7 ATS in November home games since 1998.
Nov. 22	Pittsburgh	A						Temple is 12-6-1 ATS vs Pittsburgh since 1984. TU is 6-3-1 ATS in home finales since 1993.
Nov. 29	at W Virginia	A						Owls are 1-7 SU but 6-2 ATS their last 8 years vs W Virginia. Temple is 3-6 SU but 7-2 ATS in road finales.

BOBBY WALLACE (Career 98-76-1)
6th Year at Temple

Wallace's records AT TEMPLE

16-40	Straight Up	5-3	Home Favorite
24-29-1	Vs The Spread	5-13	Home Dog
14-20-1	Off A SU Loss	2-3	Away Favorite
17-18	Vs Conference	12-10-1	Away Dog
		7-11-1	Vs Non-Conf

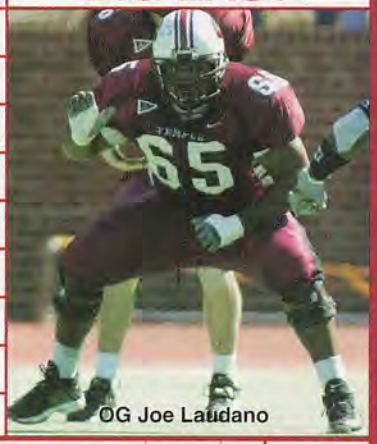
2002 RECORD: **(4-8)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (21,18,3)
Lost: 23 (10,12,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 19,077

BIG EAST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STADIUM: LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD (66,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	3-8	2-9	2-9	4-7	4-7	4-8	20-58
ATS	5-6	5-6	3-6-1	4-7	7-4	5-6	5-6	34-41-1
Home Fav	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-1	3-1	0-0	6-3
Home Dog	3-1	3-1	0-3	1-2	2-2	0-2	2-4	11-15
Away Fav	1-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-1	3-6
Away Dog	1-3	1-4	3-1-1	2-4	3-1	2-3	2-1	14-17-1
Favorite	1-2	1-1	0-2	1-1	2-1	3-1	1-1	9-9
Dog	4-4	4-5	3-4-1	3-6	5-3	2-5	4-5	25-32-1
Grass	0-3	0-4	1-1-1	0-1	4-0	1-1	3-2	9-12-1
Artificial	5-3	5-2	2-5	4-6	3-4	4-5	2-4	25-29
vs Conf	3-4	5-2	2-5	4-3	4-3	3-4	4-3	25-24
vs Non-Conf	2-2	0-4	1-1-1	0-4	3-1	2-2	1-3	9-17-1
Off SU Win	1-0	0-3	0-2	2-0	2-2	1-2	2-2	8-11
Off SU Loss	3-6	5-2	2-4-1	2-6	4-2	3-4	3-4	22-28-1

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tanardo Sharps	311	1376	100	1276	4.1	8
Mike McGann	**95**	**371**	**171**	**200**	**2.1**	**3**
Lawrence Wade	**23**	**93**	**5**	**88**	**3.8**	**0**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Mike McGann	**353**	**173**	**49.0**	**1994**	**13**	**22**
Mike Frost	26	13	50.0	172	2	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Zamir Cobb	**45**	**483**	**10.7**	**6**	**36**
Sean Dillard	31	378	12.2	1	58
Terrence Stubbs	**32**	**364**	**11.4**	**1**	**44**
Sean Szarka	**22**	**355**	**16.1**	**4**	**43**
Makonnen Fenton	**11**	**212**	**19.3**	**1**	**53**
Tanardo Sharps	27	205	7.6	1	65
Krishan Lewis	12	108	9.0	1	32
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Garvin Ringwelski	**47**	**1819**	**38.7**	**57**	**31.4**	**2**	**8**
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Cap Poklemba	22-26	4-8	7-9	3-3	0-0	14-20	42

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jamal Wallace	96	0	4	5	1
Terrance Leftwich	77	0	2	13	3
Rian Wallace	**76**	**1**	**5**	**3**	**1**
Jairo Almonte	71	0	5	1	1
Dan Klecko	68	10	12	0	0
Yazid Jackson	**65**	**0**	**2**	**7**	**3**
Troy Bennett	**53**	**0.5**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Gerard Bishop	52	1.5	3	4	0
JD Nichols	50	0	1	0	0
Rob Sack	49	2.5	2	0	0
Lafton Thompson	45	1	2	3	1
Rodney Wormley	**42**	**2.5**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Taso Apostolidis	**40**	**3**	**4**	**1**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Zamir Cobb	**23**	**222**	**9.7**	**0**
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Makonnen Fenton	**14**	**380**	**27.1**	**1**
Sean Szarka	**12**	**254**	**21.2**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
34	Sugar	NL	Tulane	14-20	–
79	Garden St	+1	California	28-17	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TEMPLE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	20.2	18	137	3.5	181	48.9	15.8	-14	2002	7	29.2	19	108	2.8	207	59.0	10.8
9*	18.0	16	118	3.1	167	48.2	15.8	-3	2001	10	28.3	16	130	3.4	183	54.4	11.1
5*	20.4	17	131	3.5	180	55.4	15.2	+3	2000	5	24.5	18	137	3.4	197	54.9	13.6
6*	13.9	15	60	2.4	205	57.4	19.0	0	1999	6	33.3	21	192	4.2	213	61.3	12.2
7*	18.0	17	197	4.0	116	40.4	17.4	-4	1998	5	32.7	22	219	4.8	185	60.7	12.3
5	19.3	17	152	3.7	173	53.3	16.9	-14	1997	5	33.7	20	200	4.5	187	59.6	11.5

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Richmond	24	45 - 166	3.7	18 - 31	213	0	12	42 - 71	1.7	8 - 17	133	1	+1
Oregon St	18	34 - 113	3.3	14 - 35	109	3	28	32 - 142	4.4	33 - 51	286	0	-4
Miami, Fl	12	37 - 121	3.3	12 - 18	101	2	24	37 - 112	3.0	24 - 39	365	2	0
at S Carolina	22	47 - 196	4.2	15 - 34	145	0	18	28 - 99	3.5	19 - 24	199	0	-1
Cincinnati	16	32 - 111	3.5	16 - 33	213	2	24	41 - 83	2.0	24 - 39	312	1	0
Syracuse	21	43 - 160	3.7	20 - 39	340	0	20	28 - 144	5.1	18 - 34	239	1	0
at Connecticut	19	45 - 242	5.4	8 - 23	117	1	19	35 - 21	0.6	21 - 38	251	8	+1
at Virginia Tech	12	25 - 39	1.6	17 - 32	230	2	20	54 - 199	3.7	13 - 20	146	0	+1
W Virginia	12	24 - 52	2.2	14 - 34	182	1	19	59 - 230	3.9	10 - 18	74	0	-5
at Pittsburgh	21	51 - 120	2.4	25 - 38	221	3	13	29 - 64	2.2	13 - 20	125	4	-3
at Rutgers	26	60 - 271	4.5	12 - 28	129	2	9	29 - (-13)	-0.4	14 - 28	155	9	-1
Boston College	14	31 - 56	1.8	15 - 35	166	2	21	45 - 148	3.3	13 - 28	203	1	-3
TOTALS	217	474 - 1647	3.5	186 - 380	2166	18	227	459 - 1300	2.8	210 - 356	2488	27	-14
AVERAGES	18.1	40 - 137	3.5	16 - 32	181	1.5	18.9	38 - 108	2.8	18 - 30	207	2.3	-1.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Toledo	+12'	12-24	W
Akron	-9	28-35	L
at Boston Coll	+18	7-31	L
at Maryland	+10	20-30	T
William & Mary	NL	38-45	–
W Virginia	+25	7-37	L
at Virginia Tech	+36	28-24	W
at Rutgers	-3	10-21	L
at Pittsburgh	+14	34-33	W
Miami, Fl	+23'	7-42	L
Syracuse	+27'	7-38	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Maryland	+5'	0-6	L
at Kansas St	+34	0-40	L
at Akron	-1	15-25	L
at Marshall	+28	0-34	L
at Pittsburgh	+17'	24-55	L
Boston Coll	+14	24-14	W
at W Virginia	+17	17-20	W
Rutgers	-10	56-28	W
at Syracuse	+18	10-27	W
Virginia Tech	+29	7-62	L
at Miami, Fl	+31	0-55	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Navy	+10'	17-6	W
at Maryland	+10	10-17	W
Bowling Green	-9'	31-14	W
E Michigan	-14'	49-40	L
W Virginia	+6	24-29	W
at Virginia Tech	+30	13-35	W
at Rutgers	-6'	48-14	W
Miami, Fl	+22	17-45	L
at Boston Coll	+9'	3-31	L
Syracuse	+10	12-31	L
Pittsburgh	+8'	0-7	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Navy	-17'	45-26	W
Toledo	+7'	7-33	L
at Bowling Green	-1	23-42	L
at Boston Coll	+13	10-33	L
Rutgers	-12	30-5	W
at Syracuse	+17	3-45	L
Pittsburgh	-2'	7-33	L
at Miami, Fl	+42	0-38	W
Virginia Tech	+24	0-35	L
at W Virginia	+16'	17-14	W
UConn	-19	56-7	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Richmond	NL	34-7	–
Oregon St	+11	3-35	L
Miami, Fl	+37'	21-44	W
at S Carolina	+16'	21-42	L
Cincinnati	+4'	22-35	L
Syracuse	+4	17-16	W
at UConn	-1	38-24	W
at Virginia Tech	+28'	10-20	W
W Virginia	+7	20-46	L
at Pittsburgh	+16	22-29	W
at Rutgers	-7'	20-17	L
Boston Coll	+8'	14-36	L

RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Rutgers had to replace underrated QB Mike McMahon who has started for the Detroit Lions. QB Ryan Cubit (PS#60), the former OC's son, had 11 starts as a true frosh and struggled, throwing for 1,433 yards (45%) with a 9-19 ratio and 258 yards rushing. The team allowed 51 sacks in 2001 and he had numerous injuries setting a school record for most interceptions in a season (19) and fumbling 7 times. Ted Trump was the backup QB in 2001 (60 yds, 6 gms). Last year Cubit began the year as the starter but after one week was benched for Trump who hit 16 of 23 for 230 yards against Army. Trump then suffered an ankle injury two games later and Cubit had an excellent game against Tennessee hitting 17 of 31 for 151 yards. Cubit was injured in the 1Q vs Syracuse and the injury appeared serious enough that Coach Schiano took the redshirt off of true frosh Ryan Hart (PS#87). Hart went 0 for 6 in his debut vs Syr. He drew the start the next week and in his first drive against Miami, hit 3 of 3 for 64 yards guiding the team on an 80 yard TD drive. They led Miami 17-14 after 3Q's. Hart is mobile, athletic and seems to have good sense in the pocket and started the last four games. None of the 3 QB's topped 46% completions and they combined for just 11 TD's and 23 int's for the second lowest pass efficiency in the NCAA. Cubit decided to transfer to W Michigan leaving Hart and Trump to battle rFr Anthony Cali (6-5 215, PS#37) who is my favorite to be the starter by year's end. Brian Boland (6-2 210 rFr, PS#289) is also in the mix as is Chris Baker who had 3 starts at WR last year and moved back to QB for the spring. This unit can only be improved in 2002.

RUNNING BACKS - The last 2 years have been a RB by committee (see Hardcore Fans on pg 319). I list the FB's below and it wouldn't surprise me to see one of those three HT's take over as the feature back. Not listed below are Justise Hairston (6-1 210 Fr, PS#94) who averaged over 7 ypc at Milford prep, Jason Nugent (6-1 210 So) who had 125 yards as a true frosh, Jamar Brittingham (6-1 195 Fr, PS#129) who had 888 yards at prep school last year, and Cabral Edley (5-10 185 So) who transferred from UMass. Last year Rutgers had its lowest rushing total since 1946 with 620 total yards. New OC Ver Steeg is known for shaping top-notch rush attacks. I will call for the Knights to at least DOUBLE last year's rushing production and they should have their highest ypg rushing in over 7 years.

RECEIVERS - Last year Rutgers had 3 of their top 4 receivers back including their star and 2001's top receiver TE LJ Smith (#2DC of PHI). Smith led the team again in 2002 with 32 rec's (12.0) despite missing 2 starts with injury. Last year's WR's were banged up during the year with Aaron Martin missing the first two games and then Tres Moses and Chris Baker each missing at least half of the season. This year they must replace Smith as well as WR Martin (9 sts, 30, 9.5). TE Bryan Boehrer (1 st, 1 rec), WR Sean Carty (2 rec) and WR Josh Hobbs (27, 12.0) who was the #3 receiver. Chris Baker (PS#77QB) was working at QB in the spring, but could move back here. Four other players return with starting experience and I list the 2 deep below including 3 HT's at TE and last year's starting FB Ray Pilch who moved there. Moses reminds Schiano of Peter Warrick, and would have had a much bigger impact (13 rec LY) if not for hamstring and knee injuries last year. Last year's group was underwhelming so even with the loss of their star TE and their top 2 WR's they may be close to last year's group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Knights only averaged 2.5 ypc rushing while allowing 45 sacks. I expected them to be much improved last year as eight of nine OL's who saw action returned in 2002. The unit did suffer some injuries during the year as Brian Duffy was lost for the year after five starts, C Marty Pyszczymuka was forced to snap left-handed due to a broken right wrist and G Rich McManis was limited to 5 starts. Surprisingly the veteran unit could only open holes for 1.48 ypc rushing and allowed 51 sacks. This year they must replace RT Howard Blackwood (11 sts, 3 yr st'r, Top OL Award), LT Throhn Carswell (11 sts) and G Mike Esposito (3 sts). They bring in a couple of HT JUCO's and I expect a big impact from John Glass (PS#32) who originally signed at Syracuse and started six games at New Haven in 2001. VHT Brian Duffy's healthy return is also a plus. This unit has some decent talent and experience and can only improve upon last year's exceptionally poor numbers.

DE Raheem Orr

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Knights allowed 5.4 ypc rushing, their worst total in over a decade and the team recorded just 18 sacks. Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 17 starts. Starting DT Greg Pyszczymuka would play in just five games due to injuries so basically only two starters were back. Overall the group allowed 4.73 ypc rushing and still put little pressure on opposing QB's with just 15 sacks. This year the team must replace DL William Burnett (10 sts, 31 tkls, Top DL Award) and DT Greg Pyszczymuka (17 tkls). Raheem Orr should be one of the best DL's in the Big East and the team also hopes to get back another VHT in DT Davon Clark. Clark, PS#28, had four starts last year but is suspended indefinitely. They also add some solid HT redshirts from last year in Joe Henley (PS#106DL) and Piana Lukabu (PS#87RB) as well as large Howard transfer, J'Vonne Parker. I list the 2 deep below. This year I expect significant improvement from the defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - In 2001 eight different players earned starts and it appeared that seven would return last season. Unfortunately projected starting OLB Brad Cunningham left the team, MLB Berkley Hutchinson (PS#12) did not quality, Nate Leonard missed most of the year and Mitch Davis (6 sts), was moved to FB. Therefore, basically one starter returned in Gary Brackett. Brackett had a phenomenal senior season averaging 10.8 tackles per game which was #2 in the Big East and also recording 12 tfl. He was voted the team MVP and will clearly be missed. Basically everyone else returns. Will Gilkison (PS#43) played last year as a true frosh and should have a bigger impact as could a couple of VHT's this year in William Beckford who was a PQ, Hutchinson (if he qualifies) and true frosh Ricks (PS#60). While Brackett will clearly be missed, this unit could even be stronger in 2003, especially if a couple of the VHT's make grades.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year only 2 starters returned (see Hardcore Fans). The star of the unit was Shawn Seabrooks (PS#45), a Tennessee transfer, who had 104 tackles, was voted Def Team MVP and was 2nd Tm Big East. He helped the unit move up to #78 in my pass D rankings as they allowed a respectable 51.4% but an unimpressive 25-11 ratio. This year Seabrooks must be replaced as well as backups DeWayne Thompson (1 st, 28 tkls), Vaughn Calhoun (4 tkls) and Aaron Krause (5 tkls). Basically seven of the top eight players from the end of last season return and they bring in a solid class of true frosh including a VHT who I put in the 2 deep below. Both starting CB's have excellent speed. Not listed below are Bryan Wilson (5-9 190 So) who moves over from WR, Leslie Collins (5-10 180 rFr) and Anthony Frasier (5-11 215 Sr). Even with the loss of a top-notch player like Seabrooks, Rutgers should continue to rise in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Darren Rizzi took over as Rutgers' special teams coordinator last season. In last year's magazine I forecasted a finish in the upper half of the special teams rankings and they did just that finishing at #56 which was their highest finish yet in my rankings. Nathan Jones was the star being named co-Special Teams POY in the Big East and 1st Team as a KR (28.3). Tres Moses averaged 18.2 on 4 PR's before injury and has been referred to as a Peter Warrick-type and is now healthy. FG kicking was poor last year with Ryan Sands (PS#76) hitting just 5 of 12 FG's. They must replace P Matt Barr who set school records for punts (92) and punting yardage. PR Shawn Seabrooks (5.1) must be replaced. The team did record 2 TD's off of blocked kicks. LS Ryan Neill was lost to injury early in November and they had some trouble with snaps after that, but he should return after sitting out the spring. Provided a new P emerges, this has the makings of a solid special teams unit, and they should get their best finish in the last nine years.

COACHES - Greg Schiano enters his third year with the program after being the Miami, FL DC in 2000. Schiano is a Jersey native and brings high intensity and enthusiasm. He also coached in the NFL (Chicago). Schiano received a contract extension through 2007 despite a 3-20 record including 0-14 in Big East play. His OC is Craig Ver Steeg who is in his first year and had been the OC at Utah the last two seasons. DC Paul Ferraro was the DB coach at Georgia Tech in 1999 and 2000 and enters his third year as DC here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Rutgers has had just four winning seasons in the last 22 years despite the fact that they are the only Div IA college team located in a highly populated NYC/New Jersey area. Their last bowl was in 1978 and their last winning season was 1992. In 2001 Rutgers lost their 7 Big East games by an average of 41.3 ppg, almost breaking Temple's record which was set in 1993 (42.6). They were also outgained in league play by an unheard-of average of 297.9 ypg. The team scored just 119 total points, their worst mark since 1965. Last year they had the most experienced team returning in the Big East. Unfortunately they went 0-7 in league play for the third consecutive year. They did show improvement last year "only" being outgained in league play by 239.7 ypg and 24.3 ppg in conference play. They have had negative double digit turnover totals the last two years and 15 starters return this year. They did have some moments last season. In the first half vs Tennessee on the road they had a 221-63 yard edge and 14-4 FD edge. They led Miami, FL 17-14 in the 4Q but have still not beaten a ranked team since 1988. They also led Temple 17-3 at the half losing that game on a FG with :39 left. Hope springs eternal for all teams over the summer and Schiano has done a good job making recruiting in the state of New Jersey a priority. They should show progress in the win column this year as I see them being favored in three and possibly four games, but the gap was probably too large between them and the rest of the Big East last year and they will likely finish in the basement for a fourth straight year.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB RYAN HART SO. 6-2 195 PS#87. L/4 sts as **true**, 479 yds (46%), 2-6 ratio. **Anthony Cali (6-5 215 rFr) PS#37QB**. Ted Trump (6-2 215 Sr) 4 sts, 740 yds (46%) 4-11 ratio.

RB MARKIS FACYSON SO. 5-10 195 PS#114. 5 sts as true, 398 yds (3.2). 15 rec (10.9). Clarence Pittman (5-10 200 Jr) PS#256. 104 vs Tenn (3.4) but 7 sts & only 212 (2.2) rest of the year.

FB Brian Leonard rFr. 6-2 230 PS#83. 100m champ & 2398 (10.2) as HS Sr. Cedric Brown (6-2 250 Jr) PS#82LB. 1 st at FB LY. Brad Cunningham (6-1 240 So) PS#121. 63 tkls **true.**

WR Tres Moses So. 5-10 190 PS#203. 1 st as true, 13 rec (12.2), 184 ret yds, RS LY. **Donny Diaz** (6-6 195 Jr) 46 rec (18.6) at JC LY. Marcus Daniels (6-2 185 Fr) NFL potential.

WR SHAWN TUCKER SO. 6-2 180 PS#202. 6 sts as **true**, 21 rec (9.3). Jerry Andre (6-1 185 Jr) PS#211. 3 sts, 8 rec (17.1) LY. **Chris Baker** (6-5 200 Jr) PS#77QB. **3 sts** LY.

TE CHRIS LOOMIS JR. 6-4 240 PS#38. 4 sts LY, 11 rec (10.0). **Ray Pilch** (6-3 240 Sr), **10 sts** at FB, 16 rec (8.4). Clark Harris (6-6 230 rFr) PS#43. **Sam Johnson** is **PS#17**.

C MARTY PYSZCZYMUKA SR. 6-2 280 8 tkls as rFr, 4 gms (ACL). 10 sts @ LG in '01, +20 lbs LY, 12 sts at C, +20 lbs TY. Mike Clancy (6-4 290 So) PS#140. Justin Peyton (6-4 240 rFr).

RG Rich McManis Sr. 6-5 310 PS#295. 1 start as true. 1 st, 5 gms in '01 (inj'd). 5 sts LY, 10 gms. **Ron Green** (6-6 320 Jr) **PS#15JC** is in for fall. Pedro Sosa is PS#76.

LG SAMEEH McDONALD SO. 6-5 300 PS#152OL. 8 of L/10 sts at LG as rFr. Mark Segaloff (6-5 280 So) PS#133OL. 3 games as rFr. William Vogt (6-3 285 rFr) PS#328.

RT BRIAN DUFFY SR. 6-5 315 **PS#80**. 10 sts in '01, **Top OL Award**, 5 sts at RG in '02 until inj. Mike Williamson (6-5 289 Sr) 1 st in '01, 3 sts LY. Rob Dinsmore (6-5 290 Jr).

LT John Glass So. 6-5 320 **PS#32OL** & orig @ **Syracuse**. 6 sts at New Haven in '01. RS here LY. **Clint Dato PS#119JC** was in for spg. Randy Boxill (6-5 313 rFr).

K RYAN SANDS JR. 6-0 225 PS#76K. 6 of 6 FG's, L/44 as rFr. 5 of 12 FG's, L/45 LY. Justin Musiek (5-11 190 rFr) PS#29K. Michael Cortese (6-3 205 So), PS#50. KO's LY.

DE RYAN NEILL JR. 6-3 245 PS#91LB. 4 sts as true, 19 tkls, 3 tfl. 9 sts LY until ACL, 43 tkls, 3 tfl. Alfred Peterson (6-3 255 Jr) 8 sts as true, 56 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl. 3 sts LY, 36 tkls, 8 tfl.

DT David Harley Jr. 6-1 300 PS#296JC. Ron Jenerette (6-4 290 Sr) PS#315. 33 tkls, 3Y. J'vonne Parker (**6-6 345** Jr) 8 gms at Howard. **Davon Clark** (6-4 285 Jr) **PS#28**. Susp?

DT GARY GIBSON JR. 6-4 290 PS#375. 13 tkls as rFr, 2 tfl. 12 sts LY, 32 tkls, 4 tfl. Luis Rivas (6-4 275 So) PS#232. 14 tkls as true, 2 tfl. Joe Henley (6-3 260 rFr) PS#106.

DE RAHEEM ORR SR. 6-4 260 **PS#16LB**. 4 sts, 25 tkls, 5 tfl in '01. 11 sts, 62 tkls, 4.5 sks, 5 tfl LY. Val Barnaby (6-5 270 So) PS#252LB. 30 tkls, 4 tfl as true. Piana Lukabu PS#87RB in '01.

OLB BRIAN HOHMANN SR. 6-3 242 4 sts, 38 tkls, 7 tfl, 1 int in '01. 11 sts LY, 47 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 int. **William Beckford** (6-1 220 So) **PS#48**. PQ LY. Quintero Frierson is PS#142.

MLB Will Gilkison So. 6-2 230 **PS#43LB**. 21 tkls as true in '02. Berkley Hutchinson (6-3 245 So) **PS#12**. DNQ in '01. Ishmael Medley (5-11 230 So) PS#366LB.

OLB BRIAN BENDER SR. 6-3 235 3 sts as true in '99, 31 tkls. Inj'd most of 2000 & '01. 11 sts LY, 81 tkls, 8 tfl. **Rashawn Ricks PS#60**. Jeremy Campbell (6-2 235 Jr) 37 tkls 2Y.

CB BRANDON HAW SR. 6-0 185 PS#153. 11 sts in 2000, 48 tkls, 4 pbu. 2 sts & RS in '01. **Track 55m**, 12 sts LY, 35 tkls, 4 int, 18 pbu, 4.35 spd. Charles Timbers is **PS#46**.

CB NATHAN JONES SR. 5-10 180 PS#120. 4.39 spd. 5 sts, 55 tkls in '01. 12 sts LY, 84 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu. Bryan Durango (5-10 180 rFr) PS#182. Eddie Grimes (6-0 180 Jr) 2 sts LY.

SS JARVIS JOHNSON JR. 5-11 195 PS#237. 9 sts LY, 61 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu. Dondre Asberry (5-11 180 So) PS#188. 7 tkl as true. Matt Mitchell (6-1 190 Jr) 7 tkl. Marcus Mitchell (6-0 200 Fr).

FS Terry Bynes So. 6-2 210 PS#281. 11 tkls as true. Jason Grant (6-1 195 Jr) 2 sts at SS, 42 tkls, 3 tfl. Anthony Campanile (6-0 218 So) PS#271QB. Brandon Wood (6-1 195 rFr).

P Joe Radigan rFr. 6-5 240 PS#19K in 2002. Averaged 43.0 per punt as senior in high school, 12 inside the 12 yd line & All New Jersey. Added 25 lbs in redshirt year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

TE	Sam Johnson 6-3 240	PS#17
DB	Charles Timbers 5-10 170	PS#46
OL	Pedro Sosa 6-5 275	PS#76
LB	Rashawn Ricks 6-3 235	PS#60
WR	Orlando Kane 5-9 170	PS#78
QB	Terrence Shawell 6-4 190	PS#76
TE	Brad Listorti 6-4 225	PS#41
RB	Justice Hairston 6-1 210	PS#94
OL	Michael Fladell 6-8 350	PS#137
LB	Quintero Frierson 6-1 215	PS#142
OL	Clint Dato 6-5 325	PS#119
DB	Joe Porter 5-9 175	PS#200
LB	Ken Gillespie 6-0 205	PS#224
WR	Willie Foster 5-10 185	PS#243

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#57

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score RU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	Buffalo	G						Rutgers is 18-33 ATS as a home dog since 1989. The Knights are 0-10 SU & 3-7 ATS vs Miami, Fl. Rutgers is 0-3 SU & ATS vs Notre Dame being outscored by an avg of 50-6.
Sep. 6	at Michigan St	G						RU is 3-8 ATS in their 1st lined game the last 11 years, 3-1 ATS last 4. Rutgers is 7-13 ATS at home vs non-conference foes since 1993.
Sep. 13	at Army	A						The Knights are 7-2 ATS as an away dog vs non-conference teams. Rutgers is 4-8 SU but 8-4 ATS vs Big 10 teams on the road.
Sep. 20								The underdog is 7-2 ATS in this series. Scarlet Knights are 10-32-1 ATS on artificial turf their last 43.
Sep. 27	Navy	G						Bonus: Rutgers has had a negative turnover ratio each of the last 6 years. Scarlet Knights are 3-15 ATS their last 18 games after a bye. Could apply: Knights are 4-13-1 ATS after a SU win the last 8 years.
Oct. 4	Virginia Tech	G						RU is 0-6 SU, 1-5 ATS & have been outscored by an avg of 50-10 in the L/6 mtgs. The visitor is 9-2 ATS the last 11 in this series.
Oct. 11	at W Virginia	A						Rutgers is 7-16 ATS the last 23 games vs W Virginia. Scarlet Knights are 2-6 ATS the last 8 conference road openers.
Oct. 18	Pittsburgh (HC)	G						Rutgers has only won 3 of 20 series meetings SU, 8-12 ATS. Rutgers is 6-1 ATS in their last 7 Homecoming games.
Oct. 25	at Temple	A						The home team has covered 6 of the last 7 meetings. RU is 0-3 SU & ATS L/3 trips to Philly being outscored by an avg of 45-13.
Nov. 1								Bonus: Rutgers & Temple are only 67 miles apart.
Nov. 8	at Connecticut	G						RU lost 20-19 to Huskies as 18' pt favs in their only prior lined gm in 2001. Rutgers is 5-10 ATS the last 15 November games.
Nov. 15	Boston College	G						RU is 1-7 ATS L/8 vs the Eagles w/avg score BC 38 RU 16 over that span. The favorite is 10-2 ATS the last 12 games in this series.
Nov. 22	at Miami, Fl	G						UM has beaten RU by a combined avg score of 56-6 the last 4 years. Rutgers is 1-7-1 ATS in their last 9 final away games.
Nov. 29	Syracuse	G						The Scarlet Knights are 3-13 ATS vs the Orangemen. Rutgers is 5-1 ATS their last 6 home finales.

GREG SCHIANO (Career 3-20)

3rd Year at Rutgers

Schiano's records AT RUTGERS

3-20 Straight Up	2-2 Home Favorite
10-12 Vs The Spread	5-4 Home Dog
8-10 Off A SU Loss	1-0 Away Favorite
5-9 Vs Conference	3-6 Away Dog
	5-3 Vs Non-Conf

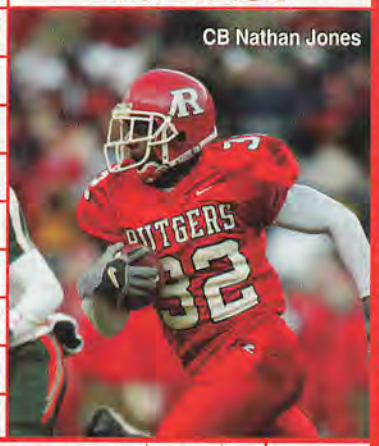
2002 RECORD: (1-11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (20,22,1)
Lost: 20 (10,9,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 19,818

BIG EAST


CB Nathan Jones

STADIUM: RUTGERS STADIUM (41,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	0-11	5-6	1-10	3-8	2-9	1-11	14-64
ATS	2-8	6-5	5-5	4-7	4-6	4-7	6-5	31-43
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-1	2-2
Home Dog	1-4	3-2	3-2	2-4	1-3	2-3	3-1	15-19
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Away Dog	1-4	3-3	2-3	2-3	2-3	0-3	3-3	13-22
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-1	0-1	3-2
Dog	2-8	6-5	5-5	4-7	3-6	2-6	6-4	28-41
Grass	2-4	5-3	4-3	4-5	3-4	4-5	6-3	28-27
Artificial	0-4	1-2	1-2	0-2	1-2	0-2	0-2	3-16
vs Conf	2-5	3-4	3-4	1-6	2-5	1-6	4-3	16-33
vs Non-Conf	0-3	3-1	2-1	3-1	2-1	3-1	2-2	15-10
Off SU Win	0-2	0-0	2-3	0-1	1-2	0-2	1-0	4-10
Off SU Loss	2-6	6-4	3-2	3-6	3-4	3-5	5-5	25-32

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Markis Facyson	124	470	72	398	1	3.2
Clarence Pittman	126	351	35	316	1	2.5
Jason Nugent	29	134	9	125	1	4.3
Ryan Cubit	41	73	175	-102	1	-2.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Ted Trump	155	71	45.8	740	4	11
Ryan Cubit	141	64	45.4	657	5	6
Ryan Hart	111	51	45.9	479	2	6
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
L.J. Smith	32	384	12.0	3	53	
Josh Hobbs	27	324	12.0	0	39	
Aaron Martin	30	284	9.5	3	40	
Shawn Tucker	21	195	9.3	1	36	
Markis Facyson	15	164	10.9	1	31	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Mike Barr	92	3707	40.3	60	34.8	1	29

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ryan Sands	18-19	2-4	2-4	1-4	0-0	5-12	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Gary Brackett	130	4	8	4	1
Shawn Seabrooks	104	1	4	5	1
Nathan Jones	84	0	2	7	2
Brian Bender	81	2	6	2	1
Raheem Orr	62	4.5	5	1	0
Jarvis Johnson	61	0	0	4	1
Brian Hohmann	47	0	5	1	1
Ryan Neill	43	1	2	1	0
Jason Grant	42	1	2	1	0
Alfred Peterson	36	1.5	6	0	0
Brandon Haw	35	0	2	18	4
Gary Gibson	32	0	4	1	0
William Burnett	31	0	0	0	0
Val Barnaby	30	0	4	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Shawn Seabrooks	19	97	5.1	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Nathan Jones	26	736	28.3	2

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
78	Garden St	+11	Arizona St	18-34	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

RUTGER'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	13.9	14	52	1.5	162	45.5	15.4	-13	2002	8	33.1	20	207	4.7	198	51.4	12.2
5	10.8	13	105	2.5	137	45.4	22.3	-22	2001	8	36.1	20	230	5.4	190	54.6	11.6
6*	21.2	17	106	3.4	229	48.9	15.8	-7	2000	3	36.3	23	222	4.3	201	59.2	11.7
5*	14.1	15	81	2.3	208	49.0	20.5	-5	1999	6	38.8	22	219	5.0	215	66.8	11.2
9*	18.7	18	125	3.1	204	50.0	17.6	-12	1998	4	34.2	22	246	5.2	182	58.3	12.5
5	17.4	15	106	3.1	194	48.7	17.3	-20	1997	7	45.1	23	258	4.9	221	61.7	10.6

	OFFENSE					2002 STATS BY GAME	DEFENSE					
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Villanova	17	34-85	2.5	17-38	184	5	21	38-155	4.1	24-39	321	1	+2
Buffalo	21	34-55	1.6	16-38	166	3	24	44-173	3.9	18-34	201	0	-2
Army	19	54-169	3.1	16-23	230	4	10	34-116	3.4	13-30	125	0	+3
at Pittsburgh	13	28-(-3)	-0.1	19-47	167	3	15	44-110	2.5	13-26	261	1	-3
at Tennessee	19	43-121	2.8	17-32	151	3	18	23-94	4.1	15-28	284	2	-1
W Virginia	6	25-20	0.8	11-36	70	1	23	63-236	3.7	9-24	96	2	-5
at Virginia Tech	11	25-(-7)	-0.3	17-34	222	8	26	50-342	6.8	12-16	150	4	+1
at Syracuse	12	37-16	0.4	14-31	177	8	18	44-289	6.6	13-23	117	1	-4
Miami, Fl	11	39-83	2.1	10-27	117	2	15	35-195	5.6	18-33	241	1	-2
Temple	9	29-(-13)	-0.4	14-28	155	8	26	60-271	4.5	12-28	129	2	+1
at Notre Dame	15	28-14	0.5	20-48	158	5	20	41-190	4.6	14-28	288	1	-1
at Boston Coll	15	44-80	1.8	17-31	151	1	22	49-313	6.4	10-24	163	0	-2
TOTALS	168	420-620	1.5	188-413	1948	51	238	525-2484	4.7	171-333	2376	15	-13
AVERAGES	14.0	35-52	1.5	16-34	162	4.3	19.8	44-207	4.7	14-28	198	1.3	-1.1

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Richmond	NL	7-6	–
at Boston Coll	+22'	14-41	L
at Syracuse	+41	14-70	L
Army	+10	27-15	W
Miami, Fl	+28	17-53	L
at Pittsburgh	+21	25-21	W
Tulane	+19	24-52	L
Temple	+3	21-10	W
at Navy	+10'	36-33	W
W Virginia	+20'	14-28	W
at Virginia Tech	+28'	7-47	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at California	+18'	7-21	W
Texas	+23	21-38	W
Boston Coll	+7	7-27	L
at Wake Forest	+17	10-17	W
Virginia Tech	+31	20-58	L
at W Virginia	+20	16-62	L
Pittsburgh	+15	15-38	L
at Temple	+10	28-56	L
Navy	+14	7-34	L
Syracuse	+30'	24-21 OT	W
at Miami, Fl	+33	0-55	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Villanova	NL	34-21	–
Buffalo	-24'	59-0	W
at Virginia Tech	+32'	0-49	L
at Pittsburgh	+20	17-29	W
Miami, Fl	+30	6-64	L
Temple	+6'	14-48	L
at Navy	+7'	28-21	W
at Boston Coll	+22	13-42	L
W Virginia	+14'	24-31 2OT	W
Notre Dame	+22	17-45	L
at Syracuse	+25	21-49	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Buffalo	-15	31-15	W
at Miami, Fl	+44	0-61	L
Virginia Tech	+28	0-50	L
Connecticut	-18'	19-20	L
Syracuse	+25	17-24	W
at Temple	+12	5-30	L
Navy	E	23-17	W
at W Virginia	+18	7-80	L
Pittsburgh	+21	0-42	L
Boston Coll	+30	7-38	L
California	+11	10-20	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Villanova	NL	19-37	–
Buffalo	-7	11-34	L
Army	+4	44-0	W
at Pittsburgh	+26'	3-23	W
at Tennessee	+41	14-35	W
W Virginia	+13	0-40	L
at Virginia Tech	+40'	14-35	W
at Syracuse	+16	14-45	L
Miami, Fl	+39	17-42	W
Temple	+7'	17-20	W
at Notre Dame	+28	0-42	L
at Boston Coll	+28	14-44	L

CONFERENCE USA

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 CUSA TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	J.P. Losman, Tulane	Gino Guidugli, Cincinnati	Tye Gunn, TCU	Darrell Hackney, UAB
RB	Eric Shelton, Louisville	DeAngelo Williams, Memphis	Anthony Evans, Houston	Art Brown, E Carolina
RB	Mewelde Moore, Tulane	Lonta Hobbs, TCU	Richard Hall, Cincinnati	DeJuan Green, S Florida
WR	James Taylor, Louisville	Huey Whitaker, S Florida	Tristan Smith, Tulane	Roddy White, UAB
WR	Roydell Williams, Tulane	Chris Johnson, S Miss	Reggie Harrell, TCU	Darron White, Memphis
WR	Tavares Gideon, Memphis	George Murray, Cincy	Dishon Platt, S Florida	Marvin Young, S Miss
TE	Ronnie Ghent, Louisville	Stephen Cucci, Houston	Bobby Hoover, Tulane	John Doucette, Memphis
C	Al James, Houston	Chase Johnson, TCU	Doug White, E Carolina	Jim Hicks, S Miss
G	Andy Galloway, UAB	Rex Hadnot, Houston	Larry Coachman, UAB	Kyle Takavitz, Cincy
G	John Glud, TCU	Shane Sims, TCU	Roy Swan, Houston	Charlie Dempsey, E Car
T	Brian Rimpf, E Carolina	Jerry Spencer, Louisville	Travis Leffew, Louisville	Anthony Alabi, TCU
T	Jeremy Parquet, S Miss	Levi Newton, S Florida	Derrick Sarosi, S Florida	Wilbert Hamilton, UAB
DL	Terrell Paul, S Miss	Ronald Jones, S Miss	Farouk Adelekan, Houston	Andre Frazier, Cincy
DL	Albert Means, Memphis	Damane Duckett, E Car	Bobby Leffew, Louisville	Lonnie Simmons, Cincy
DL	Chad Pugh, TCU	Shamar Abrams, UAB	Eric Scott, S Miss	Skylor Magee, S Miss
DL	Bo Schobel, TCU	Trent Cole, Cincy	Robert Pollard, TCU	Ryan Huffman, Houston
LB	Michael Boley, S Miss	Rod Day, Louisville	Damien West, Houston	Ryan Kent, Army
LB	Rod Davis, S Miss	Nigel Eldridge, UAB	Jamar Enzor, Cincy	Antoine Cash, S Miss
LB	Zac Woodfin, UAB	Maurice Jones, S Florida	Brandt Quick, Tulane	Derrick Ballard, Memphis
CB	Laroni Gallishaw, Louisville	Sean Lucas, Tulane	D'Juan Brown, S Florida	Josh Minkins, Louisville
CB	Greg Brooks, S Miss	Zach Norton, Cincy	Delente Brewer, Army	Dio Hill, UAB
SS	Doug Monaghan, Cincy	Marvin Godbolt, TCU	Thurman Pearson, UAB	Jermain Woodard, Houston
FS	Etric Pruitt, S Miss	J.R. Reed, S Fla	O.C. Collins, Memphis	Lucius Weaver, Army
K	Nick Browne, TCU	Nick Hayes, UAB	Nate Smith, Louisville	Santiago Gramatica, S Fla
P	Jimmy McClary, Houston	John Braziel, TCU	Luke Johnson, S Miss	Brent Moody, Louisville
KR	Broderick Clark, Louisville	Jason Southall, UAB	John Eubanks, S Miss	Damarcus Fox, E Carolina
PR	Terrance Copper, E Car	Marvin Young, S Miss	Darron White, Memphis	William White, Army

UAB LB Zac Woodfin

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 CUSA FORECAST

1. TCU - TCU returns just ten starters this year and benefitted from +15 turnovers last year but could have fared even better than their 6-2 CUSA record. TCU was dominating EC when they allowed an 81 yard fumble return for a TD which turned the game around and they also led Cincy by 18 with 8:00 left but lost in OT. They dominated league foes outgaining them by an average of 137.5 ypg. Even though TCU must face both Tulane and S Miss on the road this year, I will call for them to repeat as CUSA Champs.

2. S MISSISSIPPI - SM used to dominate CUSA play with a 22-2 record in their first 4 years in the league but have not won a League Title since 1999. This year they could end up back on top as they have my #1 rated D in the league and they host their two major contenders for the Title this year (Tulane and TCU) at "The Rock". SM's offense should be more potent and this team clearly gets the title of co-favorite in CUSA thanks to their rugged defense and improved offense.

3. TULANE - While Tulane finished 4-4 in league play last year they were very fortunate as they were outgained by an average of 81.6 ypg in CUSA action, with a +22 turnover ratio being a big plus. DC Eric Schumann did a great job last year but that squad had 11 returning starters on defense and this year have just 3, and they must replace their super CB Lynaris Elpheage. They most likely will have the most potent offense in CUSA and this team has the talent and schedule to be one of the top contenders for the league crown this year.

4. CINCINNATI - UC outscored league foes by an average of 10.6 ppg last year which was best in the league, but this year they return just 10 starters (the league low). One of the starters back is QB Gino Guidugli so the offense will be potent. Last year Cincy stood just 3-5 despite outgaining foes by an average of 80 ypg. Cincy also had a 409-211 yard edge against S Miss, a 435-255 yard edge vs Tulane, and a 415-292 yd edge vs Ohio St but ended up losing all three games. The Bearcats were Co-Champions of CUSA last year even though they finished with a 7-7 record and have a solid shot at defending their Title this season.

5. MEMPHIS - While Memphis was just 2-6 in league play last year, it should also be pointed out they were -14 in turnovers. In fact, vs four conference foes and S Florida who defeated them, UM had the FD edge. They have 8 starters back on the defensive side of the ball, plus the addition of Joe Lee Dunn, so they should have one of the league's better units. Replacing four starters on the offensive line is the major question mark for this team but Memphis does avoid TCU on the schedule and this year should have their best finish yet.

6. LOUISVILLE - The Cards must replace their QB, seven starters on defense and their Head Coach. Last year they were -15 in turnovers, one year after being +10, and that was the main reason they went from 11-2 to 7-6. They should have better fortune this year and are still a very talented team, despite breaking in a new QB. At least this QB will have the benefit of a much more stable offensive front and some talented skill position players including RB Eric Shelton (PS#3) and WR James Taylor (PS#9JC). The Cards are once again in the mix in the CUSA.

7. S FLORIDA - USF was the only undefeated team in conference play last year but they of course were not in this conference and only had four games vs CUSA foes. Still, they were an impressive 4-0 SU beating S Miss, EC, Memphis and Houston. Interestingly in those games, USF was outfirstdowned by a combined 102-74 margin and did not have a FD edge in any of those four matchups. USF did benefit from +21 in turnovers last year and must now break in a new QB. They have 14 starters back and lose just 15 lettermen, so this is a solid team on both sides of the ball. Teams making their debut in new conferences have done well in recent years and USF has a chance to put themselves in the contenders role as they host Louisville and TCU and victories there could move them well up in the standings.

8. E CAROLINA - Last year the Pirates actually finished 4-4 in league play despite being outgained by an average of 124.8 ypg, which was 43.2 ypg worse than the next closest team. EC has compiled an impressive 18-11 record in CUSA play the last four years but loses offensive-minded HC Steve Logan and brings in the defensive-minded John Thompson. With the brand-new schemes on both sides of the ball, it may take EC's 13 returning starters some time to adjust. Position's 4 though 9 are very tough to call in CUSA but of those teams, I rate EC as having the #10 defense (out of 11 teams) with just five starters back from a unit that allowed 446 ypg last year. With that in mind, I will call for EC to finish in the 8th spot.

9. UAB - While UAB is extremely experienced with 16 returning starters, they have just six seniors on the team and may be a year away from contending for the top spot. Their defense had just two starters back last year but should be much stronger this season with seven back and QB Darrell Hackney is very exciting on offense. UAB has surprised me many times in the past and has an amazing 16-12 record in league play. I consider Tulane, TCU and S Miss the top three teams in the league and of the CUSA teams I rate 4 through 9, UAB is the only one to face all three and that has me projecting them in this spot.

10. HOUSTON - Houston nearly had a winning record in CUSA play last year as they had a 24-15 FD edge vs Tulane and lost, led UAB 28-6 and also led E Carolina 34-17 in the 4Q but would lose in 3 OT's. Their 3-5 finish in league play including an upset in the season finale vs Louisville was not enough to keep Coach Dimel around. New Coach Art Briles inherits a team with 11 returning starters that must replace 22 lettermen. They have been minus double digit turnovers the last two years which should mean good things are on the horizon. They have my #6 offense and #6 defense in conference play so moving up from this spot in the standings is very possible.

11. ARMY - Army has won just four conference games the last three years and last season was outscored by an average of 18.4 ppg in league play which was by far the league's worst. Coach Berry has been very high on the team all spring saying they are much more experienced and talented than his previous editions. This year's team has just 11 seniors including 3 senior starters but 37 juniors so Army may still be a year away from moving up in the CUSA standings.

CUSA Notes: CUSA expands to 11 teams this year and the new entrant South Florida simply went 4-0 vs CUSA teams this past year. In 2000 this league had 7 bowl eligible teams and they had 6 more in 2001. The number dropped by 1 again last year to 5. S Miss used to dominate this league finishing #1 or #2 in each of the first 4 years but their highest finish the last 3 years has been 3rd. Louisville was the preseason favorite last year but came up a game short. They still have the leagues best record the last 3 years at 17-5 and surprisingly Cincinnati is not far behind with a super 16-6 record. In 2001 the league had 3 Top 25 defenses and last year there were 4 teams that are now in this league (incl S Fla) ranked in the top 25 D's including TCU which was #1. In 2001, CUSA was 2-16 vs BCS conferences and 6-5 in the regular season and 1-2 in bowls vs non-BCS 1A leagues. Last year Louisville beat then #5 Florida St and Cincy almost upset the eventual National Champ Ohio St. Overall they were 5-14 vs BCS conferences and 11-9 vs non-BCS leagues during the regular season. The league was 2-3 in bowl games with TCU beating the Mt West champ Colo St in the Liberty Bowl but co-champ Cincy lost to a Sun Belt team in the New Orleans Bowl. S Miss has 6 players on my first team CUSA which is the most in the league with Louisville close behind with 5.

2002 CUSA vs CUSA OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
41	Cincinnati	32.4	2	403.1	2	161.9	3	3.7	3	241.3	1	54.0	4	12.5	5	18	4	16	4
60	Houston	29.4	5	412.9	1	181.9	2	4.0	2	231.0	2	51.5	5	14.1	7	25	10	11	1
68	TCU	32.9	1	390.6	3	233.9	1	4.5	1	156.8	10	58.9	1	11.9	4	20	7	16	4
74	E Carolina	31.3	3	341.6	5	140.9	5	3.7	4	200.8	6	46.2	9	10.9	1	15	3	20	6
84	Memphis	23.8	7	341.6	5	124.9	7	3.5	6	216.8	5	50.0	8	14.4	9	23	9	13	3
85	Louisville	30.4	4	337.6	7	111.4	8	3.1	8	226.3	3	56.5	2	11.1	2	18	4	28	8
94	S Miss	20.1	10	323.9	8	150.3	4	3.6	5	173.6	9	50.9	7	16.1	10	19	6	32	9
95	Tulane	23.1	8	270.9	10	90.5	10	2.6	10	180.4	8	56.2	3	11.7	3	13	1	32	9
97	UAB	27.3	6	358.6	4	133.8	6	3.2	7	224.9	4	51.4	6	13.2	6	14	2	26	7
112	Army	20.4	9	289.8	9	108.3	9	3.1	9	181.5	7	45.5	10	14.2	8	22	8	12	2

2002 CUSA vs CUSA DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
11	TCU	22.4	4	253.1	1	53.1	1	1.8	1	200.0	6	39.9	1	11.3	9	26	1	35	1
36	S Miss	17.8	1	302.6	3	145.9	6	3.4	4	156.8	1	46.5	2	17.0	2	16	7	26	3
39	Louisville	25.0	5	319.9	4	117.0	3	2.8	2	202.9	7	48.2	4	12.8	6	10	10	19	5
44	Cincinnati	21.8	3	281.4	2	114.6	2	2.9	3	166.8	2	47.6	3	12.9	5	22	3	21	4
51	Tulane	18.4	2	352.5	6	184.5	8	4.2	8	168.0	3	50.8	5	19.2	1	26	1	27	2
82	Memphis	27.9	6	364.5	7	196.4	10	4.3	9	168.1	4	61.1	9	13.1	4	16	7	16	7
86	UAB	29.1	7	340.9	5	135.0	5	3.6	6	205.9	8	55.5	7	11.7	7	19	4	13	10
88	Houston	36.6	9	418.1	9	128.8	4	3.6	5	289.4	10	56.7	8	11.4	8	15	9	17	6
101	E Carolina	33.3	8	466.4	10	190.5	9	4.3	10	275.9	9	54.1	6	14.0	3	19	4	16	7
110	Army	38.8	10	371.0	8	171.5	7	3.9	7	199.5	5	61.7	10	9.6	10	18	6	16	7

2002 CUSA STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
TCU	6	2	263	179	10	2	361	222
Cincinnati	6	2	259	174	7	7	409	329
Louisville	5	3	243	200	7	6	371	319
S Mississippi	5	3	161	142	7	6	282	238
Tulane	4	4	185	147	8	5	361	282
UAB	4	4	218	232	5	7	268	370
E Carolina	4	4	250	266	4	8	335	399
Houston	3	5	235	293	5	7	293	383
Memphis	2	6	190	223	3	9	303	327
Army	1	7	163	300	1	11	318	491

Coach of the Year: Gary Patterson, TCU

2001 CUSA STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Louisville	6	1	237	136	10	2	366	213
Cincinnati	5	2	205	189	7	4	320	267
E Carolina	5	2	252	184	6	5	360	296
UAB	5	2	204	116	6	5	265	206
TCU	4	3	192	194	6	5	280	257
S Mississippi	4	3	191	101	6	5	278	186
Memphis	3	4	196	183	5	6	294	281
Army	2	5	150	257	3	8	229	365
Tulane	1	6	180	306	3	9	344	495
Houston	0	7	137	278	0	11	190	432

Coach of the Year: John L Smith, Louisville

2000 CUSA STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Louisville	6	1	255	159	9	2	388	246
Cincinnati	5	2	187	165	7	4	275	260
E Carolina	5	2	206	125	7	4	330	229
S Miss	4	3	180	150	7	4	286	182
UAB	3	4	144	156	7	4	238	192
Tulane	3	4	192	205	6	5	329	346
Memphis	2	5	109	146	4	7	176	199
Houston	2	5	154	249	3	8	211	370
Army	1	6	129	204	1	10	224	372

Coach of the Year: John L Smith, Louisville

2002 CONFERENCE USA LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Gino Guidugli, Cincy	**472**	**258**	**54.7**	**21**	**3543**	**7.5**	**22**	**124.2**
Nick Eddy, Houston	**265**	**134**	**50.6**	**18**	**2054**	**7.8**	**16**	**122.0**
Dave Ragone, L'ville	441	237	53.7	11	2880	6.5	24	121.6
JP Losman, Tulane	**401**	**230**	**57.4**	**10**	**2468**	**6.2**	**19**	**119.7**
Darrell Hackney, UAB	**293**	**149**	**50.9**	**7**	**1977**	**6.7**	**14**	**118.5**
Danny Wimprine, Memphis	**435**	**235**	**54.0**	**18**	**2820**	**6.5**	**23**	**117.7**
Micky D'Angelo, S Miss	**232**	**122**	**52.6**	**8**	**1647**	**7.1**	**7**	**115.3**
Sean Stilley, TCU	204	114	55.9	11	1371	6.7	6	111.3
Paul Troth, E Carolina	**359**	**177**	**49.3**	**20**	**2315**	**6.4**	**15**	**106.1**
Derrick Joseph, Tulane	34	15	44.1	0	178	5.2	1	97.8

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Jon Olinger, Cincy	14	54	1114	7	79.6	3.9	20.6
Damien Dorsey, L'ville	11	52	753	7	68.5	4.7	14.5
Richard Alston, E Carolina	11	36	702	6	63.8	3.3	19.5
Travis Anglin, Memphis	12	55	740	5	61.7	4.6	13.5
LaDaris Vann, Cincy	14	71	844	5	60.3	5.1	11.9
Willie Quinne, UAB	11	36	627	6	57.0	3.3	17.4
Brandon Middleton, Houston	**12**	**28**	**674**	**6**	**56.2**	**2.3**	**24.1**
Chris Johnson, S Miss	**12**	**50**	**673**	**3**	**56.1**	**4.2**	**13.5**
Antoine Harden, Memphis	12	37	608	5	50.7	3.1	16.4
Roddy White, UAB	**12**	**39**	**580**	**3**	**48.3**	**3.3**	**14.9**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Joffrey Reynolds, Houston	12	316	1545	4.9	11	128.8
Derrick Nix, S Miss	11	219	1194	5.5	11	108.5
Art Brown, E Carolina	**10**	**214**	**1029**	**4.8**	**14**	**102.9**
DeMarco McCleskey, Cincy	14	315	1361	4.3	15	97.2
Mewelde Moore, Tulane	**13**	**288**	**1138**	**4.0**	**6**	**87.5**
DeAngelo Williams, Memphis	**10**	**103**	**684**	**6.6**	**5**	**68.4**
Ricky Madison, TCU	**11**	**155**	**719**	**4.6**	**3**	**65.4**
Carlton Jones, Army	**12**	**161**	**611**	**3.8**	**4**	**50.9**
Henry Miller, L'ville	12	139	594	4.3	12	49.5
Dante Brown, Memphis	12	133	562	4.2	6	46.8

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Gino Guidugli, Cincy	**14**	**69**	**27**	**472**	**3543**	**3570**	**255.0**
Dave Ragone, L'ville	13	131	248	441	2880	3128	240.6
Danny Wimprine, Memphis	**12**	**98**	**40**	**435**	**2820**	**2860**	**238.3**
JP Losman, Tulane	**13**	**88**	**19**	**401**	**2468**	**2487**	**191.3**
Nick Eddy, Houston	**11**	**37**	**(-39)**	**265**	**2054**	**2015**	**183.2**
Darrell Hackney, UAB	**11**	**85**	**(-14)**	**293**	**1977**	**1963**	**178.5**
Paul Troth, E Carolina	**12**	**61**	**(-210)**	**359**	**2315**	**2105**	**175.4**
Sean Stilley, TCU	9	65	86	204	1371	1457	161.9
Micky D'Angelo, S Miss	**12**	**61**	**(-21)**	**232**	**1647**	**1626**	**135.5**
Joffrey Reynolds, Houston	12	316	1545	0	0	1545	128.8

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Rod Davis, S Miss	**13**	**122**	**46**	**168**	**12.9**
Hanik Milligan, Houston	12	72	77	149	12.4
Michael Boley, S Miss	**13**	**89**	**53**	**142**	**10.9**
Etric Pruitt, S Miss	**13**	**78**	**61**	**139**	**10.7**
Zac Woodfin, UAB	**12**	**74**	**46**	**120**	**10.0**
LaMarcus McDonald, TCU	12	78	40	118	9.8
Nigel Eldridge, UAB	**11**	**69**	**35**	**104**	**9.5**
Curry Burns, L'ville	13	58	63	121	9.3
Kelly Hardy, E Carolina	12	72	38	110	9.2
Rod Day, L'ville	**11**	**53**	**48**	**101**	**9.2**

TFL

	NO	YDS
LaMarcus McDonald, TCU	30	120
Rod Davis, S Miss	**24**	**95**
Floyd Dorsey, Tulane	21	90
Antwan Peek, Cincy	21	69
Kenan Blackmon, Tulane	19	86
Bo Schobel, TCU	**19**	**66**
Farouk Adelekan, Houston	**18**	**70**
Tyjuan Hagler, Cincy	**18**	**60**
Zac Woodfin, UAB	**18**	**48**
Dewayne White, L'ville	17	63

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Rod Davis, S Miss	**11**	**60**
Dewayne White, L'ville	11	49
Floyd Dorsey, Tulane	10	66
Farouk Adelekan, Houston	**9**	**48**
LaMarcus McDonald, TCU	8.5	74
Michael Boley, S Miss	**8**	**59**
Devon Thomas, L'ville	8	51
Bo Schobel, TCU	**8**	**50**
Ronald Jones, S Miss	**8**	**49**
Roxie Shelvin, Tulane	7	43

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Jarad Preston, E Carolina	12	73	3170	43.4
Seth Marler, Tulane	13	72	3090	42.9
Ross Stewart, UAB	12	75	3154	42.1
Mark Haulman, S Miss	13	80	3344	41.8
Joey Biasatti, TCU	12	77	3060	39.7
Jimmy McClary, Houston	**12**	**62**	**2411**	**38.9**
Chet Ervin, Cincy	**14**	**66**	**2511**	**38.0**
Nate Smith, L'ville	**13**	**50**	**1875**	**37.5**
Chris Castelli, Army	12	65	2383	36.7

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Aris Comeaux, Army	12	233	2	19.4
Lynaris Elpheage, Tulane	28	463	1	16.5
Damien Dorsey, L'ville	33	508	1	15.4
Marvin Young, S Miss	**29**	**388**	**0**	**13.4**
Terrance Copper, E Carolina	**30**	**328**	**0**	**10.9**
Willie Quinnie, UAB	25	257	0	10.3
Terran Williams, TCU	34	312	1	9.2
Darron White, Memphis	**36**	**301**	**0**	**8.4**
KeyKowa Bell, Houston	30	249	0	8.3
Tye Keith, Cincy	36	280	0	7.8

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Jonathan Ruffin, Cincy	14	19	22	86.4	49
Dustin Bell, Houston	**12**	**12**	**14**	**85.7**	**44**
Paul Stelzer, Army	10	5	6	83.3	31
Kevin Miller, E Carolina	12	17	22	77.3	50
Nick Hayes, UAB	**12**	**17**	**22**	**77.3**	**48**
Nick Browne, TCU	**12**	**23**	**30**	**76.7**	**50**
Stephen Gostkowski, Memphis	**12**	**9**	**14**	**64.3**	**50**
Nate Smith, L'ville	**13**	**12**	**19**	**63.2**	**52**
Seth Marler, Tulane	13	20	33	60.6	51
Curtis Jones, S Miss	13	15	26	57.7	48

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Broderick Clark, L'ville	**31**	**897**	**2**	**28.9**
LaTarence Dunbar, TCU	18	501	1	27.8
Lynaris Elpheage, Tulane	18	453	1	25.2
Jason Southall, UAB	**32**	**768**	**0**	**24.0**
John Eubanks, S Miss	**22**	**526**	**0**	**23.9**
Tedric Harwell, Cincy	**12**	**287**	**0**	**23.9**
DeAngelo Williams, Memphis	**18**	**420**	**0**	**23.3**
William White, Army	**55**	**1239**	**0**	**22.5**
Damarcus Fox, E Carolina	**20**	**447**	**0**	**22.4**
Jeff Sanchez, Tulane	15	332	0	22.1

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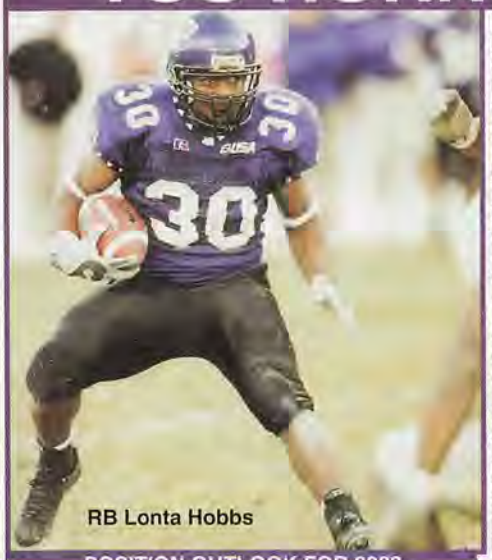
RB Lonta Hobbs

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Last year two QB's started in Sean Stilley and Tye Gunn (see Hardcore Fans). Sean Stilley threw for 1,371 yards (55.9%) with a 6-11 ratio and departs. The team averaged 41 ppg with Gunn as a starter and just 25 ppg with Stilley in charge. Gunn would have led CUSA in pass efficiency and finished 17th in the country if he had enough attempts hitting 62.6% for 632 yards with a 6-2 ratio while also running for 235 gross yards. Backing up Gunn will be Brandon Hassell (PS#79), Jeff Ballard (PS#44) who had 9,224 yards passing in his HS career and Kyle Kummer (6-3 197 So, PS#141). They also signed a VHT this year in James Battle (PS#19) who will likely redshirt. Gunn missed all of spring while rehabbing his knee injury. As long as Gunn stays healthy this unit has more experience than it did heading into last season and more athletic talent.

RUNNING BACKS - LaDainian Tomlinson rushed for over 4,000 yards in his last two years here and was the 5th pick overall in the 2001 NFL draft. In 2001 Ricky Madison, who benches 410 with 4.38 speed, led the team in rushing the first four games but was injured and Corey Connally had 199 yards in his first start and followed that up with 74 and 151 yard efforts before being slowed by a groin injury. Tomlinson had predicted that Connally would be his successor. This unit has been hurt by injuries the last two years (see Hardcore Fans). Injuries caused Lonta Hobbs (PS#153) to take off his redshirt. Hobbs had 73 yards in his first game and had just 19 yards against Army until he busted a 62 yard TD run with 1:33 left. Hobbs ran behind a very small OL in HS or he would have had a lot more yards and a lot more attention. He ended up setting a TCU freshman rushing record topping 1,000 yards and was the CUSA Frosh of the Year. In the final 4 games of the regular season Hobbs averaged 173 ypg and had 8 TD's including 287 yards vs Memphis. Madison picked up 91 yards in the bowl game in the 4Q when Hobbs was injured. He has a great attitude and did not pout when he was placed behind Hobbs in the rotation. All four of the backs from 2002 return and they also add Robert Merrill (5-10 190 rFr, PS#104), FB Reggie La'Mothe (6-1 232 rFr, PS#165) and this year's true frosh. The only losses this year are FB Reggie Holts who had 8 starts (119, 3.6) and FB Andrew Hayes-Stoker. I list the 2 deep below and it is possible that Kenny Hayter could move to FB. It's unfortunate that they only can play the game with one ball as this looks like CUSA's best group of RB's.

RECEIVERS - Last year TCU looked well stocked at the receiving position. Adrian Madise was a late JUCO signee who didn't even make it into the media guide of 2001 but led the team with 57 rec's (15.5) including four straight 100 yard games after having just 5 rec's at the JUCO level the previous two years. LaTarence Dunbar, a super returnman, who also ran a leg on the 4x400 relay on the TCU track team, was #2 with 45 rec 's (12.6). Reggie Harrell redshirted in 2001 but was the WAC Indoor Track Frosh of the Year. They did have to replace their top 2 TE's last year, one of whom was an NFL DC. Unfortunately Madise injured his knee in two-a-days, suffered an ankle injury midyear and also had back spasms. Dunbar was bothered by hamstring and ankle injuries and then suffered an eye injury which kept him out of the season finale. Madise's (#5DC of DEN) reception totals fell to 32 (16.4) while Dunbar's (#6DC of ATL) dropped to 31 (14.5). Those two both depart along with Terran Williams (2 sts, 16, 7.0) and starting TE Quint Ellis (11 sts, 12, 10.2). Kevin Brown has applied for a 6th year after hauling in 16 rec (13.0) so his status is pending. Harrell had 13 rec's in the last seven games and has size, speed and excellent hands. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and Cody McCarty is in his second year at TE and should continue to improve. Not listed below are Quentily Harmon (6-1 178 rFr), Matthew Grimmett (6-1 185 So, 4.36 spd), Jackson Naponic (5-11 210 Jr) and Ryan Pearson (6-3 202 So). I think Harrell will be an impact player for the Frogs this year but with the loss of 3 starters, this unit clearly looks a little less talented and definitely less experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - A young and inexperienced O-line in 2001 saw the Frogs average just 280.8 ypg total offense in the first six games but then 410.6 ypg over the last five in the regular season. The team averaged just 2.8 ypc rushing for the season after averaging no less than 4.9 ypc rushing in any of the previous three years. Last year four starters returned but one lost his starting job due to injuries. With more veteran's the offensive front paved the way for 4.1 ypc rushing while allowing just 22 sacks. This year they must replace RT Jamal Powell (12 sts, 1st Tm CUSA, 2 yr st'r), 2001 starter RT Brady Barrick, RG JT Aughinbaugh (8 sts, 2 yr st'r) and RG Josh Harbuck (4 sts). Basically three starters returned since Barrick lost his job so the group is in much the same shape as it was last year. I also like the strength of the possible replacements at RG (see below). This looks like another top-notch Frog O-line and they average a hefty 314 pounds per man.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Frogs had one of the top DL's in the country in both '99 and 2000 and even though they had to replace three starters in 2001 they still had a solid line. Last year they had six of their top eight back losing two starters and the front was a big part of the reason that TCU was the only team in the entire NCAA to allow less than 2.0 ypc rushing (1.98). The front looks like the best in CUSA again this year. They must replace DT John Turntine (12 sts, 2nd Tm CUSA, 5 sks, 10 tfl) but seven of the top eight are back and they get the addition of some solid rFr. I list a top-notch 2 deep below and DT Brandon Johnson and DE Ranorris Ray are good enough to battle the incumbents for starting jobs and I expect this unit to dominate the CUSA All-Conference team in the post season.

LINEBACKERS - TCU runs a 4-2-5 defense and I list the weak safety as a LB. The last two years this unit has been led by the dominating LaMarcus McDonald who was simply CUSA's Defensive POY and a 2nd Team AA leading the team with 118 tackles while adding 8.5 sacks and 21 tfl. Unfortunately LaMarcus decided to leave early for the NFL but went undrafted. The SLB position has led the team in tackles the last 3 years and Martin Patterson says that the position is usually covered up by one of the best DL's which gives the SLB a chance to make a ton of plays. Patterson moves from MLB to SLB so he is my favorite to lead the team in tackles despite a talented LB corps. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and this is Devon Davis' (PS#9) last chance to make an impact after signing with Tennessee in 1999. Josh Goolsby earned the starting job in 2001 but tore his ACL and was not 100% last year also missing two games with a pectoral injury. Marvin Godbolt and Martin Patterson were both highly touted and they also add in a JUCO this year in Logo Tevaseu. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Brad Veale (5-10 221 Jr) and Ryan Schlenger (6-3 216 rFr). This has the makings of a very good LB corps once again but with the loss of a talent like McDonald, I will call it down a notch or two.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Normally TCU has finished very high in my pass efficiency D rankings. In 2001 they had to replace three starters and two backups and even though they had four players returning with starting experience, they plummeted to #91 allowing 225 ypg (53%) and a 19-17 ratio. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 11 starts and another starter who moved to WS. They did have their top guy back in Jason Goss who was #3 in the NCAA with 23 pbu in 2001. Goss had another outstanding season and when he recorded his eighth interception in the bowl, he tied a school record. He helped the unit rise to #5 in my rankings as they allowed a paltry 38.9% completions with a 16-22 ratio. This year Goss (1st Tm CUSA) departs as does SS Jared Smitherman (12 sts, 54 tkls, 11 tfl, 3 int) and FS Kenneth Hilliard (12 sts, 5 int, 10 pbu, #2 tkl'r, 2nd Tm CUSA). I list the 2 deep below and three players do return with starting experience. With the loss of three quality starters who were arguably their top 3 DB's, this group clearly looks weaker in 2003.

SPECIAL TEAMS - TCU has been very special in this area for the last couple of years (see Hardcore Fans). LaTarence Dunbar was #1 in the NCAA in KR's in 2000 (33.5) and averaged a solid 27.8 last year despite his injury plagued year. The team blocked 3 punts last year and also had 2 TD's on ret's. K Browne had a super year hitting 22 of his first 24 FG's but actually missed 5 straight before hitting his final kick in the bowl. Five of his misses were from 40+ and he is back. P Joey Biasatti was a Ray Guy semifinalist and will clearly be missed and I list his replacements below. Besides Dunbar they also lose two PR's, Terran Williams and Jason Goss. TCU usually finds capable replacements but the loss of their top P, PR and KR makes this unit look weaker in 2003.

COACHES - Gary Patterson has done a fine job here as a DC and now as a head coach after taking over once Coach Fran bolted prior to the bowl game in 2000. Patterson was CUSA's Coach of the Year in 2002 and tied Coach Fran for the most victories here in the first two years since the famed Dutch Meyer went 20-5 in 1934-'35 here. His OC is Mike Schultz who was the RB coach here from 1998-2000 and has been the OC the last 3 years. The DC is David Bailiff who was the head coach at SW Texas St from '97-2000 and after serving a year as asst HC in 2001, has been the DC the last two years. His defense was the #1 stop unit in the NCAA after the bowls.

PHIL'S FORECAST

TCU is fast becoming a school like Virg Tech was a few years ago. Despite not getting the most highly touted recruits out of HS, they have a great offseason weight training program which builds bigger, stronger and faster athletes. Almost 75% of the roster can bench 400 lbs. This is a TCU team that in 2000 went 10-1 and they are one of only 18 programs that have been to a bowl in each of the last five years. The 41 wins they've earned the last five years is the most since their 1930's glory days when TCU snagged a couple of National Titles. In that span they have three conference titles and three bowl wins and last season finished #22 in the final coaches poll. They had two tough losses last year leading Cincy by 18 with 8:00 left before losing by 7 in OT and then against EC where the main culprit was turnovers, including an 81 yard fumble return for a TD in the 4Q. After their 2000 team that went 10-2, they lost 29 seniors, including 14 starters and dropped to 6-6 the next year. Once again the losses are heavy for a TCU as the 10-2 team graduates 23 seniors including 12 starters. TCU did benefit from +15 in turnovers last year which is generally not a good sign but a closer look at the numbers shows that they outgained league foes by 137.5 ypg so they were very dominant in CUSA play and could have easily been 8-0. With Tye Gunn running the offense the team was much more potent (41 ppg in 4 starts). If he can remain healthy the Frogs have one of the top offenses in the league. They also have my #2 rated CUSA defense. They have some tough road games this year but have a decent shot at matching last year's ten win total.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Tye Gunn So. 6-3 214 PS#52. 4 starts as rFr (until inj) 632 yds (63%) 6-2 ratio, 235 rush. Brandon Hassell (6-1 199 Jr) PS#79, Jeff Ballard (6-1 197 rFr) PS#44.

RB LONTA HOBBS SO. 5-10 218 PS#153. 1029 yds (6.6) in last 8 gms as **true**. Ricky Madison (5-10 200 Sr) PS#152. 8 sts in 2001, 640 yds (3.5). 8 sts LY, 719 yds (4.6).

FB Kenny Hayter Sr. 6-0 225 **PS#18**. 333 yds at Texas. 1 st here LY, 113 yds (3.4) inj plagued year. Corey Connally (5-11 204 Sr). 7 sts in 2 yrs, 632 rush (4.2), 15 rec (8.5).

WR Reggie Harrell Jr. 6-3 209 PS#79DB. '01 WAC Track Fr of Yr. 2 sts LY, 13 rec (15.8). Cory Rodgers (6-1 186 rFr) PS#297QB. Zack Moore (6-3 175 So) PS#250QB, 2 blk'd kicks LY.

WR Kevin Brown Sr. 5-10 180 2 sts, 10 rec in '99. 14 rec in '00. 3 sts in '01 (inj). 1 st LY, 16 rec (13.0). Bruce Galbert (6-4 203 Sr) PS#148. Michael DePriest (6-0 191 rFr) PS#173.

TE Cody McCarty Jr. 6-4 259 PS#188QB. DE in '01. 3 sts, 6 rec (10.5) LY. Stanley Moss (6-2 251 Sr) PS#123. 2 sts, 2Y, 3 rec (12.6). Chad Andrus (6-4 235 So) PS#101.

C CHASE JOHNSON JR. 6-2 310 PS#112DL. 1 st as rFr, 12 games. 11 sts at C in 2002 (missed 1 inj) good work ethic. Stephen Culp (6-4 306 So) PS#154. 11 games LY as rFr.

RG Shane Sims So. 6-3 305 **PS#64OL. 600 lb bench**. 5 games as backup LG as rFr. Zach Bray (6-4 313 Jr) 3 games in 2 years but holds a TCU record **630 lb bench**.

LG JOHN GLUD SR. 6-7 333 PS#252OL. 8 gms, 19 KD's as rFr. 12 sts in '01. 12 sts at LG in '02. Ben Angeley (6-4 293 So) PS#349DL. Stephen Simmons (6-1 315 Jr) PS#375DL.

RT Jonathan Morgan Sr. 6-4 298 PS#373. 1 gm as rFr. 1 st, 12 games in '01. 1 start, 12 games in '02. Trimmed 13 lbs. Herbert Taylor (6-1 270 rFr) PS#212, added 19 lbs.

LT ANTHONY ALABI JR. 6-6 325 Navy prep in '99. DL here in 2000 but RS. 10 gms at LT in '01. 12 sts at LT in '02, Iron Frog. Michael Toudouze (6-6 310 So) 9 gms at LT as rFr.

K NICK BROWNE SR. 5-10 172 TCU scout tm. 14 of 20 FG's in '01, 6 of 8 from 40+, L/50. 23 of 30 in 2002, L/50, **1st Tm CUSA**. Mike Wynn (5-10 203 So) PS#18, KO's LY.

DE ROBERT POLLARD SR. 6-2 280 PS#107. 22 tkls as rFr. 3 sts, 55 tkls, 5 sks, 11 tfl in '01. 11 sts, 47 tkls, 7.5 tfl LY. Ranorris Ray (6-3 268 So) PS#344, 20 tkls, 1.5 tfl LY. CUSA Fr Tm.

DT Richard Evans Sr. 6-3 253 PS#340, Kentucky trans. Co-MVP Sct Tm in 2000. 41 tkls, 5.5 tfl in '01. 30 tkls, 5 sks LY. Jeremy Breedlove (6-3 270 So). Marvin Pearson (6-5 283 So).

NT CHAD PUGH SR. 6-3 314 **PS#36**. 8 tfl as rFr. 9 sts, 7 tfl in '01. Last 8 sts LY, 5.5 sks, 10 tfl, 2x **2nd Tm CUSA**. Brandon Johnson (6-3 305 Jr) **PS#46**. 7 sts, 54 tkls, 5 tfl 2Y.

DE BO SCHOBEL SR. 6-5 268 PS#109. 31 tkl, 5 sks as rFr. Inj '01. 12 sts LY, **1st Tm CUSA**, 57 tkl, 7.5 sks, 11 tfl. Maurice Bouldwin (6-4 275 rFr) PS#58TE. Andrew Calovich (6-1 223 Jr).

SLB MARTIN PATTERSON JR. 6-2 227 PS#115. 1 tfl as true. 430 bench. 11 sts LY, 53 tkls, 11.5 tfl, 11 tkls in bowl. Logo Tevaseu (5-9 210 Jr) PS#150JC. Shawn Brooks (6-0 200 So) PS#203.

MLB Josh Goolsby Sr. 6-2 233 PS#277. 4 tkls as rFr. 1 st in 2001 but tore ACL. 24 tkls, 11 games, 9 tfl LY. **Devon Davis** (6-1 238 Sr) **PS#9**. Tenn trans. 23 tkls, 2.5 tfl in 2001.

WS MARVIN GODBOLT JR. 6-0 195 **PS#53DB**. 11 sts at SS as rFr, 64 tkls, 6 sks, CUSA Fr Tm, 9 sts LY, 2 int, 9 pbu, 2 tfl. Kenny Boyd (6-1 213 Jr) PS#207RB, moved to WS.

CB Mark Walker Jr. 5-10 190 PS#139, 5 tkls as true. Last 2 starts last year, 10 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. Larry Bradford (6-0 205 Jr) **PS#99JC**. Eric Buchanan (5-10 194 rFr) PS#403.

CB TYRONE SANDERS SR. 5-10 173 PS#352. 1 st, 3 int, 3 pbu as rFr. 3 sts, 19 tkls, 3 pbu in '01. 10 sts, 1 int, 8 pbu LY, 4.31 spd. Jerome Braziel (5-11 175 Jr) PS#80. 4x100 on TCU track.

SS Brandon Williams Sr. 6-3 193 Missouri trans. 5 tkls, 1 tfl in '02. Flander Malone (5-11 199 So) PS#266, 3 tkls, 10 gms as rFr. Kenneth Lewis (6-0 199 So) 5 tkls, 12 gms as true.

FS Jeremy Modkins So. 6-1 187 PS#235, 3 sts as rFr, 20 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 pbu. Chris Peoples (6-2 174 Jr) PS#169. 9 tkls as rFr. 14 tkls, 1 pbu LY. Elvis Gallegos (6-0 190 rFr) PS#424.

P John Braziel Jr. 6-3 211 38.0 avg in HS, 52 yd FG. 22 punts as true when Biasatti was inj'd. 37.2 avg, 4 inside the 20. RS in '01, 0 punts LY. Reeves Dalton (6-0 190 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

QB	James Battle 6-1 200 PS#19
OL	Will Oliver 6-3 275 PS#48
WR	Marcus Brock 6-0 190 PS#127
RB	Freddie Stoglin 5-9 175 PS#123
DB	Larry Bradford 6-0 205 PS#99JC
DL	Chase Ortiz 6-3 240 PS#183
WR	Ervin Dickerson 6-1 185 PS#155
DL	Marcus Draper 5-11 235 PS#191
WR	Trey Englert 6-3 230 PS#63
QB	Chad Huffman 6-0 200 PS#148
LB	Tommy Blake 6-3 230 PS#197
LB	Logo Tevaseu 5-9 210 PS#150JC
OL	Wade Sisk 6-6 265 PS#292
OL	Matty Lindner 6-4 255 PS#351

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16-9 Straight Up
10-10-1 Vs The Spread
4-3 Off A SU Loss
7-7-1 Vs Conference
3-4 Home Favorite
1-1 Home Dog
3-3-1 Away Favorite
3-2 Away Dog
3-3 Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (10-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 6

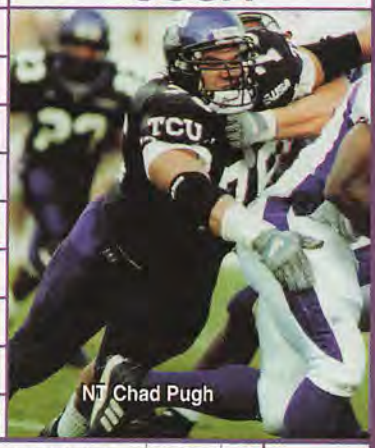
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (22,18,5)
Lost: 24 (15,6,3)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 27,813

CUSA

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#96

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TCU	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 1	at Tulane (Mon)	A						The Frogs are 16-10-1 their last 27 games on artificial turf. TCU is 10-2 ATS the last 12 as a double digit dog. The Frogs are 7-0 SU & 5-2 ATS vs the WAC since 1990.
Sep. 6	Navy	G						The Horned Frogs are 7-3 in their last 10 road openers. TCU is 4-2 SU, but 0-6 ATS vs the Green Wave since 1993.
Sep. 13								TCU is 8-0 SU & ATS on grass after an artificial turf game. The home team is 5-0-1 ATS S/'87 when TCU faces a Service Academy.
Sep. 20	Vanderbilt	G						The Frogs are 3-12 ATS since 1982 vs SEC opponents. TCU is 4-1 SU & ATS the last 5 off of a bye.
Sep. 27	at Arizona	G						The Horned Frogs are 8-3 ATS the last 11 as non-conference road dogs. Only prior meeting, UA edged TCU 35-31 despite 170 yds by LaDainian Tomlinson.
Oct. 4	Army	G						TCU is 2-0 SU & 1-0-1 ATS vs Army outscoring them 84-47. TCU is 6-1 SU & 5-2 ATS in their 1st conf home game of the season.
Oct. 10	at S Florida (Fri)	G						TCU is 4-8-1 ATS since 1999 on the road in conference play. Get the Friday night winner on Phil Steele's PPH at www.ncsports.com.
Oct. 18	UAB (HC)	G						Prior to 2003: TCU is 13-5 ATS as a home favorite since 1999. The Blazers torched the Frogs 38-17 in their only prior meeting.
Oct. 25	at Houston	G						TCU is 9-5 SU & 11-3 ATS vs Houston since 1984. The Horned Frogs have covered 7 of the last 8 in Houston.
Nov. 4	Louisville (Tues)	G						TCU is 2-0 both SU & ATS winning by an avg of 14.5 ppg in this series. Get this Tuesday night winner on Phil Steele's PPH at 1-900-903-9467.
Nov. 8								
Nov. 15	Cincinnati	G						TCU is 6-3 ATS in November home games the past 3 years. Horned Frogs are 7-19 ATS in their last 26 home finales (3-1 L/4).
Nov. 20	at S Mississippi (Thur)	G						The Frogs are 7-3 ATS the last 10 years prior to playing rival SMU. TCU is both 3-0 SU & ATS vs S Mississippi since 1989.
Nov. 29	at SMU	G						Frogs are 4-19 SU (4-1 L/5) the L/23 but 7-2 ATS the L/9 in road finales. The visitor is 16-5 ATS in L/21 meetings. This is the 83rd time these 2 have met.



STADIUM: AMON G. CARTER STADIUM (44,008)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	1-10	6-5	7-4	10-1	6-5	9-2	43-34
ATS	5-6	5-6	6-5	7-4	7-4	6-4	4-6-1	40-35-1
Home Fav	1-1	0-1	1-2	5-0	5-1	1-0	2-4	15-9
Home Dog	0-3	2-2	2-1	1-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	6-7
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-3	2-3	2-2	1-1-1	8-9-1
Away Dog	4-2	3-3	1-2	0-1	0-0	2-1	1-1	11-10
Favorite	1-1	0-1	3-2	6-3	7-4	3-2	3-5-1	23-18-1
Dog	4-5	5-5	3-3	1-1	0-0	3-2	1-1	17-17
Grass	4-5	2-4	4-5	6-3	6-3	5-2	4-5	31-27
Artificial	1-1	3-2	2-0	1-1	1-1	1-2	0-1-1	9-8-1
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	4-4	5-2	5-3	4-3	3-4-1	28-25-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	2-1	2-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	12-10
Off SU Win	2-2	0-0	3-2	4-2	5-4	2-2	3-4-1	19-16-1
Off SU Loss	2-4	4-6	2-3	2-2	1-0	3-2	1-1	15-18

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Lonta Hobbs	**157**	**1047**	**18**	**1029**	**12**	**6.6**
Ricky Madison	**155**	**764**	**45**	**719**	**3**	**4.6**
Corey Connally	**54**	**207**	**19**	**188**	**1**	**3.5**
Tye Gunn	**56**	**235**	**111**	**124**	**2**	**2.2**
LaTarence Dunbar	18	131	10	121	1	6.7
Sean Stilley	65	201	115	86	1	1.3
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Sean Stilley	204	114	55.9	1371	6	11
Tye Gunn	**91**	**57**	**62.6**	**632**	**6**	**2**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Adrian Madise	32	524	16.4	2	65	
LaTarence Dunbar	31	449	14.5	4	66	
Kevin Brown	**16**	**208**	**13.0**	**1**	**45**	
Reggie Harrell	**13**	**205**	**15.8**	**0**	**28**	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Joey Biasatti	77	3060	39.7	63	35.4	0	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nick Browne	**36-38**	**9-9**	**9-11**	**4-9**	**1-1**	**23-30**	**50**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
LaMarcus McDonald	118	8.5	21	4	0
Kenneth Hilliard	76	0	3	10	5
Bo Schobel	**57**	**7.5**	**11**	**1**	**0**
Jared Smitherman	54	2	9	3	3
Martin Patterson	**53**	**1.5**	**10**	**0**	**0**
Jason Goss	50	1	4	24	8
Robert Pollard	**47**	**2.5**	**5**	**0**	**0**
Chad Pugh	**43**	**5.5**	**10**	**1**	**0**
John Turntine	40	5	10	1	1
Brandon Johnson	**36**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Richard Evans	**30**	**5**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Marvin Godbolt	**28**	**1**	**1**	**9**	**2**
Josh Goolsby	**24**	**2**	**7**	**0**	**1**
Jeremy Modkins	**20**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terran Williams	34	312	9.2	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
LaTarence Dunbar	18	501	27.8	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Sun	+16	USC	28-19	W
99	Mobile Alabama	+4'	E Carolina	28-14	W
00	Mobile Alabama	-7	S Mississippi	21-28	L
01	galleryfurniture.com	+5	Texas A&M	9-28	L
02	Liberty	+5	Colorado St	17-3	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TCU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	30.1	18	203	4.1	167	57.8	12.3	+15	2002	6	18.5	13	65	2.0	175	38.9	13.0
4*	24.1	18	112	2.8	209	55.4	13.3	-1	2001	4	23.8	16	95	2.7	226	53.0	13.5
10*	35.9	20	265	5.0	143	56.3	11.4	+10	2000	8	11.2	15	91	2.5	161	44.5	22.5
5*	31.0	18	236	5.0	139	57.5	12.1	+3	1999	8	17.7	16	91	2.5	188	52.0	15.7
7*	22.3	17	245	4.9	93	47.7	15.2	-2	1998	5	19.6	16	148	3.7	191	52.0	17.3
4*	15.6	16	110	3.0	162	47.1	17.4	-5	1997	6	29.6	20	158	3.6	195	52.9	12.0

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Cincinnati	14	35-97	2.8	20-31	253	2	22	37-122	3.3	18-38	287	2	+2
at Northwestern	18	49-174	3.6	14-25	267	2	18	44-106	2.4	16-35	169	2	+6
SMU	14	37-94	2.5	17-29	265	1	12	43-124	2.9	9-21	101	2	0
N Texas	8	39-102	2.6	11-22	76	3	12	33-34	1.0	12-34	185	3	-1
Houston	19	48-201	4.2	15-26	172	1	15	27-27	1.0	20-46	242	4	+2
at Army	19	60-265	4.4	12-15	147	2	10	37-97	2.6	10-24	146	2	0
at Louisville	27	62-250	4.0	17-23	187	4	13	22-(-26)	-1.2	18-34	309	6	+3
S Mississippi	18	49-208	4.2	10-17	137	3	14	36-75	2.1	9-27	110	9	+2
Tulane	19	49-264	5.4	11-26	96	1	11	23-(-53)	-2.3	16-45	168	9	-1
at E Carolina	22	54-268	5.0	16-35	177	1	9	32-75	2.3	11-36	161	2	-2
Memphis	19	55-318	5.8	12-19	85	2	16	28-108	3.9	13-38	177	1	0
† Colorado St	19	52-197	3.8	16-28	141	0	8	31-89	2.9	6-28	50	1	+4
TOTALS	216	589-2438	4.1	171-296	2003	22	160	393-778	2.0	158-406	2105	43	+15
AVERAGES	18.0	49-203	4.1	14-25	167	1.8	13.3	33-65	2.0	13-34	175	3.6	1.3

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa St	+4	31-21	W
Oklahoma	+5'	9-10	W
Air Force	+9	35-34	W
Vanderbilt	-10'	19-16 OT	L
Fresno St	-1	21-10	W
at SMU	+3	6-10	L
at Colorado St	+13	21-42	L
Wyoming	+3'	27-34	L
Rice	-2'	12-14	L
at Tulsa	-5'	17-7	W
at UNLV	-7	41-18	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona	+13	31-35	W
at Northwestern	-8	7-17	L
at Arkansas St	-16	24-21	L
at Fresno St	+4'	19-26 OT	L
San Jose St	-5'	42-0	W
Tulsa	-17	56-17	W
at Rice	E	21-42	L
at Hawaii	-4'	34-14	W
N Texas	-22	27-3	W
UTEP	-10'	52-24	W
SMU	-11	21-0	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nevada	-22'	41-10	W
Northwestern	-11	41-14	W
Arkansas St	-26'	52-3	W
at Navy	-27	24-0	L
Hawaii	-38'	41-21	L
at Tulsa	-27'	17-3	L
Rice	-23'	37-0	W
at San Jose St	-13	24-27	L
Fresno St	-13	24-7	W
UTEP	-12'	47-14	W
at SMU	-23'	62-7	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+30	7-21	W
at N Texas	-17	19-5	L
at SMU	-13	38-10	W
Northwestern St	NL	24-27 OT	–
at Houston	-7'	34-17	W
at Tulane	-10	22-48	L
Army	-13'	38-20	W
E Carolina	+6'	30-37	L
at UAB	+6	17-38	L
Louisville	+8	37-22	W
at S Mississippi	+10	14-12	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	+3'	29-36 OT	L
at Northwestern	-6	48-24	W
SMU	-17'	17-6	L
N Texas	-12'	16-10	L
Houston	-10'	34-17	W
at Army	-19	46-27	T
at Louisville	+12'	45-31	W
S Mississippi	-2'	37-7	W
Tulane	-13'	17-10	L
at E Carolina	-8'	28-31	L
Memphis	-14'	27-20	L

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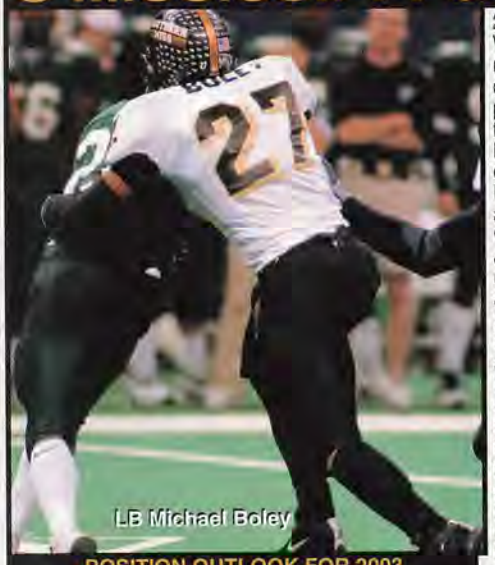
LB Michael Boley

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Last year three QB's scrambled to replace Jeff Kelley who was the #7 DC of Seattle. Heading into August it was anybody's game between Micky D'Angelo (PS#67), Dustin Almond (PS#123) and PS#138 Zac White (see Hardcore Fans on page 319). White came down with mono in August and D'Angelo would take the reigns for the first 5 starts and the last 5, with Almond starting 3 at midseason. Almond possesses a stronger arm than D'Angelo and is a better runner. He proved to be a gutsy leader in the bowl game throwing for 173 yards vs OSU while rushing for 54, and proved his toughness by taking many hits yet getting right back up. If he can cure his lack of production in the starter's role, he has a great shot at unseating D'Angelo who had 10 starts and 1,647 yards passing. Zac White has the best size of the QB's (6-5 230) and could contend as will Chris Crumpton (6-2 189 rFr, PS#102). Also in the mix is Jeremy Young (6-4 198 Fr, PS#64). D'Angelo was the clear-cut starter out of spring although Almond had the better spring game. This unit has a lot more experience and last year the two QB's combined for just a 10-11 ratio and completed 50% of their passes.

RUNNING BACKS - Derrick Nix (PS#58) topped 1,000 yards in each of his first two years and is a muscular 225 lbs with sub 4.5 speed and stands 6-2. He missed most of 2000 and all of 2001. In 2001 the leading rusher had just 594 yards. Nix returned to health last year and had his usual tremendous year rushing for 1,194 yards (5.5) including a 201 yard effort against Illinois. Nix passed Sammy Winder for #2 on SM's all-time leading rusher list (11 yds short of record). Nix could have taken over the #1 spot but unfortunately missed the UAB game due to injury and was forced to sit out the bowl once his kidney problems flared up again. The kidney problems, which are the same as those that Sean Elliott suffered in the NBA, required him to get a transplant. James Walley started a game in 2001 vs Alabama at Legion Field and took over there once again last year, this time vs UAB, rushing for 100 yards. He also started the bowl game and had 74 yards vs the Cowboys finishing the year with 256 (3.5). Walley would have had much bigger numbers but only played in seven games due to injuries. Anthony Harris was the #2 rusher with 324 yards (4.2) and he benches 425 lbs. Those two are back. Willie "Steele" Adams (6-2 223 So) walked on last year and had 11 yards as a true. Wayne Hardy (6-1 210 rFr) and Ryan Earnest (5-6 179 Jr) also return as does Timmy Blackwell who had 237 yards in '01 but quit the team last year. I like the talent that SM has at this position, but you can expect more two back sets with no Nix in the mix and he will be missed in 2003.

RECEIVERS - In 2001 SM had six different players earn starts due to injuries and only one departed last year. Then they lost Rocky Harrison (8 sts, 21 rec's in 2001) to a lacerated kidney and he missed the season. LeRoy Handy led the 2001 team with 59 rec's (13.9). Last year the leading receiver was Chris Johnson (50, 13.5) despite only getting in nine starts. In his last nine games he had 46 rec's after having just 4 in the first 4. Once again this is an experienced group as the only losses are Handy (10 sts, 38, 13.7) and TE Bobby Garner (12 sts, 12, 10.9). Kenneth Johnson had 7 starts but was bothered by a knee injury and had just 13 rec's (11.7) and he had ACL surgery this spring. Marvin Young started all 13 games and was #2 on the team with 41 rec's (15.0). Harrison returns and I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Pedi Causey (6-3 226 So) was PS#240 and was very impressive in spring and August of 2002 but had a hamstring injury and had zero rec's last year. Despite the loss of two starters, this unit looks stronger with three of the top four receivers back.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 SM had an O-line that started one frosh and three soph's. Last year they had three senior starters returning. They used the short passing offense the past three years and in the first two years they averaged just 2.8 and 2.6 ypc rushing in the finesse offense. Last year with RB Nix and with a veteran O-line they improved to 3.6 ypc but allowed 48 sacks on 371 attempts (12.9%). After returning four starters last year, this season the team must replace RG Torrin Tucker (13 sts, 4 yr st'r, 1st Tm CUSA), LT Jeremy Bridges (12 sts, 4 yr st'r, 2nd Tm CUSA in '01, #6DC of PHI), RT Jason Jimenez (13 sts, 2nd Tm CUSA, 3 yr st'r), and LG Buck Miciotto (11 gms). Six of the top ten players do return and they are changing the offensive schemes so I do expect stronger running production with the added emphasis on it. Despite the fact this group is less experienced than it was heading into last year and learning new schemes, I give them potential to put up better numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 SM had to replace three starters and a top backup with three of those four being NFL DC's. They allowed just 2.9 ypc rushing but only recorded 31 sacks with a group dominated by JUCO's. Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 11 starts and were much more experienced. They did lose DT Darris McKenzie after four starts and DT Skylor Magee after five to injuries for the rest of the year. Surprisingly they allowed 3.8 ypc rushing while recording 39 sacks. This year the only loss from the 2 deep is DT Rayshun Jones (9 sts, 63 tkls, 6.5 tfl) plus two 3rd stringers who combined for five tackles plus they get all of the injured players back. I list a very talented and experienced 3 deep below and not listed are Calvin Murray (6-4 202 rFr, PS#168), George Brice (6-4 265 Sr), DeMarcus Barner (6-0 233 Jr, PS#270JC), LeVon Pears (6-0 248 Jr, PS#182, 35 tkls, 2 sks L/2Y) and Jared Parten (6-2 257 Fr, PS#261) who enrolled prior to the spring. Also note that Terrance Ford (6-4 280 So, PS#277) was forced to take off his redshirt after six games due to injury and logged 13 tackles as a true frosh and should have a much bigger impact. This unit should be much more representative of the type of D-line you'd expect from S Mississippi.

LINEBACKERS - Prior to 2001 DC Tyrone Nix said they had the fastest set of LB's they've ever had at SM and Rod Davis earned 1st Tm CUSA honors that year. Last year they had to replace just one starter with five of the top six returning. Davis suffered through wrist, thigh, knee and hamstring injuries during the year and then got into a car accident prior to the bowl but still managed to lead the team with 168 tackles, 10.5 sacks and 13 tfl and was named 3rd Tm AA. He turned down a shot at the NFL to return for his senior season. Michael Boley, in his first full year as a starter, was 1st Tm CUSA with 142 tackles, 8 sacks and 8 tfl and he returns. The only losses from this unit are SLB Joe Henley (13 sts, 94 tkls, 6 sks), WLB Chris Vaughn (8 tkls) and 3rd string MLB Chris Langston (9 tkls). Antoine Cash logged 78 tackles with 6 pbu as the backup FS last year and moves into the open LB spot. I also like the potential of Kevis Coley (PS#46) and I list the 3 deep below. This unit has even more experience and looks like CUSA's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - SM's lowest finish in my pass D rankings for the last nine years has been #41. In 2001 SM had just 4 overall starters returning on defense including one in the secondary and still finished #19. Last year they only had to replace one starter who was a 6th round DC and returned seven of their top eight DB's. CB Greg Brooks set a school record with 18 pbu in 2001 and was 1st Tm CUSA. He had another fine year last season and despite being projected as a 3rd round pick in this year's NFL draft, he opted to return for his senior season. FS Etric Pruitt was named 1st Tm CUSA and finished with 139 tackles. Backup FS Antoine Cash had 78 tackles but moves to LB. Last year's secondary finished #3 allowing 168.8 ypg (46.8%) with a 6-16 ratio against a tough slate of opposing QB's. This year the only losses are Cash, CB Leroy Johnson (11 sts, 9 pbu) and CB Tootie Myers (3 tkls). SM had 13 int's in the first five games, but just 3 in their last eight. This could be CUSA's top secondary but it will be hard to improve upon last year's #3 finish.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Coach Bower usually does a good job in this area including a #10 finish in my special teams rankings in 1997. Last year they had to replace their kicker but had their top returnmen and punter back. Kicking turned out to be a big problem for last year's squad (see Hardcore Fans). Punter Mark Haulman had solid net punting avg of 36.2 and 35.4 in his last two years and he departs as does K Curtis Jones. The team's lowest net punting average in the last nine years had been 34.1. The top returnmen last year were a freshman and a sophomore and they are both back. Also back at KR is Chris Johnson (22.1 in 2001). Etric Pruitt blocked three punts in each of the last two years (team had four in 2002). The team finished #27 in my special teams rankings last year but fired their special teams coach after the season. I list the new punter and kicker candidates below and how those two do will determine if S Miss can match last year's solid ranking.

COACHES - Jeff Bower is a SM alum and now enters his 13th year with the program. He has not had a losing season in nine years and the team had five bowl trips from 1997 to 2002. He was named CUSA Coach of the Year in both 1997 and 1999. His OC this year is Rip Scherer who was Memphis' head coach from 1994-2000. DC Tyrone Nix enters his third season in that role after being the youngest DC in college football in 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In the first four years of CUSA play, SM was an outstanding 21-2. Since then the team has lost a stunning 9 out of 22 league games (10-9 their last 19). SM was actually in the AP Top 25 for 23 straight weeks from Oct 10, 1999 to Nov 12, 2000 but had a streak of four straight bowls end in 2001. After their 6-5 finish in 2001, Bower had 17 starters returning, the most in his tenure. They did beat the defending Big 10 Champion (Illinois) at home but missed a 44 yard FG on the last play vs USF to lose by 3 and 4 missed FG's vs Louisville saw them drop that game in 2 OT's. In the bowl game they led Oklahoma St 23-20 in the 4Q before losing. This year SM's offense should be solidly improved over the 21.7 ppg they averaged last year as they now have an experienced QB. They are bringing in a new offensive system which will include more two-back sets this year but the offense struggled most of the spring picking up the new terminology and nuances of Rip Scherer's offense. Defensively they have 8 starters back and may have the top D in the league. Their two biggest conf games this year (Tulane and TCU) are both at "The Rock". I think SM has an excellent shot at finally regaining the CUSA Title and this team should top 7 wins for the first time since 1999.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB MICKY D'ANGELO JR. 6-3 214 PS#67. 10 sts LY, 1647 yds (53%), 7-8 ratio, 191 rush. Dustin Almond (6-2 206 So) 3 sts LY, 757 pass, 286 rush. Zac White (6-5 230 Jr) PS#138.
RB James Walley Jr. 5-10 196 3 sts, 501 rush yds (3.3) in 2Y. Timmy Blackwell (5-11 190 Jr) PS#216. 237 yds (3.2) in '01. Anthony Harris (5-11 216 So) 324 yds (4.2) as rFr.
WR MARVIN YOUNG JR. 6-0 165 10 rec (11.4) as true. 13 sts LY, #2 w/41 rec (15.0), 29 PR (13.4), 4.5 spd. Adam Hurst (5-11 175 rFr) PS#176RB. Anthony Perine is PS#154.
WR CHRIS JOHNSON JR. 5-10 173 Last 7 sts as true, 34 rec (10.8). 4 rec in first 4 games LY but 46 in L/9 (13.5), 9 sts, 11 KR (21.6). Pedi Causey (6-3 226 So) PS#240.
WR Rocky Harrison So. 6-1 205 PS#274. 8 sts as true, 21 rec (12.8). RS LY. Kenneth Johnson (5-10 177 Sr) 28 rec in '00 & '01. 7 sts LY, 13 rec. Antwon Courington (6-3 210 So).
TE Otho Graves Jr. 6-5 260 PS#209LB. 28 rec (15.0) at JC in '01. RS LY. Terrel Browden (6-3 260 Sr) 1 rec, 232 plays as **true**. 1 st LY, 4 rec (23.5). Jon Simmons (6-4 239 Jr).
C JIM HICKS SR. 6-4 277 5 sts, 265 plays as rFr. 11 sts, 829 plays in '01. 13 sts LY. Addaryl Edwards (6-3 276 Jr) PS#264. 4 gms LY. Robby D'Angelo (6-3 268 rFr) PS#83.
RG Travis Cooley rFr. 6-3 271 PS#437, #1 G this spring as rFr. Brad Worthington (6-4 307 So) PS#355. 2nd string in '02, 23 plays, 2 gms. Kendel Wheeler (6-3 281 So) PS#314.
LG Chris White Jr. 6-3 280 PS#123JC. In for spg. Ben Culp (6-5 302 Jr) PS#186OL in '00, PS#105JC LY. RS due to inj LY. Javar Young (6-5 278 Jr) 2 gms, 1 tkl on DL in '01.
RT Neal Mead So. 6-4 310 PS#139OL. 2nd string in '02 but only 19 plays. **Myron Powe** (6-4 312 Jr) PS#156OL. 11 games in '01, CUSA Fr Tm. 1 st LY, 8 games.
LT JEREMY PARQUET JR. 6-7 318 PS#108. 6 gms, 239 plays as rFr, 1 st, CUSA Fr Tm. 13 sts at LG LY, only 2 sks allowed. Moved to LT in spg. George Batiste (6-5 282 rFr).
K Darren McCaleb Fr. 5-11 170 PS#68K. 16 FG's, L/49, 44 KO's out of EZ in HS. Jacob Matlock (6-0 224 Sr) 2 of 4 FG's, L/36 at JC in '01. KO's here LY. Luke Johnson (6-0 250 So).

DE RONALD JONES SR. 6-3 265 PS#238JC. L/8 sts LY, 63 tkls, 8 sks, 3 tfl. Seante Williams (6-6 246 Sr) PS#181JC. 4.55 spd, 21 tkls LY. Jonathan Palmer (6-3 250 rFr) PS#47TE.
DT Eric Scott Jr. 6-0 302 PS#463. L/9 sts LY, 34 tkls, 4 tfl. Greg Casnave (6-3 281 rFr) PS#184. **Darris McKenzie** (6-2 250 Jr) 39 tkls, 6 tfl in 2000 & '01, 4 sts LY (inj) 14 tkls.
DT SKYLOR MAGEE JR. 6-1 285 PS#79LB. 11 sts as rFr, 34 tkls, 2.5 tfl. 5 sts LY (inj), 23 tkls, 1 tfl. Terrance Ford (6-4 280 So) PS#277. Chad Ruffin (6-0 260 Jr) 2 sts, 34 tkls, 225 bench 25x.
DE TERRELL PAUL SR. 6-3 246 PS#299LB. 9 sts, 3 tfl in '00. 11 sts, **2nd Tm CUSA** in '01, 52 tkls, 6 sks. 13 sts LY, 67 tkls, 6 sks. Akeem Lockett (6-2 235 So) PS#146. 1 st LY.
SLB MICHAEL BOLEY JR. 6-3 218 **1st Tm CUSA**, 13 sts LY, #2 w/142 tkls, 8 sks, 8 tfl, 1 int, 6 pbu. Naton Stewart (6-4 228 So) PS#166WR. Moved to LB. Beau Maggio (6-3 212 Jr) PS#380.
MLB ROD DAVIS SR. 6-3 245 108 tkls, 10 sts in '00. 100 tkls, 10 tfl in '01. 13 sts, 168 tkls, **10.5 sks** 13 tfl, **3rd Tm AA**. Turned down NFL! Dillon Cleckler (6-2 230 Jr) 25 tkls LY.
WLB Antoine Cash Jr. 6-1 208 19 tkls, 1 sk in '01. Backup FS LY but #5 w/78 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu. **Kevis Coley** (6-1 218 So) **PS#46**. 12 tkls as rFr. Carsha Stromas (6-2 209 Jr).
CB GREG BROOKS SR. 5-11 180 11 sts, 3 int, USM rec 18 pbu, 1st Tm CUSA in '01. 13 sts, 41 tkls, 3 int, 14 pbu LY. **#3 proj DC NFL**. Corey Yates (5-10 181 Sr) 4.3 speed.
CB John Eubanks So. 5-11 179 PS#205. 2 sts, 11 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu as **true**. Seth Cumbie (5-11 180 Jr) 18 tkls, 1 pbu, 13 games LY. Jasper Faulk (5-10 182 rFr) PS#68RB.
SS ALEX RAY SR. 5-11 203 55 tkls, 1.5 tfl, 2 int, 700 plays in '01. 13 sts LY, 56 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. Darrell Bennett (6-0 206 Jr) 4 rec in '01, 13 tkls LY. Karone Champagne (5-10 196 Sr).
FS ETRIC PRUITT SR. 6-1 188 11 sts in '01, 82 tkls. 13 sts LY, **1st Tm CUSA**, 139 tkls, 6.5 tfl, 6 int, 13 pbu. Trevis Coley (6-1 220 So) PS#123. Corey Hosey (6-1 200 Sr).
P Luke Johnson So. 6-0 250 50.2 avg as Jr in HS until inj. 8 of 11 FG's in HS, long of 51. Neal Schmidt (6-2 199 rFr). Darren McCaleb is PS#68. 38.3 avg in HS last year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

TE	Ken Griffith 6-3 245 PS#22
QB	Jeremy Young 6-4 198 PS#64
WR	Chris Rhoden 6-4 195 PS#111
WR	Chris Johnson 6-0 170 PS#131
WR	Anthony Perine 5-11 175 PS#154
OL	Chris White 6-3 280 PS#123JC
QB	Damion Carter 6-3 185 PS#174
TE	Derek Chapman 6-5 260 PS#88
TE	Alan Whitney 6-5 250 PS#94
LB	Robert Henderson 6-4 225 PS#289
OL	Greg Taylor 6-4 308 PS#374
DL	Martavious Prince 6-4 263 PS#305
WR	James Nelson 6-1 190 PS#290
WR	Caleb Hendrix 6-0 185 PS#299

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	at California	G						S Mississippi is 35-11 SU vs CUSA foes under Bower. Eagles are 9-1 SU & 7-2-1 ATS in their last 10 visits to E Carolina. SM is 4-0 SU & ATS L/4 at home vs Tulane, outscoring the Wave 186-33 (47-8).
Sep. 4	at UAB (Thur)	G						Not only is this their 1st ever meeting, this is their 1st ever matchup w/a Pac 10 foe. Southern Miss is 3-10 SU but 9-4 ATS the last 13 in road openers.
Sep. 13	Memphis	G						S Miss is 3-0 SU but 0-2-1 ATS vs the Blazers in this short series. SM is 2-7 ATS in the 2nd of back to back away games.
Sep. 20								Golden Eagles have outscored the Tigers 234-77 in the last 9 meetings. Southern Miss has covered 10 of the last 11 in this series.
Sep. 25	Nebraska (Thur)	G						In their only meeting in '99, SM hung tough w/ Neb winning ATS (SU loss). Eagles are 7-3-1 ATS after a bye since 1996.
Oct. 4	at Cincinnati	A						Southern Miss is 4-2 SU but 1-5 ATS vs Cincinnati the last 6. S Miss is 6-4 SU & ATS away on artificial turf the L/10 but 0-3 ATS L/3.
Oct. 11	at Alabama	G						SM is 2-15 SU but 8-9 ATS vs Bama since 1983, 1-5 ATS the last 6. Golden Eagles are 16-9 ATS the L/25 as a dog vs the SEC, 2-5 ATS L/7.
Oct. 18								
Oct. 25	S Florida	G						This will be the 1st of many conf battles as SF joins CUSA this year. SM lost 16-13 to the Bulls as 3 pt favs in 2002 when SF was an Indep.
Nov. 1	Louisiana-Lft (HC)	G						Southern Miss has outscored the Cajuns 138-10 the last 3 meetings. Golden Eagles are 13-4 SU the last 17 & 5-1 ATS the last 6 vs the Cajuns.
Nov. 8	at Houston	G						The home team has covered all 5 meetings. SM is 7-4 SU but 3-7-1 ATS in their last 11 November road games.
Nov. 15	Tulane	G						Southern Miss is 9-4 ATS the last 13 years vs the Green Wave. Pending LW: S Miss is 3-9-1 their last 13 November games.
Nov. 20	TCU (Thur)	G						S Miss is 0-3 SU & ATS vs TCU. Golden Eagles are 4-2 SU & ATS in home finales the last 6.
Nov. 29	at E Carolina	G						The visiting team is 9-3-1 ATS the last 13 in this series. Southern Mississippi is 2-6 ATS in road finales the last 8.

JEFF BOWER (Career 80-58-1)

13th Year at S Mississippi

Bower's records AT S MISSISSIPPI

80-58-1 Straight Up	26-16 Home Favorite
64-60-3 Vs The Spread	2-4 Home Dog
27-22-2 Off A SU Loss	13-18-2 Away Favorite
38-35-3 Vs CUSA	23-22 Away Dog
	28-25 Vs Non-CUSA

2002 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (17,28,1)
Lost: 21 (10,6,5)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 26,961

CUSA

SS Alex Ray

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PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	8-3	7-4	8-3	7-4	6-5	7-5	51-29
ATS	6-5	8-2-1	6-5	5-5	5-5	4-7	2-8-1	36-37-2
Home Fav	2-2	4-0	4-0	2-2	1-2	2-3	2-2	17-11
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2
Away Fav	0-2	3-0-1	2-2	2-1	2-3	1-1	0-3-1	10-12-2
Away Dog	4-1	1-2	0-2	1-2	2-0	1-3	0-2	9-12
Favorite	2-4	7-0-1	6-2	4-3	3-5	3-4	2-5-1	27-23-2
Dog	4-1	1-2	0-3	1-2	2-0	1-3	0-3	9-14
Grass	5-3	6-2-1	5-4	4-5	3-4	4-7	2-6-1	29-31-2
Artificial	1-2	2-0	1-1	1-0	2-1	0-0	0-2	7-6
vs CUSA	3-3	5-0-1	4-2	3-3	2-5	3-4	2-5-1	22-22-2
vs Non-CUSA	3-2	3-2	2-3	2-2	3-0	1-3	0-3	14-15
Off SU Win	5-3	4-2-1	4-2	2-4	3-3	2-4	1-5	21-23-1
Off SU Loss	0-2	3-0	2-2	2-1	1-2	2-2	1-3-1	11-12-1

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Derrick Nix	219	1230	36	1194	11	5.5
Anthony Harris	78	336	12	324	4	4.2
James Walley	73	267	11	256	2	3.5
Dustin Almond	76	286	146	140	3	1.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Micky D'Angelo	232	122	52.6	1647	7	8
Dustin Almond	138	63	45.7	757	3	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Chris Johnson	50	673	13.5	3	67
Marvin Young	41	615	15.0	6	48
LeRoy Handy	38	520	13.7	0	47
Kenneth Johnson	13	152	11.7	0	34
Derrick Nix	13	138	10.6	0	65
Bobby Garner	12	131	10.9	0	18

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Mark Haulman	80	3344	41.8	61	35.4	0	19

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Curtis Jones	29-29	7-9	5-7	3-9	0-1	15-26	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Rod Davis	168	10.5	13	3	2
Michael Boley	142	8	8	6	1
Etric Pruitt	139	1.5	5	13	6
Joe Henley	94	6	1	4	1
Antoine Cash	78	1.5	0	6	1
Terrell Paul	67	6	0	0	0
Rayshun Jones	63	1.5	5	2	0
Ronald Jones	63	8	3	2	0
Alex Ray	56	0	2	4	1
Greg Brooks	41	0	1	14	3
Leroy Johnson	39	1	0	9	0
Eric Scott	34	0	4	1	0
Chad Ruffin	34	0	2	0	0
Dillon Cleckler	25	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marvin Young	29	388	13.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
John Eubanks	22	526	23.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Liberty	-10	Pittsburgh	41-7	W
98	Humanitarian	-17	Idaho	35-42	L
99	Liberty	-5'	Colorado St	23-17	W
00	Mobile Alabama	+7	TCU	28-21	W
02	Houston	+10	Oklahoma St	23-33	T

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		DEF RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	21.7	18	144	3.6	189	50.1	15.3	-3	2002	9	18.3	17	167	3.8	169	46.8	18.4
9*	25.3	19	96	2.6	245	58.7	13.5	+7	2001	4	16.9	17	102	2.9	200	52.0	17.8
7*	26.2	18	107	2.8	216	56.7	12.4	+2	2000	7	16.9	15	109	2.9	159	50.0	15.8
4	27.8	16	117	3.1	204	54.4	11.6	+11	1999	8	15.8	16	87	2.4	205	51.9	18.5
7*	31.7	20	144	3.9	260	57.3	12.6	-4	1998	5	19.8	18	160	3.8	183	55.6	17.3
9*	28.1	18	119	3.3	207	56.3	11.6	+8	1997	6	17.5	18	111	3.3	206	51.3	18.1

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Jackson St	23	38-138	3.6	17-31	340	1	22	44-72	1.6	18-36	201	5	0
Illinois	16	45-201	4.5	14-26	171	2	17	42-171	4.1	13-33	163	4	+1
Memphis	31	56-356	6.4	17-25	168	2	10	34-130	3.8	9-19	153	3	+1
at Alabama	8	26-35	1.3	8-27	110	4	20	64-351	5.5	5-17	21	2	-2
at Army	16	40-165	4.1	14-24	138	3	18	35-141	4.0	19-43	252	0	+3
at S Florida	23	34-144	4.2	26-43	268	5	21	43-218	5.1	20-37	246	0	0
Cincinnati	11	32-119	3.7	7-22	92	2	22	60-263	4.4	13-30	146	3	+1
at TCU	14	36-75	2.1	9-27	110	9	18	49-208	4.2	10-17	137	3	-2
at UAB	16	43-101	2.3	10-20	223	4	15	37-88	2.4	11-28	138	4	-2
Louisville	15	43-74	1.7	17-35	228	5	13	45-20	0.4	19-36	200	8	0
at Tulane	20	32-117	3.7	22-38	211	4	19	52-226	4.3	11-20	165	1	-4
E Carolina	24	55-195	3.5	14-25	219	3	10	30-91	3.0	8-22	63	4	0
† Oklahoma St	17	43-148	3.4	11-28	173	4	21	33-194	5.9	21-40	310	2	+1
TOTALS	234	523-1868	3.6	186-371	2451	48	226	568-2173	3.8	177-378	2195	39	-3
AVERAGES	18.0	40-144	3.6	14-29	189	3.7	17.4	44-167	3.8	14-29	169	3.0	-0.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	+8	6-34	L
Texas A&M	+2'	6-24	L
SW Louisiana	-35	55-0	W
at Tulane	+3	7-21	L
Louisville	-6	56-21	W
at Army	-10	37-13	W
E Carolina	-10	41-7	W
at Alabama	-3	20-30	L
at Houston	-9	21-15	L
Memphis	-19	45-3	W
at Nevada	-10	55-28	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulane	-10	48-14	W
NW LA St	NL	40-6	–
at Nebraska	+27	13-20	W
at Texas A&M	+11	6-23	L
at E Carolina	-2	39-22	W
Army	-24'	24-0	L
Cincinnati	-17'	28-20	L
at Alabama	+1'	14-35	L
at Memphis	-5	20-5	W
Louisiana-Lft	-37	48-0	W
at Louisville	-5	30-27	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tennessee	+9	16-19	W
at Alabama	+6'	21-0	W
at Oklahoma St	-6	28-6	W
Memphis	-16'	24-3	W
S Florida	NL	41-7	–
at Tulane	-14	56-24	W
at Houston	-16'	6-3	L
Louisville	-13'	28-49	L
at UAB	-10	33-30 2OT	L
at Cincinnati	-5	24-27	L
E Carolina	-6	9-14	L

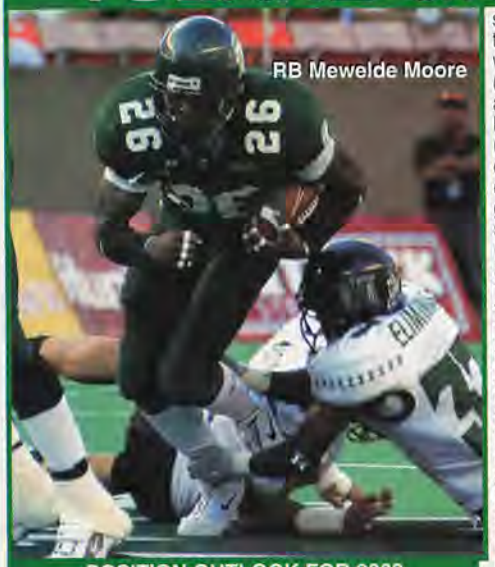
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma St	-12'	17-9	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-24'	35-10	W
UAB	-6	3-0	L
at Memphis	-8	17-22	L
at Louisville	+3	14-24	L
Houston	-20'	58-14	W
at Penn St	+1'	20-38	L
Tulane	-18	59-6	W
at E Carolina	+1'	28-21	W
at Alabama	+7	15-28	L
TCU	-10	12-14	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Jackson St	NL	55-7	–
Illinois	-6	23-20	L
Memphis	-11'	33-14	W
at Alabama	+7	7-20	L
at Army	-29	27-6	L
at S Florida	-3	13-16	L
Cincinnati	-10	23-14	L
at TCU	+2'	7-37	L
at UAB	-7	20-13	T
Louisville	+2	17-20 2OT	L
at Tulane	-6'	10-31	L
E Carolina	-9'	24-7	W

TULANE GREEN WAVE


RB Mewelde Moore

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 1998 Shaun King set a Tulane record for passing yards in a season and took his talents to the NFL with Tampa Bay. Patrick Ramsey took his place and simply broke King's single season record with 3,410 yards (60.4%) and set 20 Tulane records in 1999. Ramsey completed 59% with a 24-14 ratio as a senior in 2001 and was a #1 DC. JP Losman (PS#6), who originally signed at UCLA, got in one start and played in 10 games in 2000 throwing for 722 yards (50.4%) with a 4-2 ratio while also rushing for 268. Losman only saw action in 3 games in 2001 with one start throwing for 487 yards (63.3%) with a 4-1 ratio while rushing for 38. Last year the starter's job was his and the backup was Derrick Joseph (PS#23). Losman struggled at times last year as the offensive line did as well (42 sacks) and his receiving corps, which was hit hard by injuries also dropped a lot of passes. Losman suffered some bruised ribs vs Navy and the next week against TCU hit just 8 of 29 for 49 yards and Joseph relieved him, hitting 8 of 16 for 119. Losman returned to health and took all the snaps but one the rest of the year. For the season he threw for 2,468 yards (57.4%) with a 19-10 ratio. Joseph hit 15 of 34 for 178 yards and now departs. The backups will be Billy Don Malone (PS#41) and Nick Cannon (6-3 200 rFr) who was PS#70. This year's frosh signee Richard Irvin (PS#80) was in for the spring. With a more stable O-line and the return of a star receiver in Roydell Williams, I look for Losman to have a huge senior season. He could possibly break the school's single season record and should be the third consecutive Tulane starting QB drafted by the NFL.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000, Tulane lost their top 4 RB's to injury and true frosh Mewelde Moore ended up leading the team in rushing with 890 yards (5.1) while snagging 33 receptions. In 2001 Moore had an incredible year becoming the first player in NCAA history to top 1,250 yards rushing and also haul in more than 60 receptions. He had 1,421 yards rushing (5.4) and 2,259 all-purpose yards. Last year much was expected for Mewelde but he could not match his previous year's numbers, partially due to the young O-line. Moore "only" rushed for 1,138 (4.0) with 52 rec (10.5). Backing him up is Jovon Jackson (5-11 206 So) who had 168 yards (4.4) as a true frosh and Chino Fontenette (5-10 202 Sr) who has 32 yards rushing the last two years with one start. Also in the mix is this year's crop of true frosh. When the team uses a FB they have Kris Coleman (6-0 243 Sr, PS#190) who has 5 starts and 267 total yards in 3 years and Quintin Jones (6-0 215 rFr). Moore is back for his senior season and I give him a good shot at topping 2001's amazing numbers.

RECEIVERS - In 2001, a rare VHT for Tulane, Roydell Williams (PS#24) led the team in receiving yards with 886. Last year they only had to replace their #3 WR in Terell Harris and had basically everyone else back. Unfortunately at the end of the EC game (a game he had 10 rec in) Williams was injured and lost for the season and injures caused 3 true frosh to take off their redshirts (see Hardcore Fans). This year they only have to replace TE Stephen Hedemann who played in one game. Due to last year's injuries, eight different WR's return with starting experience. Tristan Smith (PS#40) was the #1 WR with 43 rec's (8.7) and I list the rest of the 2 deep below. With the return of Roydell and the rest of the unit now experienced, this should be a vastly improved receiving corps and perhaps the best unit in CUSA.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Heading into last year Tulane had to replace four long time starters and one assistant coach labeled the 2002 O-line as "young, inexperienced and undersized." The 16 scholarship OL's on the team consisted of 10 frosh, 2 soph, 2 juniors and 2 seniors and only two players were over 300 lbs. The OL did get overpowered early and often when projected starting LG Derick Bugg was lost for the season to injury. The starting front would feature two rFr starters with the 2nd string consisting of five frosh. Last year Tulane rushed for just 2.99 ypc while allowing 42 sacks. The only losses are RG Seth Zaunbrecher (13 sts, 2 yr st'r), C Brendon Drysdale (13 sts) and Bugg (no action). This year the group is still young with four projected sophomore starters but actually has a lot more experience and I look for solid improvement.

DEFENSIVE LINE - From 1999 to 2001 the defense struggled partly because the DL was usually inexperienced and injury plagued. They allowed 5.1 ypc rushing in 1999 and 5.2 in 2001. Last year they had 4 senior starters and that group helped the team set a school record with 48 sacks which was the best in CUSA. After the Texas game, Longhorn HC Mack Brown referred to Tulane as having the most athletic defensive front they had faced up to that point in 2002. This year five seniors who combined for 29 sacks depart. Gone are DE Kenan Blackmon (13 sts, 58 tkls, 4 yr st'r, #1 all-time here in sks & tfl), DT Roxie Shelvin (12 sts, 51 tkls, 7 sks, 9 tfl, 3 yr st'r), DT Marlon Tickles (10 sts, 33 tkls, 8 tfl), DE Floyd Dorsey (9 sts, 64 tkls, 9.5 sks, #2 all-time sks here), DE Chris Washington (4 sts, 19 tkls, 2.5 sks) as well as DE Brandon Rottmayer (6 tkls). I list the 2 deep below and while the group is much younger, nine players were ranked in the top 200 at their position coming out of HS. There are academic question marks concerning Jay Ashton (PS#175) and Chris Williams, both who have logged plenty of action the last two years. They could return for the fall. Another major question mark is DT Lonnie Crayton (PS#96) who had 11 starts in 2001 but missed last year with a back injury and will most likely miss this year. Four players have starting experience including Ashton and Crayton. They also move in Daniel Nevil who had 12 starts and 112 tackles as a soph at LB. While this group has potential, and the defense has now had a year to absorb DC Schumann's schemes, this looks like a learning year for the defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - This unit appeared to be in good shape heading into last year with apparently everyone back but two of the returnees, Emmanuel Sewell and Brandon Spincer (PS#99) were ruled ineligible prior to the season. The team then lost two more LB's to injury during the year in Nick Simpson (23 tkls, 1.5 tfl, 6 gms) and Terry Fontenot (8 tkls, 1 st). True frosh Anthony Cannon was quite a story at 17 years old with only 12 starts at LB in his HS career, as he ended up not only leading the team in tackles (1st frosh to do that here since 1977), but tied Indiana's John Kerr as the leading true frosh tackler in the country with 114. This year DC Schumann may want to consider using the 3-4 defense more often as he has five LB's back who have had at least five starts in their careers including four top-notch starters in Cannon, Quick, Heath and Spincer. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. This group is much more experienced than it was last August and while improved, it will not have the benefit of playing behind last year's strong defensive line.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 Tulane finished #87 in my pass defensive rankings but had basically everyone returning including their star, Lynaris Elpheage who was a rare VHT (PS#30). Elpheage had his best season yet as a junior with 8 int, 21 pbu and spectacular special teams play as usual. He opted to leave early for the NFL but went undrafted and is a huge loss. Also gone this year are the other 3 starters in CB Jeff Sanchez (13 sts, 64 tkls, 3 int, 12 pbu), FS Quentin Brown (11 sts, #2 tkl'r, 5 int, 3 pbu) and SS Adrian Mitchell (10 sts, 66 tkls, 6 pbu). Overall the Elpheageled unit finished #11 in my pass D rankings allowing 52.5% with an outstanding 12-22 ratio. Four players do return with starting experience and I list the 2 deep below. This has the makings of a decent unit but it is clearly a lot less experienced than it was heading into last year and does not have a true shutdown CB. I look for a precipitous crash in the rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Last year K Seth Marlar (Lou Groza winner in '01) added punting to his duties. That seemed to hamper him in his FG accuracy. Marler actually missed 47 and 38 yard FG's vs Texas and missed 20 and 24 yarders and an xp vs ULM. He rebounded with 50, 47 and 46 yard FG's vs Cincy. Marler had an inconsistent year hitting 20 of 33 with a long of 51. Marler was a solid punter averaging 42.9 with a net of 35.7. His best area last year was KO's as 54 of 68 KO's reached the endzone with only 30 being retuned, the lowest amount in CUSA. His powerful leg will be missed. I list the potential replacements at both punter and kicker below (both are frosh). With Marler handling three key spots and having explosive returnman Lynaris Elpheage (16.5 on PR's, 25.2 on KR's, 2 TD's), the unit climbed all the way up to #25 in my special teams rankings (#104 in 2001). Unfortunately this year Marler and Elpheage both depart and this unit will probably finish in the lower half of my special teams rankings.

COACHES - Chris Scelfo stepped into the worst possible situation four years ago taking over a team that was 12-0 the previous year and had massive graduation losses on both sides of the ball. They went from 12-0 to 3-8 but rebounded with a 6-5 record in 2000. Scelfo became the first coach last year to coach Tulane in two bowl games and it earned him a two year contract extension through 2007. Their 8-5 finish last year was their second best since 1979. Scelfo arrived here and coached the bowl game in 1998 without having any coordinating or head coaching experience at a major college. His OC is his brother, Frank, who is in his seventh year at the school and 3rd year as the OC. Last year Chris made a tremendous signing landing former SMU DC Eric Schumann. Schumann had been SMU's DC from 1997-'01 and led the Ponies defense to a #22 finish in total defense in the NCAA in 2001. He took over a veteran unit that allowed 41.3 ppg the year before and turned them into a top-notch group yielding just 21.7 ppg and they led CUSA in sacks. Their 43 turnovers forced last year were the most in the NCAA.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Only one coach since 1982 has had two consecutive winning seasons here. After a 3-9 finish in 2001, Tulane had to replace first round DC QB Patrick Ramsey and then lost star WR Roydell Williams to injury early in the year. They did play a lot of frosh last year and five players made the CUSA Frosh Team. Tulane was a bit fortunate last season as they were +22 in turnovers and despite their 4-4 record in league play they were actually outgained in CUSA action by an average of 81.6 ypg which was the second worst in the league. In fact, on the season Tulane was outgained by an averaged of 372-313 but still finished 8-5 including a solid bowl win over Hawaii. The Greenies offense figures to be the best in the league with 9 starters back but defensively after returning 11 starters last year they have just 3 back this season. They host TCU in a pivotal conference game in their opener but do avoid Cincy and USF. Tulane not only has an excellent shot at a second consecutive winning season but must be considered one of the favorites for the conference title.

2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB JP LOSMAN SR. 6-3 215 **PS#6!** 2 sts in 2000 & '01, 1209 yds (54%) 8-3 ratio, 306 rush. 13 sts LY, 2468 yds (57%) 19-10 ratio, 281 rush. Billy Don Malone (6-2 190 rFr) PS#41.

RB MEWELDE MOORE SR. 6-1 203 7 sts, 890 rush (5.1) as true. 12 sts in '01, 1421 rush (5.4)-CUSA record, 65 rec (11.6). 1138 rush (4.0) 52 rec (10.5) LY. Jovon Jackson (5-11 206 So).

WR NICK NARCISSE SR. 6-0 180 7 sts LY (inj plagued) 21 rec (16.2). Chris Bush (6-1 195 Jr) 6 sts, 20 rec (12.7). Bubba Terranova (6-3 185 So) PS#80, 3 rec (8.3) as **true**.

WR ROYDELL WILLIAMS JR. 6-2 183 **PS#24!** 12 sts, 56 rec (15.8) in '01. 3 sts, 15 rec til inj LY. Carl Davis (5-11 180 Jr) 12 sts, 2Y, 37 rec (14.3). James Dunn (5-8 172 Sr) 7 sts, 14 rec.

WR TRISTAN SMITH JR. 6-0 180 **PS#40.** 3 sts as **true**, 22 rec (9.5). 2 sts LY, 43 rec (8.7). Damarcus Davis (6-0 180 So) PS#142. 21 rec (11.5) LY, 7 sts. Cletus McGee 4 sts, 16 rec LY.

TE BOBBY HOOVER JR. 6-4 252 PS#86. 15 rec (9.1) as true. CUSA Fr Tm. 8 sts LY, 11 rec (8.6). Jerome Landry (6-4 240 So) PS#125. 3 rec as **true**. Tye Graham (6-2 245 So) PS#119.

C William Blaylock So. 6-3 300 PS#184. 5 gms as backup as true, lettered. Knee surgery in spg but will be 100% in fall. Joe Traina (6-3 269 So) PS#241. 5 gms as rFr, 1L.

RG Donald Madlock So. 6-4 300 PS#290. Missed first 3 as true but L/10 games & lettered. Scott Holt (6-5 280 Fr) PS#150 LY. Joe Mitchell (6-3 324 Jr) PS#404. 7 games, 2Y.

LG MATT TRAINA SO. 6-3 267 PS#236. 13 starts at LG as rFr, CUSA Frosh Tm, 4.9 speed. Mark Burgess (6-5 290 rFr) PS#160. Aryan Barto (6-4 285 Fr) PS#382.

RT JIMMY KOSIENSKI JR. 6-7 280 PS#155. 12 gms as rFr, 60 snaps. +16 lbs LY, 13 sts at RT, 8 yds rushing. Derek Rogers (6-5 315 rFr) PS#165. Kass Kemper (6-4 288 So) PS#168.

LT CHRIS McGEE SO. 6-4 265 PS#210. 13 sts at LT as rFr, CUSA Fr Tm, 810 snaps. Robert Hand (6-6 250 So) PS#40TE. 4 gms as **true**. Willie Christian (6-5 255 So) PS#228.

K BARRETT PEPPER FR. 5-10 165 PS#12K. 94% of KO's into the EZ in HS LY, Hit 10 of 16 FG's as Sr, L/49, 46 of 46 xp's. Will be starter. Walk-on TJ Henry (5-9 160 rFr).

DEFENSE

DE Michael Roberts So. 6-3 245 PS#395, 4.6 spd. 27 tkls, 7 pbu, 4 tfl as **true**. Chris Williams (6-3 225 Jr) PS#172. 11 tkls, 2 sks LY. Laine Sambrooks (6-5 255 Jr) 1 st, 1 rec at TE as true. Ashton (6-3 254 Jr) 4 sts, 36 tkls, 5 sks as true. CJ Davis (PS#152). Elijah Robinson (PS#82).

DT Terrence Tarver Sr. 6-1 270 PS#152. 10 tkls, 2 tfl in '01. 11 tkls, 1 tfl in '02. Jay

DT Wallace Mateen Jr. 6-0 282 PS#235. 7 sts as true, 28 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 st in 2002, 14 tkls, 2 tfl. Taurean Brown (6-6 270 rFr) PS#153. Michael Purcell (6-1 305 rFr) PS#468.

DE Daniel Nevil Sr. 6-1 220 1 st, 41 tkls at LB as rFr. 12 sts in '01, 112 tkls, 5 sks, 7 tfl. 24 tkls LY, moved from LB. Kelvin Johnson (6-2 245 Fr) PS#219 LY. Taylor Bertin (6-2 240 rFr).

WLB ANTHONY CANNON SO. 6-0 210 PS#247. 13 sts as **true, #1 true Fr tkl'r in NCAA**, 114, 7 tfl. Antonio Mason (6-0 212 So) PS#275. 8 tkls as rFr. Gerald Brobbey (5-9 184 Jr) 17 tkls, 2Y.

MLB BRANDT QUICK SR. 6-1 235 Kansas St transfer (PS#324). 8 sts LY, 97 tkls, 7 tfl (10.5 tkls per game in L/4). Blake Baker (5-10 220 Jr) 5 sts LY, 48 tkls, 5 sks, 3 tfl, 3 QBH.

SLB BRANDON SPINCER SO. 6-2 218 PS#99. 7 sts as true, 65 tkls, 3 tfl. RS due to academics LY. **Wesley Heath** (6-0 222 Sr) PS#103. 9 sts in '01, 67 tkls, 6 tfl. 9 sts LY, 64 tkls, 5.5 tfl.

CB Sean Lucas So. 5-11 175 PS#306. 2 sts as true, CUSA Fr Tm. 54 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu, 3 TD. Darren Sapp (6-0 185 So) 2 sts as true, 30 tkls. RS LY. Alton Widemon is PS#148.

CB Jeremy Foreman rFr. 6-2 164 PS#146. 4.4 spd with great height but light. Bruce Youmans (5-10 179 So) PS#116WR. 4 tkls as rFr, 13 games. Isreal Route (5-9 175 Fr) PS#287.

SS Tra Boger Jr. 6-1 203 PS#89QB. 7 sts, 60 tkls, 1 int, 3 tfl, 3 pbu as true. 3 sts LY, 57 tkls. Winfred Brown (5-9 172 Sr) PS#110. 5 tkls LY. Beau Stubbs (6-1 180 rFr).

FS Joey Dawson Jr. 6-2 189 JaJuan's brother. 2 sts LY, 45 tkls, 2 pbu, 1 sk. Tommy Griffin (5-11 190 So) PS#304. 10 games as true. Terrence Peterson (5-11 190 rFr).

P Chris Beckham rFr. 6-2 190 1st Tm All-Miss P in 2000. 2nd Tm in '99 & '01. Avg 41.0 per punt as senior. Ray Guy talent scout list. Also played QB in HS. #2 punter here LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

DL	Elijah Robinson	6-3 260 PS#82
WR	Preston Brown	6-4 210 PS#83
WR	Fred Smith	5-8 175 PS#87
WR	Kenneth Guidroz	6-3 210 PS#89
LB	Billy Harrison	6-4 220 PS#83
K	Barrett Pepper	5-10 165 PS#12
QB	Richard Irvin	6-2 185 PS#80
DL	CJ Davis	6-1 300 PS#152
DB	Alton Widemon	5-10 175 PS#148
DL	Tremell Jack	6-3 265 PS#181
LB	Craig Morris	6-2 215 PS#164
DL	Alvin Johnson	6-3 240 PS#206
OL	Chris Bordelon	6-4 285 PS#327
RB	Jordy Johnson	6-2 195 PS#237

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TULANE GREEN WAVE

New Orleans, Louisiana
Louisiana Superdome

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#75

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 1	TCU (Mon)	A					
Sep. 6	Northwestern St	A					
Sep. 13	Mississippi St	A					
Sep. 20	at Army	A					
Sep. 27	at Texas	G					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	Houston (HC)	A					
Oct. 18	at Louisville	G					
Oct. 25	Memphis	A					
Nov. 1	at Navy	G					
Nov. 8	at UAB	G					
Nov. 15	at S Mississippi	G					
Nov. 22	E Carolina	A					
Nov. 29							

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Tulane is 6-2 ATS vs current WAC schools since 1994.
Green Wave is 2-8 SU & 1-8-1 their last 10 trips to Memphis.
TU is 6-1 ATS vs Cincinnati since 1990.

Tulane is 3-8 ATS in their home opener the last 15 years.
TU is 3-7 SU all-time vs TCU but has covered each of the last 6 meetings.

The Demons went 8-4 LY as a member of the Southland Conference.
Tulane is 9-1 in non-lined games since 1983.

The Green Wave are 0-24 SU & 8-16 ATS vs the SEC's last 24 contests.
Tulane is 4-9 ATS vs their last 13 non-conference foes.

TU is 4-13 ATS their last 17 vs Service Academies.
Tulane is 11-3 ATS in their road openers.

LY was the 1st time the Wave met the 'Horns since '65 & lost 0-49 as 31' pt dogs.
Green Wave is 16-4 ATS the last 20 games the week before a bye.

TU is 5-10-1 ATS the week after a bye.
Tulane is 5-1 ATS overall vs the Cougars & have covered the last 5.

Pending 9/27: Green Wave are 10-5 ATS their last 15 games on grass.
Tulane is 2-7 SU & 3-6 ATS vs the Cardinals since 1986.

Green Wave is 1-10-2 ATS overall vs Memphis since 1987.
Could apply: Coming into 2003, TU is 12-6-1 ATS as home favs S/'97.

Tulane has been sunk 8 out of the last 10 times ATS by Navy.
The Wave is 16-11 ATS in November road games since 1986.

In their 3 meetings, Tulane is 1-2 SU but 2-0-1 ATS.
The Wave is 3-9 ATS their last 12 before playing rival Southern Miss.

Tulane is 6-17 SU & 8-15 ATS vs Southern Miss since 1980.
The home team is 7-1 ATS the last 8 years.

Tulane is 1-5 SU but 4-2 ATS vs the Pirates all-time.
The Wave are 3-7-2 ATS their last 12 home finales (3-1-1 ATS over L/5Y).

CHRIS SCELFO (Career 21-27)

5th Year at Tulane

Scelfo's records AT TULANE

21-27	Straight Up	6-4	Home Favorite
21-22-1	Vs The Spread	4-5-1	Home Dog
11-12-1	Off A SU Loss	2-3	Away Favorite
15-12-1	Vs Conference	9-10	Away Dog
		6-10	Vs Non-Conf

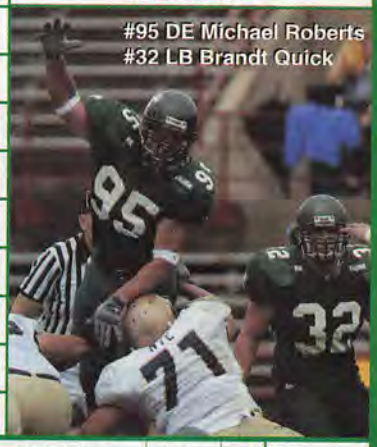
2002 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (25,18,1)
Lost: 23 (7,14,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 27,901

CUSA



STADIUM: LOUISIANA SUPERDOME (69,767)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	7-4	11-0	3-8	6-5	3-9	7-5	39-40
ATS	5-5-1	7-3-1	7-4	4-6-1	6-5	3-8	8-3	40-34-3
Home Fav	1-2	2-0-1	4-2	2-2	2-1	0-0	2-1	13-8-1
Home Dog	2-0-1	1-2	0-0	0-0-1	1-1	1-3	2-1	7-7-2
Away Fav	0-0	3-0	3-2	0-0	0-2	1-1	1-0	8-5
Away Dog	2-3	1-1	0-0	2-4	3-1	1-4	3-1	12-14
Favorite	1-2	5-0-1	7-4	2-2	2-3	1-1	3-1	21-13-1
Dog	4-3-1	2-3	0-0	2-4-1	4-2	2-7	5-2	19-21-2
Grass	1-2	1-1	2-1	2-3	3-2	2-3	5-1	16-13
Artificial	4-3-1	6-2-1	5-3	2-3-1	3-3	1-5	3-2	24-21-3
vs CUSA	3-2	4-1-1	3-3	2-3-1	5-2	2-5	6-2	25-18-2
vs Non-CUSA	2-3-1	3-2	4-1	2-3	1-3	1-3	2-1	15-16-1
Off SU Win	1-1	2-3-1	6-4	1-2	2-3	1-2	6-0	19-15-1
Off SU Loss	3-4-1	4-0	0-0	3-3-1	4-1	2-5	2-3	18-16-2

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Mewelde Moore	288	1210	72	1138	6	4.0
Jovon Jackson	38	182	14	168	1	4.4
J.P. Losman	88	281	262	19	6	0.2
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
J.P. Losman	401	230	57.4	2468	19	10
Derrick Joseph	34	15	44.1	178	1	0
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Mewelde Moore	52	545	10.5	3	47	
Tristan Smith	43	372	8.7	5	25	
Nick Narcisse	21	340	16.2	2	64	
Chris Bush	20	254	12.7	1	37	
Carl Davis	12	252	21.0	1	43	
Damarcus Davis	21	241	11.5	2	54	
Cletus McGee	16	117	7.3	1	13	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Seth Marler	72	3090	42.9	68	35.7	0	18
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Seth Marler	29-33	6-11	7-9	5-9	2-4	20-33	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Anthony Cannon	114	3	4	4	0
Quentin Brown	105	0.5	0	3	5
Brandt Quick	97	0	7	0	0
Lynaris Elpheage	68	0	1	21	8
Adrian Mitchell	66	0	1	6	0
Floyd Dorsey	64	9.5	11	5	0
Wesley Heath	64	0.5	5	1	0
Jeff Sanchez	64	0	1	12	3
Kenan Blackmon	58	7	12	3	0
Trawick Boger	57	0	0	0	2
Sean Lucas	54	2.5	1	8	2
Roxie Shelvin	51	7	9	1	0
Blake Baker	48	5	3	1	0
Marlon Tickles	33	3	5	3	1
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Lynaris Elpheage	28	463	16.5	1	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Lynaris Elpheage	18	453	25.2	1	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
79	Liberty	+2'	Penn St	6-9	L
80	All-American	+2'	Arkansas	15-34	L
87	Independence	+6	Washington	12-24	L
98	Liberty	-7	BYU	41-27	W
02	Hawaii	+14	Hawaii	36-28	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TULANE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	27.8	19	109	3.0	204	55.9	11.3	+22	2002	9	21.7	21	180	4.4	192	52.5	17.1
6*	28.7	22	134	3.9	292	57.5	14.8	+2	2001	6	41.3	25	249	5.2	241	58.3	11.9
7*	29.9	25	129	3.6	324	56.9	15.2	-2	2000	11	31.5	22	178	4.5	256	54.0	13.8
8	25.4	23	93	2.9	327	58.6	16.6	-10	1999	3	36.3	21	244	5.1	206	60.0	12.4
10*	45.0	27	207	4.8	302	67.1	11.3	+17	1998	6	24.6	21	160	4.2	261	57.6	17.1
3*	34.1	21	183	4.7	236	55.0	12.3	+12	1997	7	20.5	19	148	3.8	208	53.5	17.4

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Southern	23	46-231	5.0	15-28	191	1	22	36-148	4.1	30-50	279	7	+2
at Houston	15	29-80	2.8	14-25	208	3	24	47-206	4.4	19-39	181	2	+2
at E Carolina	26	40-107	2.7	31-49	236	3	19	47-226	4.8	8-18	92	2	-1
at Memphis	19	40-106	2.7	22-34	190	5	21	47-242	5.1	11-25	153	2	-1
Texas	13	29-88	3.0	14-35	127	4	22	34-176	5.2	18-32	193	1	-2
at UL Monroe	25	39-129	3.3	22-36	316	1	21	35-120	3.4	20-47	239	3	+6
Cincinnati	15	36-92	2.6	14-23	163	4	19	39-136	3.5	23-38	299	6	+4
UAB	15	33-140	4.2	17-28	141	1	18	39-98	2.5	18-37	194	6	+1
Navy	23	36-106	2.9	25-35	329	2	24	53-355	6.7	5-11	76	2	+1
at TCU	11	23-(-53)	-2.3	16-45	168	9	19	49-264	5.4	11-26	96	1	+1
Army	18	28-26	0.9	24-41	172	6	21	53-187	3.5	12-23	118	4	+3
S Mississippi	19	52-226	4.3	11-20	165	1	20	32-117	3.7	22-38	211	4	+4
† Hawaii	25	44-144	3.3	20-39	240	2	23	22-66	3.0	32-52	363	8	+2
TOTALS	247	475-1422	3.0	245-438	2646	42	273	533-2341	4.4	229-436	2494	48	+22
AVERAGES	19.0	37-109	3.0	19-34	204	3.2	21.0	41-180	4.4	18-34	192	3.7	+1.7

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	-3	52-34	W
at SMU	-7	31-21	W
Navy	-22	42-24	L
S Mississippi	-3	21-7	W
Louisville	-16'	28-22	L
at Rutgers	-19	52-24	W
SW Louisiana	-36'	72-20	W
at Memphis	-16	41-31	L
at Army	-16	49-35	L
Houston	-16	48-20	W
LA Tech	-12	63-30	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at S Mississippi	+10	14-48	L
SMU	-3'	53-19	W
Army	-14	48-28	W
at Syracuse	+14'	17-47	L
at Mississippi	+12	13-20	W
Louisiana-Lft	-27'	48-32	L
at E Carolina	+10'	7-52	L
Memphis	E	7-49	L
at Houston	+13'	31-36	W
at Navy	+8'	21-45	L
UAB	+3	20-23 OT	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi	+19	20-49	L
at E Carolina	+21	17-37	W
at SMU	+1	29-17	W
Cincinnati	-3'	24-19	W
at Louisiana-Lft	-20'	38-37	L
S Mississippi	+14	24-56	L
at Army	-4	17-21	L
at Louisville	+14	32-35	W
Houston	-2	41-23	W
Navy	-13'	50-38	L
Memphis	+2	37-14	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	+11	35-70	L
at LSU	+21'	17-48	L
E Carolina	+9'	24-51	L
UCF	+5'	29-36	L
Southern	NL	41-7	–
at Cincinnati	+10	33-46	L
TCU	+10	48-22	W
at UAB	+9	27-34	W
at Army	-1'	35-42	L
Louisville	+11	7-52	L
at Navy	-2'	42-28	W
at S Mississippi	+18	6-59	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Southern	NL	37-19	–
at Houston	+2'	34-13	W
at E Carolina	+8'	20-24	W
at Memphis	+7	10-38	L
Texas	+31'	0-49	L
at UL Monroe	-13'	52-9	W
Cincinnati	+4'	35-17	W
UAB	-4'	35-14	W
Navy	-16'	51-30	W
at TCU	+13'	10-17	W
Army	-19	10-14	L
S Mississippi	+6'	31-10	W

CINCINNATI BEARCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 the Bearcats had to replace their all-time career leader in total offense in Deontey Kenner. They got a huge signee in QB Gino Guidugli (PS#47) who was also recruited by Notre Dame and Kentucky. The true frosh took over starting the final 10 games and guided three 4Q comebacks including a TD pass with :07 left vs Army and another with :04 left vs Memphis (see Hardcore Fans). When he was knocked out of one game, another true frosh, George Murray (PS#126) gave up his redshirt. Murray threw for 130 yards (57%) in six games but is more of an option runner (202 rush) giving the team a nice change of pace. Murray began to see action at receiver and had 26 rec's (10.7) last year. Guidugli added 15 lbs of muscle in the offseason. He led another comeback win in last year's opener against TCU. He had 20 completions in six of the first 8 games but couldn't reach that mark over the last 6 as the team relied more on the run. Guidugli got hurt vs Tulane and Murray finished the game. Murray also came off the bench against S Miss guiding a 13 play TD drive but also had an int returned 44 yards for a TD. Guidugli had the second best TD/int ratio in school history in 2001 (17-9) but only had a 22-21 ratio last year including 5 int's in the bowl game. Even so, he still broke three single season school records including passing yards as he threw for 3,543 (54.7%) breaking Greg Cook's school record of 3,272. His school record 472 attempts had something to do with the new mark. Murray has moved to WR full time this year with Billy Faulkner (PS#90) and Rodrick Stevens (Off Scout Tm POY) battling for the #2 spot along with Todd Spitzer (PS#139) and Collin Carey (6-2 203 Jr). If Guidgli suffered a long term injury Murray would move back. While Guidugli's numbers were disappointing last year, I think he will improve upon his completion % and TD/Int ratio numbers, even though he has a brand-new receiving corps.

QB Gino Guidugli

RUNNING BACKS - Last year DeMarco McCleskey became the feature back for a full season for the first time and saw his carries increase as the season went on. After averaging 18.7 attempts and 85.3 ypg in the first six, he got the ball 25.4 times per game over the last 8 rushing for 107.1. The workhorse had 1,361 yards (4.3) with 15 TD's while also snagging 32 rec's (11.5) in becoming CUSA's career TD leader. Richard Hall (PS#41), an Ohio St transfer, is a different type of back as he does not have the power McCleskey does but is speedy and elusive and I expect big things from him. He had just 14 carries in the first five games of 2002 but finished with 264 yards (4.5). Tedric Harwell (198 rush yds, 2 yrs) has 4.49 speed, the fastest of the RB's and also had 287 yards on KR's last year. FB Booker Vann (5-11 218 Sr) has 628 career rush yards in 3 years with three starts is backed by David Harris (5-10 214 Sr). Also in the mix are Carl Jones (5-9 184 So, 217 KR yds), true frosh Terry Arnold (PS#84), and Derick Eddington (5-7 172 rFr). I like the overall talent of this group but it will be interesting to see if Hall can be as durable and effective as McCleskey who departs as the #2 all-time leading rusher in UC and CUSA history.

RECEIVERS - Last year UC returned all three starting WR's who combined for 2,137 yards receiving in 2001. There was only one HT among the three in LaDaris Vann who led the team in 2002 with 71 rec's (11.9). He departs as does Jon Olinger (#5DC of ATL) who had 54 rec's for a school record 1,114 yards (20.6) and Tye Keith (49, 13.5). Vann leaves as the career leader in receptions here despite being banged up for most of 2002. QB George Murray also saw plenty of action at WR. There are actually more HT's in the starting group than they had last season and they bring in a solid crop of freshmen once again. Starting TE AJ Lucius is also back. This has the makings of a decent group but with the loss of three players who combined for 2,618 yards receiving last year, this group is less experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 UC had an O-line that was comprised of two juniors and three underclassmen who paved the way for a school record in total offense while allowing just 8 sacks (lowest in the NCAA) and averaging 4.5 ypc rushing. Surprisingly the last three years they have not come near those numbers. Last year the O-line paved the way for 3.5 ypc rushing and the unit allowed 25 sacks with three veteran starters returning. This year they must replace RT Josh Gardner (14 sts, 4 yr st'r, top OL award) and LG Kirt Doolin (14 sts, 3 yr st'r, 1st Tm CUSA). While they do lose the top two OL from last year, eight of the top ten return and this unit could actually be a little stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001, despite the presence of star DE Antwan Peek the Bearcats allowed 4.7 ypc rushing but did record 34 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter but had seven of the top eight DL's returning. Overall UC's aggressive front allowed 3.6 ypc rushing while recording 34 sacks. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are Peek (11 sts, 100 tkls, 6 sks, 15 tfl, 1st Tm CUSA, 4.54 spd, #3DC of HOU), DE Derrick Adams (8 sts, 74 tkls, 11.5 tfl), DT DeMarcus Billings (13 sts, 76 tkls, 6 tfl), DE Darryll Ransom (3 sts, 27 tkls, 3 tfl) and DT Matt Tupuola (2 sts, 14 tkls, 2 tfl). Trent Cole has the nickname "Scrap Iron" for his chiseled, fat-free physique and has the speed, demeanor and athleticism to take over Peek's DE spot after playing DT most of last year. DE Andre Frazier had six sacks in six starts in 2002 so they are in good shape at DE. Mike Wright and Ka'Son Love both return at DT after sitting out last year and they add in Mich St transfer Lonnie Simmons to the mix. I list the 3 deep below and this has the makings of a pretty good group but with the loss of a player like Peek (as well as two other starters), I'll call them down a notch or two this season.

LINEBACKERS - In Minter's early year's UC used to field one of the top LB corps in the country on a yearly basis. In 2001 the starters logged most of the action. Last season they changed their philosophy alternating six LB's with those six getting anywhere from 49 to 91 tackles. Of the six, four return including Jamar Enzor who did not start but led the LB's with 91 tackles (4.5 sks, 10 tfl). This year they must replace MLB Willis Edwards (14 sts, 86 tkls, 4 tfl) and OLB Jason Hunt (12 sts, 73 tkls, 7 tfl). Despite the loss of two starters, this unit should be at least up to 2002's standards.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Rick Minter has fielded some top-notch secondaries that have ranked as high as #9 and #24 in 1996 and 1997. In 2001 UC finished #56 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace one starter (7th round DC) as well as two backups but they added in a couple of JUCO's. As expected UC climbed in the rankings (#23) allowing 179.9 ypg (51.5%) with an excellent 12-17 ratio. This year they must replace FS Ivan Fields (14 sts, 95 tkls, 3 int, 10 pbu) and CB Blue Adams (14 sts, 55 tkls, 17 pbu, #7DC of DET) who tied a school record with 6 int's. They do return 11 lettermen to this position and Daven Holly who steps into the open CB slot, is the team's fastest with 4.39 speed. I list a 3 deep below. S Doug Monaghan was leading the team in tackles prior to missing the final two games. The other projected starter, Franklin Callicott, had two starts last year but had 36 tackles in those two including 17 in the bowl game. This group is a little less experienced as the starters did log the majority of the time and they will probably drop in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Bearcats have had some fine finishes in my special teams rankings under Minter ranking #12 in 1997 and #29 in 1998. After falling to #59 and #68 the next two years, they were #12 in 2001 but last year stunningly dropped to #111. The FG department definitely takes a hit with Jonathan Ruffin's departure. Ruffin, who won the Lou Groza Award in 2000, had another fine year with 19 of 22 FG's and a long of 49. Adam Wulfeck was #2 in the NCAA in net punting in 2001 and Chet Ervin (PS#58) struggled to replace him as the team had a net of just 31.3. Ervin will concentrate on FG's this year and I list the other K/P candidates below. Tedric Harwell (23.9) was the top KR yards and he returns. Also gone are Antwan Peek who had 7 blocked kicks in his career and the top PR Tye Keith (7.8). Minter should be able to improve upon last year's poor statistics despite the loss of some key players.

COACHES - After Mike Gottfried left in 1982 the school had ten consecutive losing seasons until Tim Murphy guided them to an 8-3 mark in 1993. He left and Rick Minter took over in 1994 and has recorded six non-losing seasons in nine years here guiding the team to four bowl games, with the school having been in just three bowls prior to his arrival. OC Rusty Burns is in his second year after having been the Wyoming OC prior. Last year UC won the CUSA co-championship but was relegated to the New Orleans Bowl and played only 11 days after their finale and were upset by N Texas. The DC, AJ Christoff, has moved on to Stanford so Minter will use co-DC's this year in Mark Criner and Mike Kolakowski. Criner was the LB coach here last year and Kolakowski was the head coach at Cal Univ of Pennsylvania from 1997 to 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

UC had back-to-back 2nd place CUSA showings in 2000 and 2001 and with last year's co-CUSA Title (only league title since 1964) they are the only team in the league to finish in the Top 2 for three straight years despite being picked no higher than 5th in the preseason coaches' poll in those three years. UC was 7-20 in their first 27 CUSA contests but have gone 14-4 over their last 18. The highlight of last year was a crowd of 66,319 (the largest crowd to ever attend a sporting event in the city of Cincinnati) which saw the Bearcats almost upset eventual National Champ Ohio St. Last year UC opened up just 2-5 and were -9 in turnovers. Despite that fact the Bearcats finished the season just 7-7 overall they did reach their third straight bowl game for the first time in school history. Their 5-2 CUSA record in 2001 was fortunate as they won a lot of close games and the combined record of the teams they beat was just 21-57. Last year they lost a lot of close games (see Hardcore Fans on page 319). At one point last year UC stood 3-5 but had outgained their opponents by a 417-338 margin. UC outscored league foes for the year by 10.6 ppg which was the best in the league. Last year's team had 16 returning starters and this year's has just 9 but one of them is QB Guidugli and with a veteran O-line and some talent available in the skill positions, they could top last year's 29.2 ppg. They do have some major losses on defense including DE Antwan Peak. With just 4 starters back on that side, they will probably allow more than the 23.5 ppg and 318 ypg they did last season. Still, I rate UC as one of the top four teams in CUSA both offensively and defensively and they do avoid Tulane in league play. I give them an excellent shot at getting to their fourth consecutive bowl game and possibly topping seven wins for the first time since 1997.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB GINO GUIDUGLI JR. 6-3 220 PS#47. 10 sts as true, 2856 yds (59%) 17-9 ratio. 14 sts LY, 3543 yds (55%) 22-21 ratio. Billy Faulkner (6-5 184 rFr) PS#90. Rodrick Stevens (6-2 186 rFr).

RB Richard Hall Jr. 5-11 200 PS#41. **Ohio St trans.** 264 yds (4.5), 6 rec (6.7) LY. Tedric Harwell (5-11 184 Sr) PS#253, 4.49 spd, 492 total yds LY. Terry Arnold is PS#84.

WR Kevin Hazel Jr. 6-0 197 PS#44. 1 start, 1 rec in '02. Cedric Dawley (6-1 210 Jr) 43 rec (19.1) at JUCO, in for spring. Justin LaForgia (6-5 212 So) PS#127.

WR George Murray Jr. 6-1 193 PS#126QB. 473 yds at QB, 27 rec (11.1) at WR 2Y. 10.7 in 100m. Hannibal Thomas (6-3 205 Jr) PS#211JC. Walter Dudley (5-11 169 So).

WR Derick Ross So. 5-10 180 PS#107. 4 rec (19.5) as rFr. Charlie Vample (6-1 180 rFr) PS#118, given jersey "#1". Jeff Henderson (6-1 196 Jr) is a Morehead St trans.

TE AJ LUCIUS JR. 6-3 242 14 sts LY, 3 rec (11.3), **835 squat**, solid blk'r. Dennis Hart (6-3 220 Sr) 32 rec at JC in '01 & 10 rec here (13.8) LY. Russ Owens (6-4 262 Sr) PS#404JC.

C JOSH SHNEYDEROV SR. 6-2 272 2000 CUSA Fr Tm. 12 sts in '01, **Top OL Award**. 13 sts LY, 225 bench 25x, 690 squat. Joel Yakovac (6-2 294 So) 1 st LY, 2nd string, CUSA Fr Tm.

RG TRAVIS McGEE SR. 6-3 301 JC. 11 sts at RG LY. 400 bench. Adam Shorter (6-6 286 Jr) PS#228. 2 sts LY, 660 squat. Ryan Brown (6-2 298 So) PS#191. Matt Webster (6-3 254 So).

LG KYLE TAKAVITZ JR. 6-4 299 12 gms in '01, CUSA Fr Tm. 14 sts at LT LY, 715 squat. Matt Mercer (6-3 298 Jr) PS#249. 3 sts at DT, 9 tkls LY. Jeff Reinstatler (6-2 275 rFr).

RT Anthony Colton Sr. 6-3 294 PS#342JC. 12 games here in '02, 1 start. Steve Eastlake (6-6 287 Jr) 650 squat. 2 games LY, 375 bench. Richard Deutch (6-5 319 So).

LT Clint Stickdorn Jr. 6-6 299 5 gms in '01. 14 gms as 2nd string LT LY. Jeremy Schlicher (6-6 285 Jr) 775 squat. 3 gms in '02. **Frank Straub** (6-6 305 rFr) **is PS#75.**

K Chet Ervin So. 6-3 171 PS#58K. 20 FG's in HS, L/53. 66 punts LY, K in '03. Jordan Lear hit 4 of 5 FG's with L/53 LY in HS. Kyle McDaniel hit 6 of 7 FG as a HS senior.

DE Andre Frazier Jr. 6-5 213 3 sts in '01, 47 tkls, 4.5 sks, 6 tfl. 6 sts LY, 62 tkls, 6 sks, 6 tfl. Adam Roberts (6-3 242 So) 16 tkls, 5 tfl LY. Donald Germany (6-0 218 So) Scout MVP.

DT Lonnie Simmons Jr. 6-3 295 PS#92. **Mich St trans**. 2 tkls, 1 tfl at MSt in '01. Ka'Son Love (6-2 267 Sr) 48 tkls, 10 sts, 12 tfl at JC in 2000. 24 tkls, 3 tfl in '01, 190 plays. Inj'd LY.

DT Mike Wright Jr. 6-5 267 Ashland College trans. One of strongest here. Proj starter LY, then inj. John Feaster (6-1 277 Sr) PS#245JC. 45 tkls at JC in '01. 61 snaps, 5 tfl here LY.

DE TRENT COLE JR. 6-4 227 PS#92. "Scrap Iron". PQ. 10 sts LY, 87 tkls, 5 sks, 7 tfl. Tommy Simpson (6-4 205 Sr) PS#397 JC. 7 tkls, 1 sk LY. Jamie Wimmer (6-4 274 rFr).

OLB Jason Russell Sr. 6-2 207 PS#187WR. 7 tkls in '01. 2 sts LY, 58 tkls, 1 sk, 7 tfl LY, 476 snaps. Kenwood Lattimore (6-4 223 So) PS#240QB. Akanni Turner (6-1 200 Jr) PS#282.

MLB Jamar Enzor Jr. 6-1 222 11 tkls, 79 plays in '01. 486 snaps LY, 91 tkls, (#1 LB) 4.5 sks, 10 tfl. Mike Brown (6-2 219 So) 9 tkls. Jermaine Wilson (6-0 209 Jr) 21 tkls, 2Y. bench, 225 bench 29x. Jamey Murphy (6-2 229 Jr) 49 tkls, 1 st, 357 snaps, 2 tfl in 2002.

OLB TYJUAN HAGLER SR. 6-2 220 13 sts in '02, 79 tkls, 3 sks, 15 tfl, 1 int, 4 pbu, 440

CB ZACH NORTON SR. 6-0 184 9 sts, 46 tkls, 3 int, 12 pbu in '01. 14 sts LY, 52 tkls, 6 tfl, 2 int, 17 pbu. 4.46 spd. John Bowie (5-11 173 rFr) PS#285. Brian Dodd (5-9 177 rFr).

CB Daven Holly Jr. 5-11 179 **4.39 spd**. 5 rec at WR in '01. 17 tkls at CB LY. Thaddeus Lewis (5-10 169 Sr) PS#344JC. 10 tkls, 54 snaps LY. Marvin Allen (5-11 190 Sr) PS#239.

SS DOUG MONAGHAN JR. 6-3 210 #1 tkl'r as true (115), 2 int, 4 pbu, 699 plays. Was #1 LY but inj. 12 sts, 88 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu. Jon Zwitt (5-11 203 So) PS#192. John Hinson (6-0 181 Sr) 5 tkls.

FS Franklin Callicott Sr. 5-11 195 PS#353JC. 2 sts here LY, 53 tkls w/36 in 2 sts! 10.7 in 100m. James Julian (5-11 186 Sr) PS#237JC, 4.42 spd, 11 tkls. Brandon Callicott (5-8 161 rFr).

P JORDAN LEAR FR. 6-7 225 PS#52. Avg 40.8 on punts in HS LY, 68% KO's were TB's. **Chet Ervin** 66 punts, 38.0 avg, 31.3 net here LY. Kyle McDaniel (6-2 200 Jr) 41.1 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

RB	Terry Arnold 5-10 190 PS#84
WR	Bill Poland 6-3 180 PS#119
DL	Jon Newton 6-3 270 PS#194
QB	Todd Spitzer 6-5 220 PS#139
RB	Greg Moore 6-2 210 PS#172
DL	Chris Flores 6-2 230 PS#233
QB	Mike Daniels 5-7 185 PS#182
WR	Hannibal Thomas 6-3 205 PS#211JC
LB	Anthony Williams 6-1 190 PS#262
WR	Cedric Dawley 6-1 210 PS#215JC
OL	J.P. Simon 6-6 300 PS#358
K	Jordan Lear 6-7 225 PS#52
LB	Derrik Haithcock 6-1 230 PS#298
OL	Jon Tobin 6-3 290 PS#386

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#100

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UC	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 1	E Carolina (Mon)	A						Cincinnati is 2-6 SU & ATS vs Tulane. Cincinnati has never beaten W Virginia going 0-11-1 SU all-time. UC is 11-5 ATS their last 16 away on grass since 1998.
Sep. 6								UC is 8-2 SU & ATS the last 10 CUSA home games. Cincy is 3-9 SU but 8-4 ATS vs E Carolina the last 12 since 1989.
Sep. 13	at W Virginia	A						UC is 12-4 ATS their last 16 after a bye. Cincy is 5-21-1 SU & 9-18 ATS in September road games the last 27.
Sep. 20	Temple	A						The favorite is 4-0 ATS in the Cincinnati/Temple matchup. Cats are 7-3 ATS in non-conference home games the last 4 years.
Sep. 27	at Miami, Oh	G						Cincy is 2-4 ATS their last 6 trips to Oxford (just a 35 mile trip). The home team has covered 7 of 11 in this series.
Oct. 4	S Mississippi	A						Bearcats are 3-5 SU but 6-2 ATS vs S Miss their last 8 meetings. The road team is 4-2 ATS & the dog is 5-1 ATS in this series.
Oct. 11	at UAB	G						Cincinnati is 2-5 ATS in CUSA road openers. The favorite is 1-4 ATS in this series.
Oct. 18								They first met in 1963 & this is only their 6th meeting. The Cats are 2-1 SU but 0-3 ATS vs the Black Knights.
Oct. 25	Army	A						This is USF's 1st year in CUSA; they were 9-2 SU as an Independent LY. UC is 7-23 SU their L/30 away in Nov, but 11-4 ATS L/15 that were lined.
Nov. 1	at S Florida	G						Rhode Island was 3-9 SU in the Atlantic 10 in 2002 in Div IAA action. Cincy is 14-8 SU & 13-6-1 ATS since 1990 at home in November.
Nov. 8	Rhode Island	A						Bearcats are 9-3 ATS in the 1st of 2+ road games since 1993. In their only meeting LY, UC trailed 29-14 w/6:00 left, but won 36-29 in OT.
Nov. 15	at TCU	G						UC is 7-3 ATS in their last lined road game of the year since 1993. The visitor has covered 5 of 7 in this series.
Nov. 22	at Memphis	G						Cincy is 1-4 SU & ATS vs the Cardinals since 1998. The Bearcats are 7-2-1 ATS in their last 10 home finales.
Nov. 29	Louisville	A						

RICK MINTER (Career 48-56-1)
10th Year at Cincinnati

Minter's records AT CINCINNATI

48-56-1 Straight Up	15-12-1 Home Favorite
53-44-1 Vs The Spread	12-11 Home Dog
28-20 Off A SU Loss	7-11 Away Favorite
29-23 Vs Conference	19-10 Away Dog
	24-21-1 Vs Non-Conf

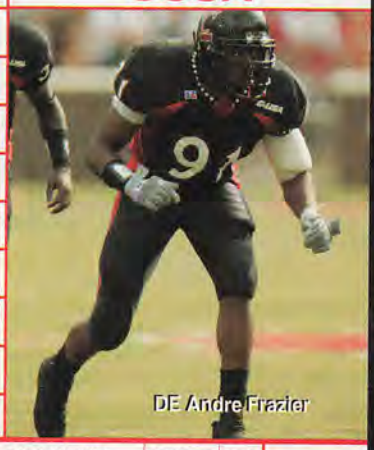
2002 RECORD: (7-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (19,25,2)
Lost: 21 (8,10,3)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 28,071

CUSA


DE Andre Frazier

STADIUM: NIPPERT STADIUM (35,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	7-4	2-9	3-8	7-4	7-4	7-6	39-40
ATS	6-3-1	4-7	4-7	6-4	7-4	6-5	9-4	42-34-1
Home Fav	3-2-1	2-3	0-0	1-1	3-1	2-1	3-3	14-11-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	2-4	1-2	2-0	2-1	1-0	8-8
Away Fav	0-0	1-3	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-3	2-1	5-8
Away Dog	3-1	1-0	1-2	4-1	1-3	2-0	3-0	15-7
Favorite	3-2-1	3-6	1-1	1-1	4-1	2-4	5-4	19-19-1
Dog	3-1	1-1	3-6	5-3	3-3	4-1	4-0	23-15
Grass	2-0	1-2	1-2	4-1	1-2	2-2	4-0	15-9
Artificial	4-3-1	3-5	3-5	2-3	6-2	4-3	5-4	27-25-1
vs CUSA	4-1	1-5	2-4	2-4	4-3	4-3	6-2	23-22
vs Non-CUSA	2-2-1	3-2	2-3	4-0	3-1	2-2	3-2	19-12-1
Off SU Win	3-1-1	1-6	1-0	1-1	5-1	3-3	4-2	18-14-1
Off SU Loss	4-1	3-0	2-5	4-3	2-2	2-2	4-2	21-15

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
DeMarco McCleskey	315	1413	52	1361	15	4.3
Richard Hall	59	284	20	264	3	4.5
Tedric Harwell	45	181	16	165	0	3.7
George Murray II	25	121	37	84	0	3.4
Gino Guidugli	69	187	160	27	3	0.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Gino Guidugli	472	258	54.7	3543	22	21
George Murray II	10	5	50.0	57	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jon Olinger	54	1114	20.6	7	78	
LaDaris Vann	71	844	11.9	5	40	
Tye Keith	49	660	13.5	4	49	
DeMarco McCleskey	32	368	11.5	2	39	
George Murray II	26	278	10.7	2	31	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Chet Ervin	66	2511	38.0	58	31.3	1	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jonathan Ruffin	44-46	9-9	7-8	3-5	0-0	19-22	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Antwan Peek	100	6	15	5	0
Ivan Fields	95	1	1	10	3
Jamar Enzor	91	4.5	10	6	1
Doug Monaghan	88	0	1	6	1
Trent Cole	87	5	7	1	0
Willis Edwards	86	0	4	0	0
Tyjuan Hagler	79	3	15	4	1
DeMarcus Billings	76	3	3	0	0
Derrick Adams	74	1.5	10	1	0
Jason Hunt	73	2	5	3	0
Andre Frazier	62	6	6	0	0
Jason Russell	58	1	7	3	0
Blue Adams	55	0	0	17	6
Franklin Callicott	53	0	0	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tye Keith	36	280	7.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tedric Harwell	12	287	23.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
50	Sun	NL	W Texas A&M	13-14	–
97	Humanitarian	-2'	Utah St	35-19	W
00	Motor City	-2'	Marshall	14-25	L
01	Motor City	+4	Toledo	16-23	L
02	New Orleans	-7'	North Texas	19-24	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

CINCINNATI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	29.2	20	137	3.5	261	54.4	13.6	+1	2002	8	23.5	18	138	3.6	180	51.5	13.5
4	28.0	22	135	3.4	271	58.2	14.5	+4	2001	5	24.2	20	189	4.7	199	53.2	16.1
10*	24.1	20	137	3.4	214	51.4	14.6	+12	2000	8	23.8	19	143	3.8	225	58.7	15.5
3*	25.0	23	172	4.5	252	53.0	17.0	+2	1999	3	26.3	20	177	4.4	207	53.4	14.6
6*	23.5	22	174	4.1	244	54.0	17.8	-17	1998	6	41.5	21	240	5.8	240	58.1	11.7
9*	26.8	18	216	3.9	121	47.3	12.6	+7	1997	6	21.0	18	82	2.8	251	50.5	15.9

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
TCU	22	37-122	3.3	18-38	287	2	14	35-97	2.8	20-31	253	2	-2
West Virginia	21	37-137	3.7	20-32	275	1	27	55-334	6.1	16-24	189	1	-1
† Ohio St	20	23-91	4.0	26-52	324	2	16	38-163	4.3	14-29	129	4	0
at Temple	24	41-83	2.0	24-39	312	1	16	32-111	3.5	16-33	213	2	0
Miami, Oh	22	27-89	3.3	27-48	353	4	23	34-161	4.7	28-38	253	3	-1
at Tulane	19	39-136	3.5	23-38	299	6	15	36-92	2.6	14-23	163	4	-4
at S Mississippi	22	60-263	4.4	13-30	146	3	11	32-119	3.7	7-22	92	2	-1
Memphis	27	53-213	4.0	21-34	225	1	14	27-47	1.7	16-31	173	0	+4
at Louisville	15	50-115	2.3	9-23	120	1	12	33-70	2.1	12-32	106	4	+2
Houston	21	42-205	4.9	16-26	287	1	18	47-92	2.0	13-28	201	1	+3
at Hawaii	17	38-136	3.6	19-41	231	0	21	22-56	2.5	28-52	275	2	+2
UAB	17	34-82	2.4	14-22	243	1	19	63-239	3.8	6-17	49	4	+1
at E Carolina	21	35-159	4.5	15-28	323	1	27	40-161	4.0	21-45	297	4	+1
† N Texas	15	29-85	2.9	19-34	224	1	15	43-192	4.5	9-22	126	1	-3
TOTALS	283	545-1916	3.5	264-485	3649	25	248	537-1934	3.6	220-427	2519	34	+1
AVERAGES	20.2	39-137	3.5	19-35	261	1.8	17.7	38-138	3.6	16-31	180	2.4	0.1

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulane	+3	34-52	L
Miami, Fl	+13'	12-38	L
at Army	-2'	20-37	L
Indiana	+3	14-48	L
at Louisville	+14	19-62	L
at Syracuse	+42'	21-63	W
at Memphis	+10'	23-41	L
Miami, Oh	+14	0-41	L
E Carolina	+14'	21-24	W
Houston	+10	44-43	W
at Arkansas St	-4	51-7	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kent St	-19	41-3	W
Troy St	NL	24-31	–
Wisconsin	+27	17-12	W
at Ohio St	+33	20-34	W
at Houston	+6'	20-23	W
UAB	-6	21-24 OT	L
at S Mississippi	+17'	20-28	W
at Miami, Oh	+4	52-42	W
Louisville	+1	13-23	L
at E Carolina	+10	34-48	L
Memphis	+2	13-21	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Army	-14	23-17	L
Syracuse	+7'	12-10	W
at Wisconsin	+14'	25-28 OT	W
at Indiana	+5	6-42	L
at Tulane	+3'	19-24	L
Houston	-5	48-31	W
at Louisville	+6	24-38	L
Miami, Oh	-5	45-15	W
UAB	-5'	33-21	W
at Memphis	-2	13-10	W
S Mississippi	+5	27-24	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Purdue	+8	14-19	W
at Army	-5	24-21	L
at Miami, Oh	-2'	14-21	L
Tulane	-10	46-33	W
at UAB	+7'	31-17	W
at Houston	-10'	29-28	L
Louisville	+3'	13-28	L
Connecticut	-25	45-28	L
E Carolina	+7'	26-28	W
at Memphis	+3'	36-34	W
UL Monroe	-26'	42-10	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
TCU	-3'	36-29 OT	W
W Virginia	-4'	32-35	L
† Ohio St	+18'	19-23	W
at Temple	-4'	35-22	W
Miami, Oh	-5'	26-31	L
at Tulane	-4'	17-35	L
at S Mississippi	+10	14-23	W
Memphis	-6'	48-10	W
at Louisville	+9	24-14	W
Houston	-14'	47-14	W
at Hawaii	+3'	19-20	W
UAB	-17	31-23	L
at E Carolina	-7'	42-26	W

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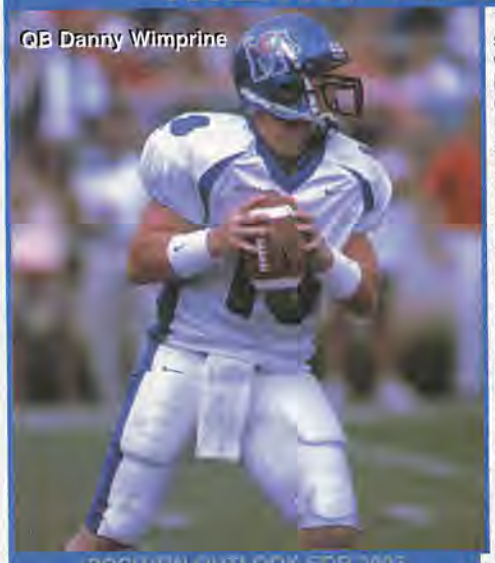
QB Danny Wimprine

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001, the first year of the spread offense, QB Travis Anglin was moved to WR and Danny Wimprine threw for 1,329 yards (52%) with a 14-4 ratio in 5 starts. In the second year Wimprine started all 12 games throwing for 2,820 yards (54%) with a 23-18 ratio. Wimprine's backup at the start of last season was JUCO Jeff Hilliard. However, when Wimprine suffered a sprained neck in the 2H vs S Miss it was true frosh Maurice Avery (PS#54) who came off the bench. Avery was used mostly as a runner with 27 rush attempts (9 passes). Avery's first action saw him finish off a 75 yard drive by running 3 times for the final 10 yards. He was also used as a WR to get on the field and was moved to the position permanently this spring. While the team suffered through a spate of dropped passes vs Louisville and Miss St, Wimprine is already the #3 career passer here in just 2 years as a starter. West nearly took the redshirt off of Patrick Byrne (PS#131) last year. This year they add in Bobby Robinson (PS#43JC) who threw for 1737 yards (48%) with 23 TD's at JUCO last year. It is now the third year of the offense and Wimprine is now a junior.

RUNNING BACKS - Tommy West originally signed Dante Brown at Clemson and convinced him to sign here as a JC transfer. Brown, who at 215 pounds, had good speed and elusive moves, led the team in rushing with 902 yards (4.9) in 2001. Last year his top three backups out of the spring were lost due to a transfer, injury or academics. True frosh DeAngelo Williams (PS#66) became the backup and runs the 100m in 10.81 (which was an Arkansas state HS record). He got off to a great start on the season with three 100 yard games in the teams first four and after Tulane was #1 in the NCAA averaging 9.3 ypc rushing. He missed a couple of games due to injury but still ended up leading the team in rushing with 684 yards (6.6). Brown did not have quite the season expected as he had 10 starts and 562 yards (4.2). This year they must replace Brown as well as Andrew Harden (10 yds) and Henry Oduah (12 yds). The big news is that Williams is back to fight LSU transfer Derron Parquet (PS#29) for the starting spot. They also get a good sized and aptly named true frosh in Taz Knockum (PS#98). Not listed below are Torrian Lewis (5-9 225 Jr), Sir Ernest (5-10 180 So) and LaKendus Cole (5-9 185 So). Also adding his 4.38 speed into the backfield is Brian Davis (6-0 185 rFr, PS#179DB) who moved from CB in the spring. Despite the loss of Brown, I look for improved rushing numbers and this should be one of CUSA's top RB corps.

RECEIVERS - Last year Memphis returned 6 players with starting experience while losing 2 WR's who combined for 17 starts and 64 rec's including their #1 man. They then lost TE Jeff Cameron who had 8 starts in 2001 prior to the year. They did get a big-time addition in TE John Doucette (PS#19) who impressed the staff enough that they moved two other backup TE's to different positions. They had another solid addition in JUCO Tavares Gideon who became the team's #2 receiver with 42. While he didn't remind anyone of Isaac Bruce (who played here in 1993), Travis Anglin led the team with 55 catches (13.5) in his first full year at WR. WR Antoine Harden started off with 50 and 72 yard TD receptions in two early games and at one point led CUSA with a 21.2 ypc. He finished with 608 yards receiving (16.4) but he was an unexpected loss as he was kicked off the team after his participation in a brawl vs TCU. Harden and Anglin (#7DC of DET) depart as does WR Tripp Higgins (6 sts, 9 rec). I list the 2 deep below and there is some talent available. Interestingly, this year there are no WR's on the roster under six foot tall. The WR's had just 5 TD's in 2000 but had 18 in 2001 and 22 last year but with the top two guys gone, I'll call this unit down some in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Tigers OL paved the way for 3.6 ypc rushing while allowing just 18 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter and had seven players back with starting experience. They once again averaged 3.6 ypc rushing but this time allowed 24 sacks (64 more passes). This year the losses are heavy. Gone are C Jimond Pugh (12 sts, 3 yr st'r, 1st Tm CUSA), RG Joe Gerda (12 sts), RT Donald Marshall (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Wade Smith (12 sts, 2 yr st'r, #3DC of MIA), RT Doug Whittaker (3 sts), LG Eric Anderson (10 games), LT Baki Celaj (2 gms) and RG Matt Gehrke (5 gms). Only one player returns with starting experience but they do add a large VHT, Willie Henderson (PS#19DL) who moved from the DL in the spring. They do have some JUCO's to plug in but overall this group looks a lot less experienced and will definitely take some time to gel.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Tommy West's first year at Memphis, acting as DC, the Tigers had the #1 rush D in the country allowing just 73 ypg and an outstanding 2.3 ypc. In 2001 they slipped to 3.8 ypc rushing while the team recorded just 28 sacks. Last year they appeared to be in great shape with all four starters returning. Unfortunately, their star, Albert Means (PS#3) was ruled academically ineligible and two backups were also lost. The Tigers allowed 4.4 ypc rushing and recorded just 20 sacks to rank last in CUSA. This year the team must replace DT Tony Brown (12 sts, 72 tkls, 12 tfl, 2nd Tm CUSA), DE Mowbray Rowand (7 sts, 28 tkls, 5 tfl), NT Shakorr Bryant (5 sts, 22 tkls, 2 sks) and DT Boris Penchion (5 sts, 28 tkls, 2 tfl). Despite the losses, this group is in great shape as five return with starting experience. Not even listed below is LaVale Washington (6-1 255 So) who had 18 tackles as a true frosh and they move in starting MLB Shaka Hill to one DE spot. This group should excel in Joe Lee Dunn's new defensive schemes.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the team had to replace one starter and one backup from the LB unit. During the seventh game, DeMarquis "Coot" Terry, who was leading the team in tackles, was lost for the season with a broken ankle and Greg Harper broke a bone in his leg after five starts. Only OLB Derrick Ballard was able to start the entire year and he was voted 2nd Team CUSA. This year the unit is in great shape. The only loses are Shaka Hill (moves to DE) and Vincent Brown (30 tkls, 3 tfl). The backups are very experienced should the injury bug strike again. Not listed below is Will Hyden (6-1 213 Sr, 4 tkls) and Charles Davis (6-0 225 Jr, PS#201). This is another group that should flourish in Joe Lee Dunn's schemes and be much more effective in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000 Memphis finished #22 in my pass D rankings and their four starters were all in NFL camps at the start of last year. The 2001 group also finished an impressive #26 in my pass D rankings. Last season they had just two starters returning and both actually lost their jobs prior to the season so the secondary had a brand new look. With such little experience they played very little man-to-man defense early in the year. True frosh O.C. Collins started the last 11 games and he has outstanding size and speed. Their top cover CB, Anthony Harden, got in just two starts before injury. Overall the unit dropped to #55 allowing 60.1% completions but with only a 14-12 ratio. This year they only lose CB Henry Washington (12 sts, 72 tkls) who unexpectedly quit the team in the spring. Also gone are CB Anthony Harden (2 sts, 13 tkls) and SS Elijah Bell (2 sts, 29 tkls). Basically three full-time starters return with five players with starting experience. The group also adds in a couple of speedy frosh at CB, a JUCO who originally signed at Arkansas and VHT Derron Johnson (PS#22) who missed last year. I look for solid improvement in the pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Tigers have blocked 25 kicks over the last seven years but did not have any punt blocks last season. They looked to be in pretty good shape going into last year after finishing #74 in 2001, as they had most of their key players back. P James Gaither had a solid season in 2001 averaging 40.6 with a 35.2 net but struggled last year with very little hang time. While he averaged 40.3, his net was 29.4 and at the end of the season they went to the sprint punting of Danny Wimprine and Maurice Avery who combined for 27 punts and raised the net punting up to 32.0 at season's end. Since both players are QB's they have the option of a fake as they sprint out and it was very effective. Stephen Gostkowski (PS#22) was slated to handle the KO duties but a groin injury to Bama transfer Danny Haynes (PS#7) saw him take over the FG's as well. He hit 9 of 14 FG's with a long of 50 although the team was last in CUSA in PAT percentage. Haynes will contend this year. Wimprine and Avery will have to battle another QB, Patrick Byrne for the punting duties but JUCO Brandon Roberson will likely win the job. Top PR Darron White (8.4) is back and so is DeAngelo Williams who averaged 23.3 on KR's. Last year's unit finished #106 in my special teams rankings and should improve greatly.

COACHES - Chuck Stobart was let go after three straight 6-5 seasons and since then the team has failed to achieve a winning record. The team yielded a TD with :04 left in the finale against Cincinnati in Tommy West's first year and they finished 5-6 just missing out on a winning season. West made an outstanding hire this year as he brings in new DC Joe Lee Dunn, who I feel is one of the best in the business. Dunn has been the DC for three different SEC teams, most recently Miss St. The OC is Randy Fichtner who is in his third year at that position after being the OC at Arkansas St from '97 to 2000.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Memphis has not had a seven win season since 1976. They narrowly missed a winning season and a bowl bid in 2001, a season they were +7 in turnovers. Last year they went -14 in turnovers and plummeted to 3-9 including a 2-6 mark in league play. Interestingly, in four losses vs teams that are in CUSA this year, UM had the FD edge. UM was only outscored by 24 points overall for the season and only outgained by 8 ypg. Last year's Memphis team had 17 starters back and 51 lettermen, both tops in the conference! This year the losses are much heavier with just 36 lettermen and 12 starters back. I like the talent they have at the skill position but the O-line is the major question mark of this year's team. The defense looks to be in great shape with 8 starters back. UM does lose 27 lettermen which is the most in he league but a much improved defense and seven home games on the schedule gives Memphis a shot at avoiding yet another losing season and they are a darkhorse contender in CUSA play.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB DANNY WIMPRINE JR. 6-1 216 17 sts, 4149 yds, 37-22 ratio, 613 rush yds (53%), 2Y. Bobby Robison (6-3 205 Jr) PS#42JC. Patrick Byrne (6-1 190 rFr) PS#131.
TB DeAngelo Williams So. 5-10 205 PS#66. 2 sts as **true**. #1 w/684 yds & super 6.6 ypc. **Derron Parquet** (6-0 200 Jr) **PS#29**. 117 yds, 7 games at **LSU**. Taz Knockum PS#98.
WR Maurice Avery So. 6-1 195 PS#54QB. 121 yds as true. LaDarius Price (6-0 175 Jr) PS#132. PQ. 4 rec (5.5), 8 gms LY. Darren Garcia (6-1 190 Sr) 5 sts, 26 rec 2Y, 4.47 spd.
WR DARRON WHITE JR. 6-0 190 PS#292. 4 sts, 34 rec (12.4) as **true**. 9 sts LY, 40 rec (8.6). Von Webb (6-0 175 Jr). 2 sts in 2002, 10 rec (16.6). **Track team** 4x100 relay.
WR Tavares Gideon Sr. 6-4 215 PS#123JC. 1 start, **#2 rec** w/42 (11.1). Chris Kelley (6-2 190 Jr) 21 rec (24.3) at JUCO LY. In for spring. Tavarious Davis (6-1 180 Jr).
TE JOHN DOUCETTE SO. 6-2 262 PS#19TE. 7 sts as **true**, 5 rec (8.8), CUSA Frosh Team. **WR** Mario Pratcher (6-4 200 Fr) PS#236 in 2002. Ryan Scott PS#217.
C Bobby Garafolo Jr. 6-3 305 PS#435JC. LT at JC. In for spring. Gene Frederic (6-4 275 Jr) PS#533OL. 11 gms as LS in '01. OT LY, lost LS duties. Off's MIP in spg.
RG David Davis Jr. 6-4 285 PS#165JC. All MS at JUCO. #3RG in 2002 but redshirted. Blake Butler (6-3 280 rFr) PS#397. Abraham Holloway PS#318OL.
LG ANDREW HANDY JR. 6-2 285 PS#260OL. 30 snaps, 3 games as true. 9 starts in 2002, 405 bench. 2L. Jason Matthews (6-3 300 Jr) PS#442JUCO, in for spring.
RT Jason Johnson Jr. 6-4 254 PS#145TE. 1 start at TE as rFr. 6 games, 2 rec at TE/OL LY. 305 bench, 4.89 spd. James Corder (6-6 315 So) PS#234OL. 2 games as rFr.
LT Willie Henderson rFr. 6-7 350 **PS#19DL**. Jeremy Rone (6-3 238 Jr) 2 tkls as rFr on DL. 4 gms at OT LY. 2nd string all yr, quick feet. Aaron Grimes PS#162.
K STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI SO. 6-1 195 PS#22K. 55 yd FG in HS. 9 of 14 FG's here as **true**. 32 of 37 xp's. 4 of 7 from 40+, long of 50. Danny Haynes (5-10 200 Sr) **PS#7**. Bama trans.

DE SHAKA HILL SR. 6-3 244 PS#60LB. 35 tkls, 1 tfl in '01. 5 sts at LB in '02, 53 tkls, 1 tfl, 365 bench. Marcus West (6-4 225 So) PS#99TE. 4 tkls LY. Haracio Colen (6-3 255 rFr).
DT ALBERT MEANS JR. 6-4 350 **PS#3!** 4 sts, 18 tkls at **Bama**. 7 sts, 51 tkls, 4 tfl here in 2001. Acad ineligible & RS last year. Greg Billingslea (6-3 245 So) 1 tkl as a rFr.
DT Kenyun Glover Jr. 6-3 272 PS#302. 6 sts, 22 tkls in 2001. 7 sts, 38 tkls, 5 tfl in 2002. **Eric Taylor** (6-3 283 Sr). 8 starts, 32 tkls, 4 tfl in 2001. 5 sts, 3 tfl last year.
DE Treveco Lucas Sr. 6-1 244 2 starts in '01. 47 tkls, 7 tfl. 7 sts in 2002, 43 tkls, 4 sks. Tyus Jackson (6-3 250 Jr) PS#331JC. David McNair (6-3 235 Jr) PS#310 LB.
NLB DERRICK BALLARD SR. 6-2 205 PS#261. 7 sts as true, 62 tkls, 6 pbu. 7 sts in '01, 60 tkls, 8 tfl. 12 sts LY, 2nd Tm CUSA, 101 tkls, 13 tfl. Tim Goodwell (6-2 210 So) PS#212, 4 tkls as true.
MLB COOT TERRY SR. 6-0 222 6 sts as rFr, 58 tkls, 4 sks, 4 tfl, 5 sts, 48 tkls in '01. 7 sts, #1 tkl'r when inj'd LY, 375 bench, 4.79 spd. Sheldon Taylor (6-2 220 So) PS#287, 25 tkls LY.
SLB GREG HARPER SR. 6-1 223 9 sts as rFr, 46 tkls, 8 pbu. 10 sts in '01, 73 tkls, 13 tfl. 5 sts LY (til inj). 37 tkls, 4 tfl. 435 bench. Robert Douglas (6-3 216 Jr) 7 sts, 39 tkls, 5 tfl.
CB CAMERON ESSEX JR. 5-11 170 3 sts as true, 31 tkls, 4 pbu. L/7 sts LY, 38 tkls, 4 pbu. Brian Davis (6-1 185 rFr) PS#179, **4.38 spd.** Moved to RB in spg. Olen Whitely (6-0 185 rFr) **4.35 spd.**
CB Tristan Thomas Jr. 6-1 175 PS#435. 20 tkls as true. 1 start in 2002, 15 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu. Lee Hayes (5-11 175 Jr) PS#305JC. Bo Arnold (5-10 175 Jr) PS#321DB.
ROV DERRON JOHNSON JR. 6-4 200 PS#22. 1 st at WR in '01, acad inel LY. Scott Vogel (6-1 190 Jr) 20 tkls as **true**. 10 sts LY, 71 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu. Jason Brown (5-10 186 Sr) PS#299. 4.43 spd.
FS O.C. COLLINS SO. 6-0 175 PS#150. L/11 sts as **true**, 75 tkls, 3 int, 3 pbu. CUSA Fr Tm. Cato Mott (5-10 180 So) PS#321, 3 tkls as **true**. Lionel Pieh (5-10 175 Jr) 13 tkls 2Y, 4.48 spd.
P Brandon Roberson Jr. 6-1 180 PS#479JC. 55 punts, 42.8 avg at JC in 2002. In for spring. Patrick Byrne (6-1 190 rFr) PS#131QB. 45.3 average in HS. Ryan Ivey (6-0 175 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

QB	Bobby Robison 6-3 205 PS#42JC
LB	Quintin Williams 6-2 225 PS#81
RB	Taz Knockum 6-2 205 PS#98
DB	Quinton McCrary 6-2 210 PS#122
OL	Aaron Grimes 6-3 295 PS#162
LB	Mike Snyder 6-2 220 PS#135
WR	Ryan Scott 6-4 205 PS#217
OL	Andy Smith 6-4 270 PS#310
OL	Abraham Holloway 6-4 320 PS#318
DL	Jamaal Rufus 6-3 210 PS#306
DB	Javar Pollard 6-0 200 PS#354
OL	Lane Garcia 6-3 255 PS#337
DB	Jamarcus Gaither 5-10 175 PS#364
DB	Lee Hayes 5-11 175 PS#305JC

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#80

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	Tennessee Tech	G					
Sep. 6	Mississippi	G					
Sep. 13	at S Mississippi	G					
Sep. 20							
Sep. 27	Arkansas St	G					
Oct. 4	UAB (HC)	G					
Oct. 11	at Mississippi St	G					
Oct. 18	at Houston	G					
Oct. 25	at Tulane	A					
Nov. 1	E Carolina	G					
Nov. 8							
Nov. 15	at Louisville	G					
Nov. 22	Cincinnati	G					
Nov. 29	S Florida	G					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Memphis has been outscored 105-29 their last 4 meetings vs Ole Miss.
Memphis is 8-5 ATS in road openers the last 13 seasons, 0-3 ATS L/3.
The Tigers are 0-6 SU but 5-1 ATS their last 6 visits to Louisville.

This will mark UM's 3rd consecutive home opener vs a Div IAA foe.
Tenn Tech was 5-7 overall, 0-2 vs Div IA & was outscored 99-13 in those gms.

The Tigers are 1-17 SU but 11-7 ATS vs the SEC since 1995.
UM is 6-12 ATS vs Ole Miss since 1980.

Tigers are 2-12 ATS vs S Mississippi since 1989.
In 18 meetings with SMS/'85, UM has avg'd just 11 ppg & held to single digits 10 times.

Memphis is 8-0-1 SU but just 3-6 ATS vs the Indians since 1990.
The Tigers are 8-5 ATS since 1991 as a non-conference home favorite.

The dog has covered each of the last 4 meetings.
Tigers are 7-0 ATS in CUSA home openers.

The Tigers are 2-4 SU & 5-1 ATS the last 6 stops in Starkville.
Memphis is 11-7-1 ATS vs Mississippi St since 1984 (0-3 ATS L/3).

Memphis is 2-4 SU & ATS in this series.
The Tigers are 3-6 ATS in their 2nd straight road game since 1994.

Could apply: Memphis is 7-2-1 ATS the L/10 as an AF on artificial turf.
Tigers are 12-2-2 ATS vs the Green Wave since 1983.

Memphis is 3-8 SU & ATS vs E Carolina since 1990.
UM is 7-12 SU & 6-13 ATS at home in November the last 19.

The dog is 9-1 ATS L/10 & the visitor is 9-4 ATS L/13 mtgs (0-3 ATS L/3).
Tigers are 1-12 SU & 5-7-1 ATS in their final road game.

The visitor is 5-2 ATS the last 7 series meetings.
The favorite has covered 6 of the last 9.

The Tigers are 3-11 ATS in home finales the last 14 years.
Memphis is 2-0 ATS with their 1st ever meeting in 2001.

TOMMY WEST (Career 43-50)
3rd Year at Memphis

West's records AT MEMPHIS

8-15 Straight Up	4-4 Home Favorite
10-11 Vs The Spread	2-0 Home Dog
7-5 Off A SU Loss	1-1 Away Favorite
7-8 Vs Conference	3-6 Away Dog
3-3 Vs Non-Conf	

2002 RECORD: **(3-9)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (12,21,3)
Lost: 27 (15,11,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 29,257

CUSA

FS Derrick Ballard

STADIUM: LIBERTY BOWL (62,380)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	4-7	2-9	5-6	4-7	5-6	3-9	27-51
ATS	4-7	5-5-1	6-5	7-4	4-7	5-5	5-6	36-39-1
Home Fav	1-1	3-2	2-1	0-2	1-1	2-2	2-2	11-11
Home Dog	1-3	0-1	3-0	2-2	2-2	1-0	1-0	10-8
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-3	1-0	0-1	3-4
Away Dog	2-3	2-2-1	1-4	4-0	0-1	1-3	2-3	12-16-1
Favorite	1-1	3-2	2-1	1-2	2-4	3-2	2-3	14-15
Dog	3-6	2-3-1	4-4	6-2	2-3	2-3	3-3	22-24-1
Grass	3-6	4-4	6-4	5-4	3-6	5-5	5-5	31-34
Artificial	1-1	1-1-1	0-1	2-0	1-1	0-0	0-1	5-5-1
vs CUSA	2-4	2-3-1	3-3	4-2	2-5	3-4	4-4	20-25-1
vs Non-CUSA	2-3	3-2	3-2	3-2	2-2	2-1	1-2	16-14
Off SU Win	1-3	0-3-1	2-0	3-1	1-3	2-3	1-2	10-15-1
Off SU Loss	3-3	4-2	4-4	3-3	3-3	3-1	4-4	24-20

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
DeAngelo Williams	103	721	37	684	5	6.6
Dante Brown	133	582	20	562	6	4.2
Maurice Avery	27	92	16	76	1	2.8
Danny Wimprine	98	247	207	40	2	0.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Danny Wimprine	435	235	54.0	2820	23	18

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Travis Anglin	55	740	13.5	5	51
Antoine Harden	37	608	16.4	5	72
Tavares Gideon	42	466	11.1	8	59
Darron White	40	343	8.6	2	30
Darren Garcia	19	204	10.7	0	30
Von Webb	10	166	16.6	0	50

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
James Gaither	35	1411	40.3	55	–	1	4
Danny Wimprine	19	728	38.3	55	–	0	9

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Stephen Gostkowski	32-37	0-2	5-5	3-6	1-1	9-14	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Derrick Ballard	101	3	10	7	3
O.C. Collins	75	0	0	3	3
Tony Brown	72	4	8	6	0
Henry Washington	72	0	1	1	0
Scott Vogel	71	0	3	4	2
Coot Terry	60	0	1	1	0
Shaka Hill	53	0	1	1	1
Treveco Lucas	43	4	0	1	0
Robert Douglas	39	2	3	1	0
Kenyun Glover	38	2	3	0	0
Cameron Essex	38	0	2	4	1
Greg Harper	37	0	4	1	0
Eric Taylor	30	1	2	2	0
Elijah Bell	29	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Darron White	36	301	8.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Antoine Harden	26	504	19.4	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
56	Burley	NL	E Tenn St	32-12	–
71	Pasadena	NL	San Jose St	28-9	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MEMPHIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	25.3	20	116	3.6	239	53.3	14.1	-14	2002	7	27.3	21	197	4.4	166	60.1	13.3
7*	26.7	17	137	3.6	190	55.7	12.2	+7	2001	5	25.5	21	153	3.8	230	52.6	15.0
5*	16.0	15	105	2.6	151	53.4	16.0	-6	2000	8	18.1	15	73	2.3	203	53.3	15.2
6*	21.1	16	134	3.5	159	50.7	13.9	-2	1999	6	16.5	17	144	3.3	170	52.0	19.0
7	20.5	17	140	3.9	187	45.9	15.9	+1	1998	8	30.9	22	174	4.3	281	60.5	14.7
8	19.8	17	110	2.8	215	52.8	16.4	-7	1997	4	22.1	18	165	4.0	162	58.2	14.8

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Murray St	30	34-267	7.9	24-33	255	1	13	42-210	5.0	13-25	75	1	0
at Mississippi	14	20-18	0.9	20-38	271	5	26	42-214	5.1	14-30	174	0	-2
at S Mississippi	10	34-130	3.8	9-19	153	3	31	56-356	6.4	17-25	168	2	-1
Tulane	21	47-242	5.1	11-25	153	2	19	40-106	2.7	22-34	190	5	+1
at UAB	24	35-68	1.9	22-40	259	2	23	47-223	4.7	13-22	167	0	-2
Louisville	24	37-98	2.6	22-45	261	2	16	38-132	3.5	21-31	177	3	-1
Mississippi St	17	19-58	3.1	25-48	288	0	19	49-197	4.0	19-29	149	1	-4
at Cincinnati	14	27-47	1.7	16-31	173	0	27	53-213	4.0	21-34	225	1	-4
Houston	22	31-88	2.8	24-44	342	2	21	49-179	3.7	15-23	210	1	0
at S Florida	27	30-48	1.6	33-55	320	5	23	42-173	4.1	24-36	246	2	-1
Army	26	48-218	4.5	22-36	216	1	11	25-44	1.8	11-28	123	2	0
at TCU	16	28-108	3.9	13-38	177	1	19	55-318	5.8	12-19	85	2	0
TOTALS	245	390-1390	3.6	241-452	2868	24	248	538-2365	4.4	202-336	1989	20	-14
AVERAGES	20.4	33-116	3.6	20-38	239	2.0	20.7	45-197	4.4	17-28	166	1.7	-1.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi	+10	10-30	L
Mississippi St	+10'	6-14	W
at Minnesota	+3'	14-41	L
at Houston	+2	14-35	L
Arkansas	+17'	9-23	W
Cincinnati	-10'	41-23	W
at Louisville	+13	32-35	W
Arkansas St	-12	35-19	W
Tulane	+16	31-41	W
at S Mississippi	+19	3-45	L
E Carolina	-2	31-34	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mississippi	+13	0-3	W
at Mississippi St	+13'	10-13	W
Arkansas St	-18	31-26	L
at Tennessee	+30'	16-17	W
Missouri	+2'	17-27	L
at UAB	+3	38-14	W
Louisville	+2	31-32	W
at Tulane	E	49-7	W
S Mississippi	+5	5-20	L
Army	-12	14-10	L
at Cincinnati	-2	21-13	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mississippi St	+5	3-17	L
UL Monroe	-17'	28-0	W
at Arkansas St	-7	19-17	L
at Army	-6'	26-16	W
at S Mississippi	+16'	3-24	L
E Carolina	+6'	17-10	W
at UAB	-2'	9-13	L
Houston	-9	30-33 3OT	L
Tennessee	+11	17-19	W
Cincinnati	+2	10-13	L
at Tulane	-2	14-37	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi St	+18'	10-30	L
Tenn-Chatt	NL	43-10	–
S Florida	-7'	17-9	W
at Louisville	+10'	21-38	L
S Mississippi	+8	22-17	W
at Houston	-7'	52-33	W
at E Carolina	+10	11-32	L
UAB	-1	14-17	L
at Tennessee	+24	28-49	W
Army	-16	42-10	W
Cincinnati	-3'	34-36	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Murray St	NL	52-6	–
at Mississippi	+8'	16-38	L
at S Mississippi	+11'	14-33	L
Tulane	-7	38-10	W
at UAB	-8'	17-31	L
Louisville	+10'	32-38	W
Mississippi St	-2'	17-29	L
at Cincinnati	+6'	10-48	L
Houston	-5	21-26	L
at S Florida	+16'	28-31	W
Army	-14'	38-10	W
at TCU	+14'	20-27	W

LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

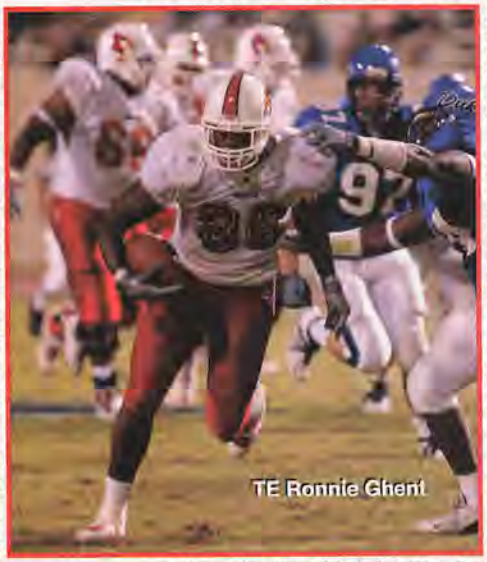
POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - John L. Smith had two great QB's in his brief five year tenure at Louisville. It started with Chris Redman who threw more career passes than anyone else in NCAA history. Dave Ragone (a lefty from Cleveland HS powerhouse St Ignatius) was bigger than Redman at 6-4 250 and added mobility to the position. Ragone was CUSA's Offensive POY in each of his first two years as the starter and in 2001 threw for 3,284 yards (61%) with a 26-8 ratio. Coming into the year he was the #2 rated QB for the upcoming draft and a Heisman candidate. Unfortunately Ragone had an inexperienced O-line and an injury and suspension plagued receiving corps and he did not have the type of year expected. As an example, in the first game he got knocked down 16 times by Kentucky. Also five times during the year the receiver at the end of his pass was tackled at the one yard line costing him five TD's. Ragone leaves (#3DC of HOU) as the career leader in wins here but his overall stats for his senior year were just 2,880 yards (53.7%) with a 24-11 ratio while rushing for 574 gross yards. It will be an interesting battle to replace him. Stefan LeFors (6-0 200 Jr) was PS#172 and one of the fastest players on the team. He's been the backup each of the last two years and has hit 8 of 16 for 112 yards with 18 yards rushing and was #1 out of the spring. Justin Rascati (6-2 215 rFr) has a strong arm and is more of a pocket passer who throws a tight spiral with great vision. Ragone called him "Chris Redman reincarnated" and he was impressive as the scout team QB last year. Gerry Ahrens (6-2 205 Sr) was PS#36. He originally transferred to Arkansas in 2001 but returned to UL and missed last year with a shoulder injury. New coaches like their own recruits and I project Michael Bush (PS#3) to be starting early in the year (provided he qualifies). I think UL has four good candidates for the QB job and they will benefit from a much more cohesive O-line. While overall the talent level is down, I can picture this unit putting up stats comparable to last year even with the loss of a player like Ragone.

RUNNING BACKS - Former coach Smith did a good job at developing RB's, mostly using big backs with some speed. In 2001 TJ Patterson led the team in rushing with 621 yards (4.5). Coming into last season Smith said that Patterson had the most experience of the three TB candidates, while Lionel Gates had the most athletic ability but ultimately Henry Miller won the job. Miller, an elusive back despite his size (6-0 223), had 222 yards (5.4) in 2001. He missed some time during the spring last year and did not see his first carry of the season until Duke when he had 92 yards in the 4Q and took over the starter's job. He would lead the team with 594 yards (4.3). Patterson was 2nd with 329 yards (3.5) while Gates chipped in 209 (2.9). You would figure with Miller gone, Gates and Patterson would battle for the starting job but it should go to Eric Shelton, a rare VHT here. Shelton, who has size (6-3 245) and track speed was PS#3 and transfers over from Florida St. He was very impressive on the scout team here last season until breaking his leg in October but he should be 100% this year and may be Louisville's most talented RB ever. As long as Shelton has the impact expected (he had 121 yds in spring game in 1H), this unit looks to be much improved in 2003.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Cards had to replace their top two receivers due to graduation. The two players who I projected as starters did not make it to two-a-days in August (acad and susp). Dontay Spillman led the team with 19 rec's after 4 games but then was suspended for most of the rest of the year. WR Antoine Harris fractured his foot during two-a-days and missed the first five games. Star TE Ronnie Ghent was injured vs Memphis and missed the final 7 games but still earned 1st Team CUSA honors for the third straight year. Damien Dorsey stepped up as the #1 receiver before getting injured vs UAB and missing the final two games. As you can tell there was little continuity. This year the unit must replace Dorsey (9 sts, 52, 14.5) and TE Tone' Slatter (6 sts, 2 rec). I list the 2 deep below and there are seven WR's who earned starts last year including Joshua Tinch. Tinch would have been rated higher out of HS but he did not play football his senior season as he was one of the country's top 50 basketball prospects. He plays on the UL basketball team. TE Ghent could become UL's sixth consecutive 1st Team CUSA TE. Also in the mix at WR is Tiger Jones (5-11 174 Jr) who has had 11 rec's in two years and Emanuel Hassell (5-11 185 rFr). This group should be much stronger in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - This unit was the big question mark heading into last season. The team averaged 3.2 ypc rushing and allowed 35 sacks in 2001 then last year had to replace four starters having only two players who each started seven games the previous year with experience. Dave Ragone spent a good portion of the year running away from pressure and was sacked 46 times with the line paving the way for just 3.1 ypc rushing. Two freshmen were starters last year. This year the line is in much better shape. Gone is G Jason Weathers (1 st), LT Jonta Woodard (1 st) and G Antoine Sims (11 sts, 2 yr st'r). Five players return who started five or more games in 2002 and six players have starting experience altogether. I look for this unit to be much more productive in 2003.


TE Ronnie Ghent

DEFENSIVE LINE - In John L Smith's first year the team allowed 5.1 ypc rushing but they made great strides almost every season. The team allowed 3.5 ypc rushing in 2001 while recording 46 sacks. Last year they had all 4 starters returning but DT Bobby Leffew missed four full games due to injury and parts of some others. The team also returned CUSA Defensive POY Dewayne White, who set a school record with 16 sacks in 2001. White got 10.5 sacks last year and his cohort at DE, Devon Thomas, added eight. Overall the Cards allowed just 2.9 ypc rushing although surprisingly the sack total dropped to 35 (still good). This year they must replace DE Thomas (59 tkls, 8 sks, 4 tfl, 13 sts), DE White (13 sts, 60 tkls, 10.5 sks, 6 tfl, 1st Tm CUSA, #2DC of TB), DT Keeshan Lowe (4 sts, 27 tkls, 4 tfl) and DL Brandon Cornell (6 tkls). I list a 3 deep below and there are some HT's in the group but with the loss of two very productive DL's, this group looks weaker than they did heading into last season.

LINEBACKERS - From 2000 to 2002 the team had to replace one starter from this unit each year. This season the losses are a little heavier. Gone are LB Chad Lee (13 sts, 94 tkls, 4 tfl), BAN Michael Brown (13 sts, 56 tkls) and 3rd string LB BJ Steele (9 tkls). Four of the top six do return including their #2 tackler, Rod Day (2nd Tm CUSA). I list the 2 deep below. No one in this group resembles Hall of Famer Tom Jackson, who is Louisville's all-time top LB and this year's group is a little less experienced overall.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2000 the Cards finished #3 in my pass D rankings and in 2001, despite having to replace two starters and numerous others, they only slipped to #7 recording 44 interceptions in the two years (tops in the NCAA). Last year all four starters returned so it looked like the top secondary in CUSA. Surprisingly the Cards dropped to #29 in my pass D rankings and while they allowed 48% they yielded 21 TD's and snagged just 9 interceptions. This year they must replace FS Anthony Floyd (98 tkls, 7 tfl, 13 sts, 2nd Tm CUSA), SS Curry Burns (12 sts, 121 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu, #7DC of HOU) and CB Chris Johnson (6 sts, 32 tkls, 6 pbu, #7DC of GB). Interestingly, Gannon had beaten out Burns for the starting SS spot vs EC but broke his hip in that start and missed the rest of the season. Ray Childs became the backup at that point so four of the five second stringers return. Gallishaw had 5 interceptions in 2001 but zero last year (he did have 14 pbu). This unit is not quite as experienced as it was heading into last season but probably won't drop too much in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Cards always had a strong special teams unit under Smith including a #16 finish in 2001 in my rankings. Last year they had their best season yet finishing #8. Not only did they block an amazing nine punts and numerous other FG's but Broderick Clark averaged a super 28.9 on KR's and Damien Dorsey an outstanding 15.4 on PR's. Clark, in fact, was named CUSA's Special Teams POY. Wade Tydlacka began the year as the punter but they moved kicker Nate Smith over to do rugby-style punts and while the averages for those two were just 35.5 and 37.5 the team had a respectable net of 33.0. The main men for blocking punts last year were Brandon Johnson and Curry Burns. While Burns departs, Johnson is back with his speed and long arms. Last year kicker Nathan Smith hit 12 of 19 FG's with a long of 52 after kicking 19 of 26 FG's with a long of 48 in his first two years here. Even though many key players return from last year's unit, it will be tough to match the fantastic numbers they posted.

COACHES - The Cards have one of the more inexperienced coaching staffs in the country as Bob Petrino, the head man, comes over after being OC at Auburn last year and has no experience as the top dog. Petrino was here at Louisville in 1998 in the OC position and the Cards led Div IA with 513 ypg total offense and 39.4 ppg. His OC, Paul Petrino, has only been a QB coach at S Miss the past few years and has no OC experience. DC Mike Gillhamer has spent the last two years as Oregon's DB coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

John L. Smith inherited a 1-10 team and guided them to five straight bowl games including a pair of CUSA Titles. In 2001, despite their 11-2 record they only outgained foes by 40.3 ypg and benefitted from +10 in turnovers. They came into last season ranked 17th in the AP poll, which was their highest preseason ranking ever and did manage to beat #5 ranked (at the time) Florida St. Proving my "Turnovers=Turnaround" theory, the Cardinals were not as fortunate last year going -15 in turnovers and finished just 7-6 on the season including 5-3 in league play. Last year's offense struggled with an inexperienced O-line but still put up 28.8 ppg although just 333 ypg. They must break in a brand-new QB but have a much more stable OL and should still be productive. My main concern (beside QB) is on the defense where they essentially lose six big-time starters. Another unknown this year is the brand-new coaching staff and new schemes on both sides of the ball. Better things should be in the offing after last year's -15 in turnovers and this is still one of the more talented teams in CUSA. Anything can happen with the Cards this season, in fact, of the seven sets of power ratings I do at the start of the year, one of them has UL pegged as the best in the conference and another ranks them 9th. Overall this team is capable of getting to a sixth straight bowl game.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Michael Bush Fr. 6-3 230 **PS#3QB**. 2891 yds, 35 TD's at HS LY. Stefan LeFors (6-0 200 Jr) best running QB here. Justin Rascati (6-2 215 rFr) PS#121. Solid arm.

RB Eric Shelton So. 6-3 245 **PS#3RB**. 130 yds at **Florida St**. Lionel Gates (6-0 220 Jr) PS#119. 296 yds (2.9), 2Y. TJ Patterson (6-0 220 Sr) 1082 yds (4.1), 3 years.

WR James Taylor Jr. 6-2 181 **PS#9JUCO** & originally at **Michigan**. Victor Glenn (6-0 170 Sr) PS#116. 4 sts LY, 11 rec (11.9). Jimmy Riley (6-1 210 rFr) PS#127.

WR JOSHUA TINCH JR. 6-2 215 PS#148. UL hoops team. 7 sts LY, 33 rec (13.0). JR Russell (6-3 191 Jr) 5 sts, 24 rec (12.0) LY. Robert Haskins (5-6 143 So) 4 rec (11.2).

WR DONTAY SPILLMAN SR. 6-0 201 PS#117JC. 4 sts LY 20 rec (18.1). **Broderick Clark** (6-0 191 So) **CUSA Sp Tm's POY**. 4 sts LY. Antoine Harris (5-10 185 Jr) 5 sts, 21 rec in 2Y.

TE RONNIE GHENT SR. 6-3 255 **1st Tm CUSA 3 straight yrs!** 30, 38, 25 rec in 3Y. **Richard Owens** (6-5 275 Sr) PS#90TE. 8 sts LY, 20 rec (9.1). Chad Jorgensen (6-6 220 rFr) PS#39.

C DAN KOONS SR. 6-4 286 Last 7 starts at C in 2001. 13 starts at C in 2002, earned 2 letters. Michael Sturgeon (6-4 283 rFr) PS#409. Added 7 lbs this year.

RG JERRY SPENCER SR. 6-2 302 PS#55JC. In for spg LY & 13 sts at RT. Athletic. Will Rabatin (6-2 296 Jr) 5 sts @ OG as rFr. Missed 8 w/inj. Danny Barlowe is PS#474.

LG JASON SPITZ SO. 6-4 300 PS#242DL. 425 bench, 650 squat. 6 sts at G as rFr (miss 7 w/knee). PJ Tavarczky (6-3 290 rFr) PS#224. John Scarborough (6-0 319 rFr).

RT Jason Hilliard SR 6-6 340 2 starts at RG, earned 2 letters. Kurt Quarterman (6-5 360 So) PS#304. Added 10 lbs in '03. Devon May is PS#235. Josh Deer (6-6 315 Fr).

LT TRAVIS LEFFEW SO. 6-4 289 PS#82DL. DT in '01. 12 sts at LT, 1 at RG as rFr. CUSA Fr Tm. Brian Devine (6-4 290 Sr) 2nd string LY. Bubba Marshall (6-4 293 So) PS#351.

K NATHAN SMITH SR. 5-9 200 Hit 6 of 8 FG's, long of 41 in 2000. 13 of 18 FG's in 2001, L/48. Hit 12 of 19 FG's LY, long of 52, 40 of 41 on xp's. 1 miss was from 50+.

DT BOBBY LEFFEW JR. 6-5 281 PS#152. 12 sts as rFr, 42 tkls, 7 sks, 6 tfl. CUSA Fr Tm. 3 sts LY (inj), 21 tkls, 3 tfl. Renardo Foster (6-6 310 rFr) PS#67TE. Jeremy Seguin (6-2 276 So).

DE Montavious Stanley So. 6-2 299 PS#127DL. 16 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. Toe injury in 2002. Chad Pinkston (6-0 306 Sr) 6 tkls in 2Y. Brinson Harley (6-1 285 rFr).

DT SCOTT LOPEZ SR. 6-4 280 13 sts in '01, 14 tkls, 2 tfl. 12 sts LY, 23 tkls, 2.5 sks, 1 tfl. Tyrone Saterfield (6-2 320 Jr) PS#213OL. 7 sts, 19 tkls LY. Kraig Shelton (6-5 283 rFr) PS#320.

DE Elvis Dumervil So. 6-0 250 **PS#54DL**. 4.6 spd. 6 tkls, 2 tfl, 7 games as **true** start. John Cardoza (6-2 235 Jr). Antwan Denson (5-11 215 Jr). James Jackson (6-1 240 rFr).

LLB Robert McCune Jr. 6-1 240 14 tkls as rFr. 2 sts LY, 48 tkls, 1 tfl, 18 tkls in first 11 starts last year, 101 tkls, 4 tfl, **2nd Tm CUSA**. Jon Jackerson (6-1 230 Jr) PS#292DB.

MLB ROD DAY SR. 6-1 220 PS#287. 11 tkls as rFr. 1 st, 27 tkls, 2 tfl in 2001.

BAN James Greene Sr. 6-2 220 PS#173LB. 15 tkls, 1 tfl, 8 gms in '01 (inj). 9 tkls, 1 pbu LY. Brandon Johnson (6-5 210 So) PS#418. 19 tkls, 1.5 sks as rFr. Matt Sanders (6-2 242 rFr) PS#164.

CB JOSH MINKINS SR. 5-10 185 PS#269. 11 tkls in 2000. 11 sts, 32 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu in '01. 13 sts LY, 58 tkls, 2 int, 9 pbu. Domonique Dunbar (6-1 181 So) PS#280WR. Eric Miller is PS#173.

CB LARONI GALLISHAW JR. 6-0 215 13 sts in '01, 52 tkls, 5 int, 9 pbu, **2nd Tm CUSA**. 7 sts in '02, 37 tkls, 14 pbu (missed 3 gms). NFL caliber. JT Haskins (5-10 181 Sr) PS#160. 2 sts in '01.

SS Jon Gannon So. 5-11 197 PS#274. Scout Tm MVP in '01. Starter LY until inj. 1 st, 9 tkls. Brent Johnson (5-11 205 So) PS#291. 12 tkls, 2Y. Ray Childs (6-0 210 Jr) 3 tkls, 2Y.

FS Kerry Rhodes Jr. 6-3 210 PS#250QB. 10 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu in '01. 18 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu LY, 1 blk'd FG. Abe Brown (6-3 210 rFr) PS#81DB. Thomas Miller (6-3 200 Fr) PS#102.

P BRENT MOODY FR. 5-11 201 PS#16. 43.6 avg in HS LY. Nate Smith had 50 punts in 2002, 37.5 avg. **Wade Tydlacka** (6-0 210 Sr) 69 punts in '01, 40.3. 32 LY (35.5).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

QB	Michael Bush 6-3 230 PS#3
WR	B.J. Vickers 6-3 212 PS#25
QB	Ed Miller 6-0 195 PS#65
WR	Antwuan Giddens 6-5 190 PS#90
DB	Thomas Miller 6-3 200 PS#102
RB	Kolby Smith 6-0 202 PS#107
K	Brent Moody 5-11 201 PS#16
WR	Harry Douglas 5-11 175 PS#126
DB	Eric Miller 6-3 200 PS#173
DB	Todd Brigman 5-10 175 PS#183
OL	Devon May 6-4 265 PS#235
DL	Josh Williams 6-4 250 PS#219
OL	Shane Bailey 6-4 245 PS#295
WR	Johnathan Russell 6-3 190 PS#229

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#83

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UL	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Aug. 31	at Kentucky (Sun)	G					
Sep. 6							
Sep. 13	at Syracuse	A					
Sep. 20	UTEP	G					
Sep. 27	Temple	G					
Oct. 4	at S Florida	G					
Oct. 11	Army	G					
Oct. 18	Tulane	G					
Oct. 25	at E Carolina	G					
Nov. 1							
Nov. 8	at TCU	G					
Nov. 15	Memphis	G					
Nov. 22	Houston	G					
Nov. 29	at Cincinnati	A					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

UL is 24-8 SU in Papa John's Cardinal Stadium the last 5 years.
Louisville is 8-3 ATS the last 11 games as an away favorite.
Cardinals are 3-1 SU & 4-0 ATS the last 4 meetings with S Mississippi.

Louisville is 8-4 ATS the last 12 road openers.
UL is 3-1 SU & ATS the last 4 meetings vs Kentucky in Lexington.

Bonus: UL is 23-8 SU & 17-12 ATS on grass since 2000.

UL is 8-15 ATS on artificial turf the last 7 years.
Louisville is 9-5 ATS vs Big East foes since 1989.

The Cardinals are 2-10 ATS in their 1st lined home game the last 12 years.
Louisville is 5-11 ATS since 1995 in September home games.

This is the 1st meeting with the Owls since 1983.
Louisville is 0-3 SU in this series & has been outscored 96-33.

This will be the 1st meeting between these 2 new conference rivals.
Louisville is 4-1 ATS the last 5 away conference openers.

The home team has covered 4 of the last 5 meetings.
Louisville is 3-1 SU & ATS vs Army the last 4 meetings.

The home team has only covered 3 of the last 9 series meetings.
The Cardinals are 7-2 SU & 6-3 ATS vs Tulane since 1986.

These 2 teams have combined for 74.8 ppg in their 5 meetings.
The SU winner & visitor is 4-1 ATS L/5 series meetings which began in '97.

Louisville is 12-4 ATS in their last 16 November games.
UL is 0-2 SU & ATS vs TCU in this short series, losing both as favorites.

Louisville has not lost SU at home to Memphis since 1983 (45-7).
UL is 10-2 SU but 4-8 ATS the last 12 meetings vs Memphis.

Louisville is 4-1 ATS in their final home game since 1998.
The SU winner is 5-1 ATS the last 6 meetings.

The favorite is 5-1 ATS the last 6 years in this series.
Louisville is 7-4 ATS in their last 11 season finales.

BOBBY PETRINO (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Louisville

Petrino's records AT LOUISVILLE

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Dog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Dog
		0-0	Vs Non-Conf

2001 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (20,19,2)
Lost: 16 (6,10,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 36,473

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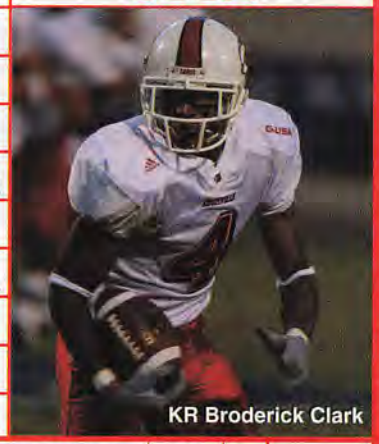
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STADIUM: PAPA JOHN'S CARDINAL STADIUM (42,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	1-10	7-4	7-4	9-2	10-2	7-5	46-33
ATS	4-7	2-9	6-4	5-5	7-3	7-4	6-6	37-38
Home Fav	0-5	1-2	2-1	2-3	2-3	3-2	2-3	12-19
Home Dog	0-0	0-3	1-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	4-4
Away Fav	0-2	0-1	1-0	2-2	1-0	3-1	3-2	10-8
Away Dog	4-0	1-3	2-2	0-0	3-0	1-1	0-1	11-7
Favorite	0-7	1-3	3-1	4-5	3-3	6-3	5-5	22-27
Dog	4-0	1-6	3-3	1-0	4-0	1-1	1-1	15-11
Grass	3-0	1-3	4-4	4-4	7-3	5-3	5-6	29-23
Artificial	1-7	1-6	2-0	1-1	0-0	2-1	1-0	8-15
vs Conf	0-5	1-5	4-2	3-3	5-2	5-2	4-4	22-23
vs Non-Conf	4-2	1-4	2-2	2-2	2-1	2-2	2-2	15-15
Off SU Win	2-3	0-1	4-1	3-3	6-1	5-4	2-5	22-18
Off SU Loss	1-4	2-7	2-2	1-2	0-2	1-0	4-0	11-17

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Henry Miller	139	618	24	594	12	4.3
T.J. Patterson	93	356	27	329	3	3.5
Dave Ragone	131	574	326	248	0	1.9
Lionel Gates	72	244	35	209	1	2.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Dave Ragone	441	237	53.7	2880	24	11
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Damien Dorsey	52	753	14.5	7	52	
Joshua Tinch	33	429	13.0	4	32	
Dontay Spillman	20	362	18.1	2	50	
J.R. Russell	24	287	12.0	2	34	
Ronnie Ghent	25	206	8.2	3	26	
Richard Owens	20	182	9.1	2	27	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Nate Smith	50	1875	37.5	53	–	0	16
Wade Tydlacka	32	1137	35.5	55	–	0	6

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nate Smith	40-41	8-8	0-2	3-7	1-2	12-19	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Curry Burns	121	0	2	8	2
Rod Day	101	2	2	2	0
Anthony Floyd	98	4	3	7	1
Chad Lee	94	0	4	5	0
Dewayne White	60	10.5	6	6	1
Devon Thomas	59	8	4	2	0
Josh Minkins	58	1	0	9	2
Michael Brown	56	0	0	2	1
Robert McCune	48	0	1	0	0
Laroni Gallishaw	37	0	0	14	0
Chris Johnson	32	0	0	6	0
Keeshan Lowe	27	1	3	0	0
Scott Lopez	23	2.5	1	1	0
Bobby Leffew	21	1.5	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Damien Dorsey	33	508	15.4	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Broderick Clark	31	897	28.9	2

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Motor City	-3'	Marshall	29-48	L
99	Humanitarian	-1'	Boise St	31-34	L
00	Liberty	+2	Colorado St	17-22	L
01	Liberty	-3	BYU	28-10	W
02	GMAC	+2'	Marshall	15-38	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

LOUISVILLE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	28.8	18	107	3.1	226	54.0	11.6	-15	2002	10	24.5	18	113	2.9	207	48.0	13.0
8*	30.3	19	117	3.2	257	60.1	12.4	+10	2001	6	17.2	18	135	3.5	199	49.3	19.5
5	33.8	20	129	3.6	262	60.6	11.6	+11	2000	7	22.3	19	86	2.3	219	51.2	13.7
7*	36.9	26	127	4.0	333	63.5	12.5	-5	1999	8	30.4	21	169	4.2	235	55.5	13.3
8*	39.4	28	147	4.4	403	65.6	13.9	-3	1998	6	36.3	24	237	5.1	256	57.5	13.6
8*	22.3	19	77	2.6	298	58.4	16.8	-5	1997	5	37.0	20	187	4.5	235	57.1	11.4

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Kentucky	16	24-55	2.3	14-39	193	3	14	42-78	1.9	13-27	195	4	-3
at Duke	21	40-192	4.8	24-35	260	4	8	26-22	0.8	15-34	153	6	-4
at Colorado St	22	32-72	2.3	22-41	294	3	24	45-205	4.6	16-31	264	1	+2
at Army	20	43-171	4.0	18-33	275	0	13	30-26	0.9	11-28	114	0	-1
Florida St	20	39-121	3.1	15-27	182	6	20	32-129	4.0	15-34	206	3	0
at Memphis	16	38-132	3.5	21-31	177	3	24	37-98	2.6	22-45	261	2	+1
TCU	13	22-(-26)	-1.2	18-34	309	6	27	62-250	4.0	17-23	187	4	-3
E Carolina	23	45-204	4.5	23-32	352	3	17	29-68	2.3	16-41	229	3	0
Cincinnati	12	33-70	2.1	12-32	106	4	15	50-115	2.3	9-23	120	1	-2
at S Mississippi	13	45-20	0.4	19-36	200	8	15	43-74	1.7	17-35	228	5	0
UAB	25	45-205	4.6	21-33	207	3	16	39-154	3.9	17-36	223	3	-1
at Houston	12	21-115	5.5	15-29	184	1	20	49-151	3.1	15-26	261	1	-2
† Marshall	20	26-56	2.2	21-48	205	3	23	30-99	3.3	22-44	249	2	-2
TOTALS	233	453-1387	3.1	243-450	2944	46	236	514-1469	2.9	205-427	2690	35	-15
AVERAGES	17.9	35-107	3.1	19-35	226	3.6	18.2	40-113	2.9	16-33	207	2.7	-1.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kentucky	+10	34-68	L
at Utah	+16	22-45	L
at Illinois	+6'	35-9	W
Boston Coll	+6'	52-28	W
Cincinnati	-14	62-19	W
at S Mississippi	+6	21-56	L
at Tulane	+16	22-28	W
Memphis	-13	35-32	L
W Kentucky	NL	63-34	–
at E Carolina	-3	63-45	W
Army	-8	35-23	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score		W/L
at Kentucky	-3	56-28		W
Tenn-Chatt	NL	58-30		–
Illinois	-12	36-41		L
Oklahoma	-1	21-42		L
E Michigan	-23	45-10		W
at Army	-14	52-59	2OT	L
at Memphis	-2'	32-31		L
Houston	-4'	39-33		W
UAB	-14	23-14		L
at Cincinnati	-1	23-13		W
S Mississippi	+5	27-30		W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score		W/L
Kentucky	+5'	40-34	2OT	W
Grambling	NL	52-0		–
at Florida St	+33'	0-31		W
Connecticut	-30	41-22		L
at UAB	+1'	38-17		W
Cincinnati	-6	38-24		W
E Carolina	-1	25-28		L
Tulane	-14	35-32		L
at S Mississippi	+13'	49-28		W
Army	-19	38-17		W
at Houston	-11	32-13		W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Mexico St	-20'	45-24	W
at Kentucky	-3'	36-10	W
W Carolina	NL	31-7	–
at Illinois	+3'	10-34	L
Memphis	-10'	38-21	W
Colorado St	-8	7-2	L
S Mississippi	-3	24-14	W
at Cincinnati	-3'	28-13	W
at Tulane	-11	52-7	W
Houston	-32'	34-10	L
at E Carolina	E	39-34	W
at TCU	-8	22-37	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score		W/L
Kentucky	-13	17-22		L
at Duke	-17'	40-3		W
at Colorado St	+2'	33-36		L
at Army	-26'	45-14		W
Florida St	+14'	26-20	OT	W
at Memphis	-10'	38-32		L
TCU	-12'	31-45		L
E Carolina	-14'	44-20		W
Cincinnati	-9	14-24		L
at S Mississippi	-2	20-17	2OT	W
UAB	-18	41-21		W
at Houston	-15'	10-27		L

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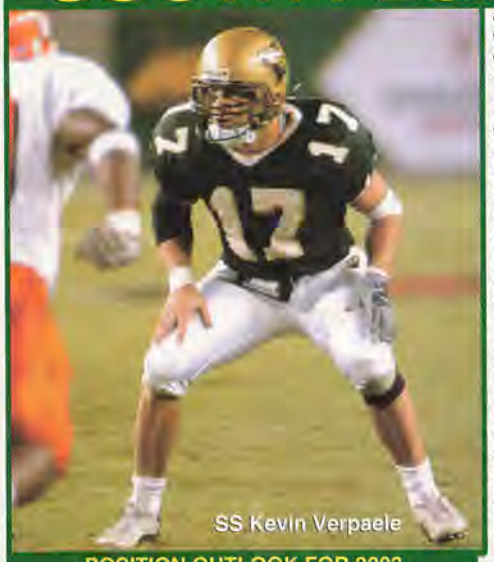
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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - The Bulls basically have had just two QB's in their short history with Chad Barnhardt being the first and Marquel Blackwell taking over as a rFr in 1999. Blackwell showed continued improvement throughout his career leaving with 9,108 career yards passing, 19 school records and he was 30-12 as a starter. In 2001 he would have led CUSA in total offense with 283.9 ypg. Last year his yardage dropped to 2,590 but his completion percentage rose to 57.1% with a super 18-3 ratio. Blackwell ended his career with the second longest streak in NCAA history without an interception (235) and he will clearly be missed. Ronnie Banks is not as mobile as Blackwell but had the strongest arm of the QB's. He played in seven games in 2001 throwing 22 passes for 96 yards with a 1-1 ratio. He was the #2 QB coming out of last spring but dropped down to #3 in the fall as David Mullins (PS#274) outplayed him. Mullins was, however, 0 of 6 with 2 int's in two games and Banks reclaimed his #2 job. Banks best effort came against Oklahoma with the team down 31-0 as he led the team to two garbage TD drives in the final 2:00. Banks attempted passes in three games hitting 11 of 18 for 182 yards (61.1%) with a 2-0 ratio. Evan Kraky (6-2 205 rFr) was PS#33 and simply broke Ron Powlus' passing records in Pennsylvania with 7,447 yards and 92 TD's in his four seasons. He will miss the 2003 season after ankle surgery. Jean Julmiste (6-2 220 rFr) was PS#213 and was an option QB in HS but was voted the top passer of the Nike Camp. There is some decent talent here but clearly with the loss of a four year starter who did not make many mistakes, this unit will be weaker in 2003.

RUNNING BACKS - S Florida has not had a feature back the last couple of years. Five different RB's started in 2001 and last year three different players earned starting assignments. Surprisingly, DeJuan Green (PS#58) who originally signed at Georgia, has not taken command of the starting job. He played in five games at Georgia in 2000 and redshirted in 2001. He is a big back (205 lbs) with 4.44 speed but got in just two starts last year with 192 yards rushing. Clenton Crossley (5-10 210 Jr) led the team in rushing with 415 yards (4.5) and made five starts. Vince Brewer has six starts the last two years with 325 yards (5.4) in 2001 and 383 (4.0) in 2002. Quinton Callum (5-11 205 Sr) was PS#163 and originally signed at Florida St. He had 338 yards (5.5) in 2001 but only 99 (3.1) last year. He practiced at WR in spring and is expected to see time at both spots this year. When the team uses a FB they go with Billy Henderson (5-11 190 So, PS#217DB) who had 91 yards last year and Devon Kennedy (5-10 170 rFr, PS#252). S Florida's ypc rushing dropped from 4.1 to 3.7 last year but they did take on a tougher schedule. With basically everyone back from last season and some added talent this unit should be stronger.

RECEIVERS - In 2001 S Florida had a couple of game breakers at WR in DeAndrew Rubin and Elgin Hicks. Hicks (PS#24) originally signed at Florida but only had four receptions because he was in Leavitt's doghouse. Rubin had a tremendous start to the season with 11 rec's against Pitt but then suffered a turf toe injury which plagued him the rest of the season and he finished with 34 (15.6). Huey Whittaker led the team with 52 getting 7 starts in Rubin's place (10.5). Last year basically everyone returned to this position. Whittaker suffered a knee injury in August and was never quite 100% and only caught 26 (14.7). Rubin was bothered by a hamstring injury early and while a dangerous returnman (led team in both KR's and PR's) he only had 18 rec's (19.8). Hugh Smith had 40 rec's (11.9) in 2001 and set a school record (keep in mind the team has only been around six years) with 62 and leaves as the school's "all-time" reception leader. This year Smith, Rubin (#7DC of GB) and Ryan Hearn (5 sts, 24, 10.8) all depart. Whittaker is back and if Hicks can live up to his potential he could have a big impact. RB Quinton Callum also was added to this unit. Not listed below is Cedric King (5-11 170 So, PS#288), Darren Haliburton (6-3 205 rFr, PS#173QB), Marcus Edwards (6-0 185 So, PS#183), Joe Bain (6-3 190 So, PS#131RB) and backup TE's Casey Cobb (6-4 245 Sr, 4 rec) and Derek Carter (6-4 240 So, PS#153). The big news at the WR spot is the addition of Dishon Platt. Platt was simply PS#1 and originally signed at Florida St in 2002 but did not qualify. If he can remain eligible, he gives this unit a clear upgrade and I'll call this unit stronger as long as Platt plays.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Bulls averaged 4.1 ypc rushing in 2001 while allowing just 16 sacks despite a big step up in level of competition. Last year they had to replace three starters including their top OL. Two freshmen ended up starting the majority of the season along with three soph's so the starting group was made up entirely of underclassmen. Overall the team averaged just 3.67 ypc rushing but still only allowed a very respectable 19 sacks. This year the unit is in great shape as basically everyone is back and I list the 2 deep below. This is a much more veteran unit than it was heading into last year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 SF had their best ypc rushing allowed yielding just 2.9 while recording 40 sacks. Last year basically everyone returned as they had to replace just one player who had three starts and six players were back with starting experience. SF was fierce up front once again allowing just 86.3 ypg rushing with a 2.28 ypc and again recording 40 sacks. Unfortunately this year the majority of last year's fine D-line departs. Gone are DT Greg Walls (11 sts, 53 tkls, 5 sks, 13 tfl), NT Tavares Jurineack (11 sts, 65 tkls, 5 sks, 13 tfl), DE Chris Dailey (11 sts, 42 tkls, 3 sks, 7 tfl) and DE Shurron Pierson (3 sts, 32 tkls, 8 sks, #4DC of OAK). The unit hopes to get Lee Roy Selmon Jr back at the NT position after he had eight starts in 1999 & 2000 but missed the last two seasons. Terrence Royal was good enough to beat out Pierson for the starting job despite the fact Pierson logged 18 sacks the last two years. There is some talent in the 2 deep I list below but clearly this unit is weaker than last year's staunch defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - The Bulls only had to replace one starter last year but it was their Defensive MVP. They had five of the top six back including Georgia transfer Kawika Mitchell (#2DC of KC) who set a school record with 117 tackles and added 19 tfl. The group is in much the same shape this year as he is the only loss. Two starters return and five of the top six are back once again. They also add in a super crop of true frosh LB's which include 4 of the top 120 at their position and I already project them into the 2 deep below. This unit has about as much talent as it did last year and the same amount of experience, but might be down just a notch without a player the caliber of Mitchell.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - SF has had some solid DB's in their short history including CB Anthony Henry who had 10 interceptions for the Cleveland Browns in 2001. Last year they had just two starters returning to a secondary that finished #85 in my pass D rankings in 2001. With six of the top eight players back SF climbed to #69 allowing just 52.5% with a 17-22 ratio while taking on a very light slate of opposing QB's or they would have ranked higher. This year the only losses are CB Maurice Tucker (7 sts, 44 tkls, 2 int, 13 pbu, Indiana transfer), SS John Miller (1 st, 45 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu) and 3rd string CB Solomon Burgess (12 tkls). Tucker's spot will be filled by D'Juan Brown who beat him out for four starts last year so the unit looks to be in solid shape and they bring in some top-notch true frosh as well. This unit is more experienced than it was heading into last season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2001 S Florida appeared in my special teams rankings for the first time and finished a surprisingly high #17, but keep in mind FG accuracy was not included and Santiago Gramatica struggled all year hitting just 3 of 11 FG's with a long of 33. Last year the unit was strong once again finishing #14 without kickers and #16 with them included. Gramatica was greatly improved hitting 16 of 21 FG's although he had a long of just 41 yards. He is back for his junior season. The huge loss to this unit is returnman Rubin who averaged 14.9 on his PR's which was #15 in the NCAA including two TD's and 26.8 on KR's (#10 NCAA) and one TD. The team also must replace solid punter Devin Sanderson who had a 41.9 average (36.2 net) and KR Hugh Smith who averaged 29.2 in 2001 and 18.7 last year also departs. Replacing Rubin and Sanderson will be extremely difficult and this unit clearly looks like it should take a step backward in 2003.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

On September 6, 1996, seventy-five players assembled for the first practice ever as the Bulls established their football program and in 1997 they played their first game. Jim Leavitt is doing a tremendous job as they went 8-3 in their first year of IA ball in 2001 and last year actually got four votes in the AP poll after they beat Bowling Green. Last year I said that USF had a great shot at yet another winning year. They responded with an outstanding 9-2 year and their only losses were to Arkansas and Oklahoma on the road. This year they join CUSA and last season they beat S Miss, E Carolina, Memphis and Houston going 4-0 in CUSA play. They play in Raymond James Stadium (home of the Tampa Bay Bucs) and have gone 29-2 there. USF must break in a new QB this year but he does have some top-notch talent around him including a veteran offensive front. USF's defense allowed just 18.5 ppg last year and 309 total ypg. They have six starters returning so they'll be tough once again. Last year SF was +21 in turnovers so make sure you check out my Turnovers=Turnaround article on page 310. We should know early on whether SF will be a contender in CUSA as they host TCU and Louisville followed by a trip to S Miss in the first half of the CUSA schedule. I think they are a bonafide contender, but I will point out that in the four CUSA victories they had last season, they were outFD'd in each game and by a combined margin of 102-74.

2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Ronnie Banks Jr. 6-3 230 Strong arm. 10 gms in 2Y, 278 yds (58%) 3-1 ratio. **Evan Kraky** (6-2 205 rFr) PS#33. Jean Julmiste (6-2 220 rFr) PS#213. David Mullins (6-2 200 So).

RB DeJUAN GREEN SR. 5-11 205 PS#58. **UGA** trans. 4.44 spd. 2 sts, 192 yds (3.1) LY. **Clenton Crossley** 9 sts, 795 yds (4.4), 34 rec 2Y. **Vince Brewer** (5-10 215 Sr) 822 yds (4.6) 3Y.

WR Dishon Platt Fr. 6-0 180 **PS#1WR**. Florida St transfer. CJ Lewis (5-11 175 So) PS#169. Kevin Patullo (6-2 200 Sr) PS#233QB. 180 yds pass, 75 rush in 3 years.

WR HUEY WHITTAKER SR. 6-5 225 PS#217. 7 sts, 52 rec (10.5) in '01. 2 sts in '02, 26 rec (14.7). Willie Williams (6-2 190 rFr) PS#199DB. Quinton Callum (5-11 205 Sr) PS#163. RB/WR.

WR Chris Iskra Sr. 6-1 190 5 sts, 18 rec in 2000. **11 sts**, 37 rec (12.5) in '01. 4 sts, 26 rec (13.3) in '02. Brian Fisher (5-9 180 Jr) PS#198RB. Travis Lipp (5-11 175 So) 12 rec in '01.

WR ELGIN HICKS SR. 5-11 180 **PS#24**, Fla trans. 7 sts LY, 21 rec (11.9). Rodney Joyner (6-0 175 rFr) PS#158WR. **TE Mark Feldman** (6-4 245 Jr) PS#98. 4 sts, 8 rec 2Y.

C ALEX HERRON JR. 6-3 280 PS#435. 6 sts as rFr (miss 4 inj). 11 sts at C LY. Jason Lehman (6-3 295 Sr) PS#305JC. John Miller (6-2 265 So) PS#238, 2nd string LY.

RG CHRIS CAROTHERS SO. 6-3 290 PS#248. 11 sts at RG as rFr, Rookie of the Yr. Roland Clarke (6-4 320 Fr) PS#359 LY. Nathan Seay (6-4 290 So). Cesar Paz (6-1 280 So).

LG SHELLY HOUSTON SO. 6-3 295 PS#426. 8 sts @LG as rFr. Mark Sopcik (6-4 280 Jr) PS#426. 7 gms as rFr. 2 sts LY until ankle inj, then 2nd string. Devon Small (6-3 280 Jr).

RT LEVI NEWTON JR. 6-4 305 PS#176. 2 sts at RG as **true**, 2nd string, 7 gms. 11 sts at RT LY. Chris McBee (6-5 310 So) PS#326OL. 400 bench. 5 games as rFr.

LT DERRICK SAROSI JR. 6-6 295 PS#355OL. 11 sts at RT as rFr. 11 sts in '02, **Top OL Award**. Frank Davis (6-4 310 So) 425 bench. 1 start at LG, 10 games in 2002.

K SANTIAGO GRAMATICA JR. 5-10 165 PS#54. Only 3 of 11 FG's, 8 missed xp's, long of 33 as a **true**. Hit 16 of 21 LY, L/41. Only 3 att's from 40+. Justin Geisler (6-1 170 Jr).

DEFENSE

DE Tim Jones Jr. 6-3 255 PS#34TE. 3 starts at TE, 4 rec as **true**. TE/DL in '02, 27 tkls, 5 sks, 3 tfl, 2 rec. Scott Wolf (6-4 240 So) PS#115DL. **Georgia Tech** transfer.

DT Cedric Battles Sr. 6-4 270 PS#305. 1 st, 20 tkls in '01. 11 gms, 30 tkls LY, 2 sks, 5 tfl. Ramon McCollough (6-2 305 rFr) PS#117. Craig Kobel (6-2 255 Jr) 8 tkls in 2 yrs.

DT Lee Roy Selmon, Jr. Sr. 5-11 280 2 sts as true, 31 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl. 6 sts in 2000, 40 tkls, 2 tfl, 10 QBH. Out L2Y. Matt Groelinger (6-4 270 Jr) 2 sts, 28 tkls, 7.5 tfl in '01. 11 tkls LY

DE TERRENCE ROYAL SO. 6-3 240 PS#405LB, Grayshirt. 8 sts as "true" in '02, 30 tkls, 2 sks, 7 tfl. Kenny Huebner (6-3 260 So) PS#228. 8 tkls as rFr. Eric Thomas is PS#60.

WLB COURTNEY DAVENPORT SR. 6-1 220 1 st in '01, 22 tkls, 3 tfl. 10 sts in '02, 30 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl. Ronnie McCullough is PS#71. Stephen Nicholas (6-3 225 rFr) PS#311. 2 tkls as **true.**

MLB MAURICE JONES SR. 6-2 245 PS#155. 10 sts in '01, 60 tkls, 4 sks, 7 tfl. 11 sts LY. 94 tkls, 6 sks, 8 tfl, 5 pbu. Gene Coleman is PS#94. Jason Allen (6-2 230 Jr) 1 st, 8 tkls in '01.

SLB Devon Davis So. 6-3 225 PS#434. 11 games as **true**, 27 tkls, 6 tfl. Josh Balloon is PS#80RB. Julian Johnson (5-11 200 Sr) 19 tkls, 3Y. Ben Moffitt is PS#120.

CB D'Juan Brown So. 5-11 175 PS#213. 4 sts as rFr, 44 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu. AJ Brant is PS#73. Bruce Gipson (5-10 180 Jr) 1 st, 6 rec at WR, 2Y. Antonio Warren (6-1 180 Jr) PS#159.

CB RON HEMINGWAY SR. 5-11 175 9 sts LY, 31 tkls, 5 int, 8 pbu. Mike Jenkins PS#89. Sidney Simpson (5-9 175 Jr) 32 tkls in 2Y. Ken Robinson (5-10 190 Jr) PS#380. 1 st, 25 tkls in '01.

SS KEVIN VERPAELE SR. 6-0 195 1 st in '01, 42 tkls, 4 tfl. 11 sts LY. 84 tkls, 8 tfl, 3 int, 4 pbu. Johnnie Jones (6-2 195 Jr) PS#164. 23 tkls, 2 yrs. Drametrice Smith (6-1 200 rFr).

FS JR REED SR. 5-11 200 17 tkls, 3 pbu as true. 11 sts in '01, 89 tkls, 5 int, 11 pbu. 10 sts LY, 95 tkls, 3 tfl, 6 int. 7 pbu. **Def POY here**. Javan Camon (6-0 175 Jr) 1 st, 55 tkls 2Y.

P Brandon Baker So. 6-2 200 PS#253QB. 2 punts as rFr, 29.0 avg. Gilbert Montelongo (5-11 220 rFr) led FL punters with 47.4 avg as senior in HS. 6 of 11 FG's, L/50.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

DL	Eric Thomas 6-3 255 PS#60	
LB	Ronnie McCullough 6-1 220 PS#71	
DB	AJ Brant 5-10 175 PS#73	
RB	Josh Balloon 6-0 215 PS#80	
DB	Mike Jenkins 6-0 185 PS#89	
LB	Gene Coleman 6-0 230 PS#94	
LB	Ben Moffitt 6-2 230 PS#120	
WR	SJ Green 6-3 200 PS#177	
LB	Dorrean James 6-2 220 PS#225	
DB	Larry Green 6-0 180 PS#235	
DL	Allen Cray 6-1 275 PS#261	
OL	Rashid Lavergne 6-3 310 PS#360	
DL	Nick Capogna 6-4 240 PS#286	
OL	Curtis Chance 6-3 265 PS#432	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score USF	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
								South Florida joins CUSA this year. The Bulls are 29-2 all-time at Raymond James Stadium. The USF AD is ex-TB great and NFL HOF'er Lee Roy Selmon.
Aug. 30	at Alabama	G						S Florida is 3-2 ATS in their brief history as a double digit away dog. Only lined SEC history, a 42-3 loss at Arkansas last year as a 13' pt AD.
Sep. 6	Nicholls St	G						The Colonels were 7-4 in 2002, 3-3 in the Southland Conference. NSU was shut out 23-0 by N Texas in their only appearance vs board team.
Sep. 13	TBD							S Florida's schedule for 2003 had not been completed as of press time. They will likely add a couple of Div IAA teams over the summer.
Sep. 20								
Sep. 27	at Army	A						S Florida was a perfect 2-0 both SU & ATS as an away favorite last year. The Bulls are 2-0 ATS on the fake stuff in their brief history.
Oct. 4	Louisville	G						USF is 3-0 SU & 2-1 ATS at home vs CUSA foes. Coming into 2003: USF has won 19 consecutive HG's SU (7-1 ATS L/8).
Oct. 10	TCU (Fri)	G						May apply: Only once in their history have the Bulls been a HD (1-0 ATS). South Florida is 5-0 ATS off of a SU loss.
Oct. 18								
Oct. 25	at S Mississippi	G						USF is 2-0 ATS in their brief history after a bye (before 9/27 vs Army). S Florida is 1-1 SU, 1-0 ATS vs S Mississippi, being outscored 57-22.
Nov. 1	Cincinnati	G						The Bulls are 7-0 SU & 4-1 ATS in the month of November. South Florida is 3-1 ATS at home in November.
Nov. 8	at E Carolina	G						Last year's meeting marked the 1st ever w/SF winning 46-30 in a pick'em. Bulls are 2-2 SU & 1-0 ATS in November away games.
Nov. 15								
Nov. 22	UAB	G						S Florida is 5-1 SU & 2-0 ATS in home finales. This will be the 7th game this year that USF will battle a 1st time opponent.
Nov. 29	at Memphis	G						S Florida is 5-1 SU & 2-0 ATS in season finales. USF is 1-1 SU but 0-2 ATS vs the Tigers.

JIM LEAVITT (Career 44-22)
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Leavitt's records AT S FLORIDA

44-22	Straight Up	6-1	Home Favorite
13-4	Vs The Spread	1-0	Home Dog
5-0	Off A SU Loss	2-0	Away Favorite
4-2	Vs Conference	3-3	Away Dog
		9-2	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (9-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 64 (34,26,4)
Lost: 19 (5,13,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 26,304

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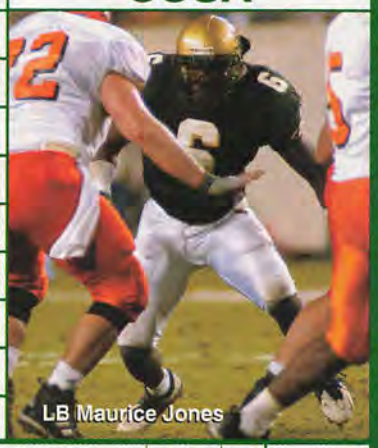
LB Maurice Jones

STADIUM: RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM (41,441)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	X	5-6	8-3	7-4	7-4	8-3	9-2	44-22
ATS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6-2	7-2	13-4
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-0	2-1	6-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2-0
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-1	3-3
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-0	4-1	8-1
Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	2-1	4-3
Grass	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-2	6-2	11-4
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-0
vs CUSA	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	3-1	4-2
vs Non-CUSA	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-1	4-1	9-2
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	5-2	7-4
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	2-0	5-0

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Clenton Crossley	92	423	8	415	3	4.5
Vince Brewer	95	405	22	383	1	4.0
Marquel Blackwell	89	415	113	302	5	3.4
DeJuan Green	61	227	35	192	1	3.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Marquel Blackwell	403	230	57.1	2590	18	3
Ronnie Banks	18	11	61.1	182	2	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Hugh Smith	62	661	10.7	5	54	
Huey Whittaker	26	383	14.7	3	75	
DeAndrew Rubin	18	357	19.8	3	95	
Chris Iskra	26	345	13.3	2	44	
Ryan Hearn	24	258	10.8	1	33	
Elgin Hicks	21	250	11.9	0	38	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Devin Sanderson	66	2768	41.9	72	–	2	15
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Santiago Gramatica	35-40	7-8	8-10	1-3	0-0	16-21	41

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kawika Mitchell	117	4	15	5	1
J.R. Reed	95	1	2	7	6
Maurice Jones	94	6	8	5	0
Kevin Verpaele	84	0	8	4	3
Tavares Jurineack	65	5	13	0	0
Greg Walls	53	5	13	0	1
John Miller	45	0	1	5	2
Maurice Tucker	44	0	3	13	2
D'Juan Brown	44	0	2	7	1
Chris Daley	42	3	7	5	0
Shurron Pierson	32	8	1	1	1
Ron Hemingway	31	0	0	8	5
Terrence Royal	30	2	7	3	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
DeAndrew Rubin	29	432	14.9	2	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
DeAndrew Rubin	15	402	26.8	1	
Hugh Smith	11	206	18.7	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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OFFENSE* - LAST 5 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	30.8	19	135	3.7	252	56.4	12.5	+21	2002	8	18.5	19	87	2.3	222	52.5	16.7
4*	35.2	21	129	4.1	273	56.5	11.4	+2	2001	4	21.0	20	115	2.9	233	54.8	16.6
8*	25.3	18	152	4.2	203	58.1	14.1	-2	2000	11	18.3	17	122	3.4	174	49.8	16.2
8	22.4	17	149	3.7	163	51.1	14.0	-3	1999	10	22.5	17	161	4.0	151	47.9	13.9
–	36.5	18	192	5.2	217	59.8	11.2	-1	1998	–	16.2	15	179	3.8	103	48.3	17.4

	OFFENSE					2002 STATS BY GAME		DEFENSE					
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Florida Atlantic	22	38 - 105	2.8	27 - 41	263	3	12	43 - (-36)	-0.8	11 - 24	178	7	+1
N Illinois	15	29 - 116	4.0	22 - 34	273	3	16	42 - 73	1.7	12 - 30	196	3	+2
at Arkansas	10	15 - 48	3.2	14 - 36	102	1	33	65 - 307	4.7	18 - 25	240	3	0
at Oklahoma	18	34 - 61	1.8	24 - 44	267	0	15	33 - 45	1.4	22 - 34	194	3	-2
at N Texas	25	44 - 161	3.7	29 - 47	271	2	12	35 - 84	2.4	8 - 28	114	2	+3
S Mississippi	21	43 - 218	5.1	20 - 37	246	0	23	34 - 144	4.2	26 - 43	268	5	0
at E Carolina	15	30 - 89	3.0	19 - 33	321	1	31	51 - 149	2.9	26 - 49	361	3	+4
Charleston So	25	50 - 267	5.3	18 - 43	258	5	4	23 - 0	0.0	15 - 31	76	3	+3
Memphis	23	42 - 173	4.1	24 - 36	246	2	27	30 - 48	1.6	33 - 55	320	5	+1
Bowling Green	25	44 - 163	3.7	21 - 40	220	1	13	29 - 92	3.2	14 - 32	134	2	+2
at Houston	15	34 - 80	2.4	23 - 36	305	1	21	35 - 53	1.5	25 - 49	358	4	+7
TOTALS	214	403 - 1481	3.7	241 - 427	2772	19	207	420 - 959	2.3	210 - 400	2439	40	+21
AVERAGES	19.5	37 - 135	3.7	22 - 39	252	1.7	18.8	38 - 87	2.3	19 - 36	222	3.6	1.9

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Slippery Rock	NL	39-10	–
Valparaiso	NL	51-0	–
at Liberty	NL	24-21	–
The Citadel	NL	45-6	–
Elon	NL	35-7	–
W Kentucky	NL	24-31	–
at Hofstra	NL	30-50	–
at Charleston S	NL	24-0	–
Cumberland	NL	69-3	–
at GA Southern	NL	23-28	–
Morehead St	NL	38-22	–

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at San Diego St	NL	12-41	–
SW Texas St	NL	17-10	–
at W Kentucky	NL	21-6	–
at Troy St	NL	24-41	–
S Illinois	NL	21-14	–
Liberty	NL	28-0	–
Illinois St	NL	14-13	–
N Hampshire	NL	42-41	–
at James Madison	NL	3-13	–
New Haven	NL	41-27	–
Hofstra	NL	23-42	–

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Jacksonville St	NL	40-0	–
at Kentucky	NL	9-27	–
James Madison	NL	26-7	–
at Baylor	NL	13-28	–
Troy St	NL	20-10	–
at S Mississippi	NL	6-44	–
Liberty	NL	44-6	–
at Connecticut	NL	21-13	–
W Kentucky	NL	30-24	–
at Mid Tenn St	NL	9-45	–
Austin Peay	NL	59-0	–

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Illinois	+18	17-20	W
at Pittsburgh	+22	35-26	W
at Memphis	+7'	9-17	L
N Texas	-12	28-10	W
at Utah	+14	21-52	L
Connecticut	-17'	40-21	W
S Utah	NL	42-12	–
Liberty	NL	68-37	–
Houston	-11	45-6	W
W Illinois	NL	48-17	–
Utah St	-7	34-13	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Florida Atlantic	NL	51-10	–
N Illinois	-7	37-6	W
at Arkansas	+13'	3-42	L
at Oklahoma	+28'	14-31	W
at N Texas	-2	24-17	W
S Mississippi	+3	16-13	W
at E Carolina	E	46-30	W
Charleston S	NL	56-6	–
Memphis	-16'	31-28	L
Bowling Green	-3	29-7	W
at Houston	-13	32-14	W

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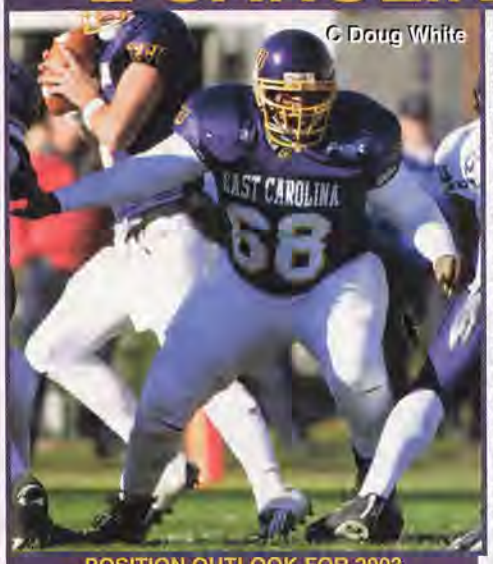

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - David Garrard had a great career here from '98-2001 and left (#4DC of JAX) as ECU's all-time career passing and total offense leader, which is impressive since ECU has had some pretty talented QB's like Jeff Blake and Marcus Crandell in their history. Paul Troth (PS#19) enrolled early in 2001 and Logan did two surprising things that season. Normally he alternates a second string QB for at least one series in each half and with Garrard being a senior, he did not do that with Troth. He did play Troth in just three games however which wasted a redshirt year for a total of four passes. Troth, who weighed at 205 pounds when he enrolled, bulked up to 233 last season. In the first two games he threw 7 interceptions and was booed at times by the home fans during the season. He threw for 2,315 yards (49.3%) with a poor 15-20 ratio while rushing for 102 gross yards. He suffered a concussion vs UAB and backup Desmond Robinson (5-10 205 Jr) threw for 115 yards. Robinson played in eight games and is more of a option QB throwing for 250 yards (47.8%) with a 1-2 ratio while rushing for 79 yards. James Pickney (6-3 193 rFr) was PS#134. Sakeen Wright (6-2 230 So, PS#40) moved to TE at the end of last year but was back at QB in the spring. This unit goes from being very inexperienced to experienced and Troth has both NFL size and a quality arm and should have a much stronger junior season.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the team had to replace Leonard Henry who rushed for 1,627 yards and had an outstanding 7.6 ypc. Art Brown (PS#59) was the leading returning rusher and he had 313 yards (5.7) in 2001. Brown took over the starters role and despite playing in just 10 games due to injuries, he still topped 1,000 yards with 1,029 (4.8) and also had 26 rec's (7.0) which was fourth best on the team. The backup RB was Marvin Townes (PS#48) and he had one start and rushed for 304 yards (4.0). The team moved top-notch LB Vonta Leach to FB vs S Florida in an attempt to get breakaway runs from Brown and Townes more often. Leach did a good job as a blocker with Brown gaining 188 yards against S Florida and 132 vs Houston. Later when Brown went down to injury, surprisingly another LB Christshawn Gilliam (PS#41RB) became the feature back. Gilliam had played RB in 1999 but had been on the defensive side the last two and a half years. He responded by rushing for 59 yards against a tough S Miss defense and 158 in the season finale vs Cincinnati and in just two games, was the team's third leading rusher. This year the only loss is Gilliam. Also in the mix at RB are Dominque Hatcher (5-11 205 Sr, PS#169), William Bland (5-9 175 rFr, PS#270QB), Kevin Fain (5-11 215 Jr, PS#323JC), speedy true frosh Robert Tillman (PS#144, 4.3 spd) and FB Jason Pender (5-9 203 So). With everyone back including their 1,000 yard rusher who was banged up last year, I look for improvement in the overall rushing numbers for the Pirates.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace three of their top four receivers (one was a RB) as well as their starting TE. Tutu Moye graduated from HS in 1997 and was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks and spent 4 years in the minors playing baseball. After contributing only on special teams in 2001, he earned the starting TE job for the first seven games and hauled in 16 receptions (11.6). Ben Thomas started the last 5 games and now departs (3 rec). The lead returning WR was former QB Richard Alston who had 33 rec's (14.8) in 2001. Much was expected of Alston last year but he missed the first game with mononucleosis. For the year he did lead the team with 702 yards (19.5). Unfortunately he departs as does Torey Morris (PS#95) who led the team in receptions with 38 (14.5). Terrance Copper (PS#89) is the leading returnee with 30 (13.2) and is the tallest projected starter of the WR's with the surest hands. WR Damarcus W. Fox has 4.42 speed but suffered an ACL injury in the spring of 2002 and while he miraculously recovered enough to lead the team in KR's, he had just three receptions. I list the 2 deep below. Marcus White (6-1 200 Sr) was PS#113 and had 8 receptions and two starts in 2001 despite his shoulder continually popping out of its socket most of that year. White had offseason shoulder surgery last year but again was hampered by injuries and had just 5 rec's and two starts. Walk-on Richard Hourigan was a surprise with 19 rec's (10.4). Not listed below is Bryson Bowling (6-1 165 So, PS#280), Garrett Peterkin (5-11 176 Jr, PS#199), Mar'ques Woolford (6-3 210 rFr, PS#467), TE Kort Shankweiler (6-1 223 rFr, PS#212) who moves in from QB and this year's true frosh. With the loss of their top two guys, I'll call this unit down a notch in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 EC basically had four soph OL starters but the unit paved the way for 5.4 ypc rushing and allowed just 22 sacks. LT Brian Rimpf has been 1st Tm CUSA each of the past two years and has fared quite well versus star players like Syracuse's Dwight Freeney and N Carolina's Julius Peppers. Last year four starters returned to the offensive front but RT Brandon Pope was in a car accident in the offseason and missed the beginning of the year and could not reclaim his starter's job, so basically three starters returned. Surprisingly EC's offense managed just 3.39 ypc rushing while allowing 26 sacks. Logan called C Doug White one of the best football players whom he'd ever been around and both White and Rimpf return. The only loss is RT Phoenix Evans (11 sts) and nine of the top ten are back including Pope who should regain his starting spot. Overall seven players return with starting experience and I look for this to be one of the top OL's in CUSA this year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year EC began the year in a 3 man defensive front but ended up switching to a 4-2-5 by season's end. This year they go to the more traditional 4-3 defense under new coordinator Jerry Odom. In 2001 the team allowed 3.1 ypc rushing while recording 33 sacks but last year had to replace all three starters on the DL. The team allowed 4.6 ypc rushing while recording just 22 sacks last year and this season the losses are heavy again as DT Ja'Waren Blair (12 sts, 87 tkls, 6 tfl), DT Ronald Pou (2 sts, 36 tkls, 3 tfl) and DE Hosea James (7 sts, 26 tkls, 4 sks, 6 tfl) depart. They do have some talent in the 2 deep that I list below including Ione returning starter Damane Duckett who is a VHT (PS#32). I think John Thompson was one of the best DC's in the SEC but DC Odom now will run the system. While this group only has the same amount of experience as it did heading into last year, I look for the unit to be much more productive.

LINEBACKERS - The Pirates had to replace two starters and two backups last year due to graduation and then suffered some injuries and also had to move a couple of players to the offensive side. Chris Moore was #1 in the NCAA in tackles among freshmen but got injured and missed three games. This year they must replace ILB John Williamson (8 sts, 48 tkls) as well as WS Anthony Adams (6 sts, 58 tkls), OLB Christshawn Gilliam (11 sts, 44 tkls, 10 tfl) and WS Antwane Yelverton (6 sts, 93 tkls, 3.5 tfl). Five players return with starting experience and I list them in the 2 deep below. As mentioned in the DL writeup, while this group is about as experienced as it was heading into last year, I think they should be far more productive under the new defensive schemes.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Pirates finished #89 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and had practically everyone back last season. It was basically the same starting lineup that in 2000 had finished #49 in my pass D rankings. Surprisingly EC finished just #87 last year allowing 53.8% with a 23-10 ratio. This year they must replace CB Jerome Steward (11 sts, 56 tkls, 7 pbu, 2 yr st'r) and FS Kelly Hardy (12 sts, #1 tkl'r, 2 int, 12 pbu) as well as SS Kevin Jackson (24 tkls) and FS Antwan Adams (16 tkls). I list a 3 deep below for the DB's and while this group is less experienced than it was heading into last season, it can probably only improve in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - E Carolina has had a top-notch FG kicker in each of the last four years in Kevin Miller (PS#25). Miller leaves as the school's all-time leading scorer and in his senior season had his usual stellar year hitting 17 of 22 FG's with a long of 50 including 7 of 10 from 40+. One of Miller's misses, which came on the last play of regulation vs UAB, was booted right down the middle of the goal posts but a heavy wind blew it to the right which ended up costing them the win. He clearly will be missed. P Jarad Preston was a JUCO transfer two years ago who simply had net punting averages of 36.1 and 35.2 and he too will be a big loss. I do expect Ryan Dougherty (PS#25), a rFr who Logan said had the "strongest leg I've seen on a high school player in a long time" to do well as a kicker/punter. Their top PR, Terrance Copper, averaged 10.9 and top KR Damarcus Fox averaged 22.4 despite coming off an ACL injury. The return game should improve but with the loss of two outstanding kickers, it will be tough for ECU to improve upon last year's #51 finish including kickers.

COACHES - Steve Logan had the most coaching victories in school history, had taken the team to three straight bowls prior to last year and was 69-58 in his tenure here with five bowl trips. John Thompson, who has been an outstanding DC at places like Florida, Alabama, Arkansas, LSU, Memphis and S Miss is the new head man. The OC is Rick Stockstill who has been an assistant at Clemson for the past 14 years, most recently as their WR coach and recruiting coordinator. The DC is Jerry Odom who was the LB coach at Florida last season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2001 EC had one of the most talented teams in CUSA but blew huge leads all season long including their bowl game vs Marshall when they led 38-8 at the half and still lost. They finished just 6-6. Last year's team had 17 seniors and despite finishing 4-4 in CUSA play, they dropped all 4 non-conf games and a 4-8 season brings in a new head coach. EC was -10 in turnovers last year so should have better fortune this season and they are 18-10 in CUSA play the last four years. Unfortunately EC was outgained by an average of 124.8 ypg in league play which was CUSA's worst, despite their 4-4 record. They got a miracle win against TCU in which the Frogs had a 22-9 FD edge and that included an 81 yard fumble return for a TD for ECU that keyed the victory. EC's defense has had a lot of athletic talent but allowed 33.2 and 30.0 ppg the last two years. New Head Coach John Thompson was one of the best DC's in the game and even though he only has five starters to work with on that side of the ball, he should do a respectable job. Offensively they must learn a new system but with QB Troth, an excellent RB corps and four starting OL's back, they should be potent. The non-conference slate in grueling once again and going from an offensive-minded head coach to a defensive-minded one could have the team taking a little time to get adjusted. The Pirates may be a year away from sailing back to higher ground.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB PAUL TROTH JR. 6-5 233 **PS#19**. 12 sts in '02, 2315 yds (49%), 15-20 ratio. 102 rush yds. Desmond Robinson (5-10 205 Jr) 250 yds (48%), 1-2 ratio, 79 yds rush.

RB ART BROWN SR. 5-9 200 PS#59. 313 yds (5.7), 16 rec (15.8) in '01. 8 sts LY, 1029 yds (4.8), 26 rec (7.0), **2nd Tm CUSA**. Marvin Townes (6-0 198 Jr) PS#48. 1 st, 430 yds (4.2) 2Y.

FB Vonta Leach Sr. 6-0 248 **PS#31LB**. 36 tkls, 6 tfl as true. 35 tkls, 3 sks in '01. 30 tkls, 1 tfl LY then moved to FB, 45 total yds. Dashaun Stephens (5-11 231 So) PS#206, 20 yds.

WR Edwin Rios Jr. 5-8 167 PS#126RB. 2 sts, 13 rec (11.5), 9 KR (14.9). Damarcus Fox (5-8 168 Jr) PS#129DB. Inj'd LY. 3 rec, 20 KR (22.4). Richard Hourigan (6-0 187 Sr) 19 rec (10.4).

WR TERRANCE COPPER SR. 6-0 211 PS#89. 4 sts in '01, 14 rec (15.2), 9 sts LY, 30 rec (13.2), 30 PR (10.9). Marcus White (6-1 200 Sr) 4 sts, 19 rec 3Y. Kevin Roach (6-3 190 So) PS#114.

TE TUTU MOYE JR. 6-0 223 4 yrs of baseball. 7 sts at TE here LY, 16 rec (11.6). James Myrick (6-4 280 So) PS#421DL. Josh Coffman is PS#69. Manny Levell is PS#148.

C DOUG WHITE SR. 6-0 310 PS#277. 1 st as rFr. 12 sts in '01, Tm OL MVP, 10 sts at C LY (miss 2 inj). Hunter Wood (6-3 281 So) PS#269, 8 games as rFr, lettered.

RG BRIAN FOX SR. 6-2 284 PS#165DL. 2 sts, 12 gms in '01. 12 sts at RG LY. Gary Freeman (6-1 316 So) PS#179, 9 gms as **true**. Joe Parsons (6-4 290 So) PS#187.

LG CHARLIE DEMPSEY JR. 6-3 291 PS#110. 12 gms as rFr, 12 sts at LG LY. Hagen Mason (6-0 308 Jr) 11 gms at C in '01. 2 sts, 12 gms in '02. David Jorgenson (6-2 302 So) 8 gms LY.

RT Brandon Pope Sr. 6-3 283 PS#202. 10 sts (2 at RG, 8 at RT) in '01. Car accident in '02 & only 7 gms. Corey Schmidt (6-5 301 Sr) 8 sts in '01. 1 st at RT, 12 gms LY.

LT BRIAN RIMPF SR. 6-6 314 PS#267. 4 starts @ RT as rFr. 12 starts in '01. 12 sts at LT LY. **2x 1st Tm CUSA**. Eric Graham (6-5 300 rFr). Thomas Wingenbach (6-5 283 rFr).

K Ryan Dougherty rFr. 6-1 204 PS#25K. Add 19 lbs in RS year. Strong leg. Christopher Baglio (6-3 223 Jr) 13 of 17 FG's, 55 yd FG in HS. Cameron Broadwell (6-3 194 Jr).

DE Guy Whimper So. 6-5 257 PS#33TE. 17 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl as rFr. CUSA Frosh Tm. Mike Horner (6-4 250 Fr) PS#182OL. TR Holland (6-5 260 So). Todd Springfield is PS#254.

DT DAMANE DUCKETT SR. 6-7 300 **PS#32DL**. 1 st, 14 tkls as true. 38 tkls, 3 sks, 6 tfl in '01. 10 sts at DT, 45 tkls, 5 tfl, 8 pbu LY. Eric Foushee (6-2 275 Sr) JC. 8 tkls, 2 tfl here LY.

DT Dontre' Brown rFr. 6-0 296 PS#124DL. Added 56 lbs last year. Derek Helms (6-3 276 Sr) PS#220DL. 4 tkls in 2000 & '01. 29 tkls, 1.5 tfl LY. Nathan Barnes (6-2 282 Sr).

DE Lorenza Pickett So. 6-1 249 PS#83LB. 6 tkls, 1 sack as **true**. Ike Emodi (6-4 224 So) PS#151TE. Last 2 starts at OLB as rFr, 9 tkls, 2 tfl. Brandon Jones is PS#244DL.

WLB Eric Butler Jr. 6-1 230 PS#248LB. 4 sts in '02, 47 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 int. Richard Koonce (6-0 229 So) PS#387. 46 tkls, 5.5 tfl as rFr. Shawn Hodges (5-11 216 Sr).

MLB CHRIS MOORE SO. 6-0 217 7 sts as rFr (inj), NCAA's top frosh LB tkl'r when inj'd. 72 tkls, 3.5 sks, 6 tfl, 2 int. Jermarcus Veal (6-0 239 So) 1 st, 32 tkls, 2 tfl. RB in spring.

SLB JOSH CHILSOM SO. 5-10 220 PS#128. Scout Team MVP in '01. 8 sts as rFr, 74 tkls, 4 sks, 2 tfl. Kent Nealy (5-10 224 Sr) PS#95DB. 2 sts in 3Y, 69 tkls, 4 sks, 2 pbu, 1 int.

CB Brandon Rainer Sr. 5-10 182 4 sts, 2 int, 7 pbu in first 2Y. 5 sts LY, 41 tkls, 7 pbu. Donald Whitehead (5-10 185 Jr) PS#173WR. 2 sts, 2 pbu LY. Travis Cox (5-10 170) PS#243.

CB REICKO JONES SO. 5-8 154 PS#319. 10 sts as **true**, 43 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu, CUSA Fr Tm. Jared Brogden (5-8 162 So) PS#271. 11 tkls as **true**. James Tyson (5-9 165 Sr) PS#243, 5 tkls LY.

SS TRAVIS HEATH SR. 6-2 198 PS#127. 6 sts, 67 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu in '01. 8 sts LY, 45 tkls, 1 int. Mickey McCoy (6-0 185 So) PS#155WR. Wes Herlocker (6-2 204 Jr) PS#86WR. 29 punts as true.

FS Richard Moton Sr. 6-2 193 128 tkls, 6 int, 14 pbu at JUCO. 30 tkls here LY. Antoine Nealy (6-0 181 So) PS#102WR. Markeith McQueen (5-9 175 So) 8 tkls as a **true**.

P Ryan Dougherty rFr. 6-1 204 PS#25K. 41.1 average as a punter in HS. Logan said "strongest leg I've seen on a HS player in a long time." Jeremy Jones (6-1 208 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

OL	Virgil Black 6-4 320 PS#104
QB	Pierre Parker 6-2 200 PS#85
WR	Steven Rogers 6-2 175 PS#107
WR	Brian Howard 6-3 170 PS#118
RB	Robert Tillman 5-11 180 PS#144
OL	Michael Horner 6-4 250 PS#182
WR	Juwon Crowell 6-3 190 PS#178
TE	Josh Coffman 6-6 240 PS#69
DB	Kasey Ross 6-1 190 PS#171
DL	Brandon Jones 6-5 245 PS#244
DL	Todd Springfield 6-3 285 PS#254
OL	Jeff Bumgarner 6-4 280 PS#469
RB	Kevin Fain 5-11 215 PS#323JC
QB	Thomas Bradley 5-11 180 PS#256

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		0-0	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 5

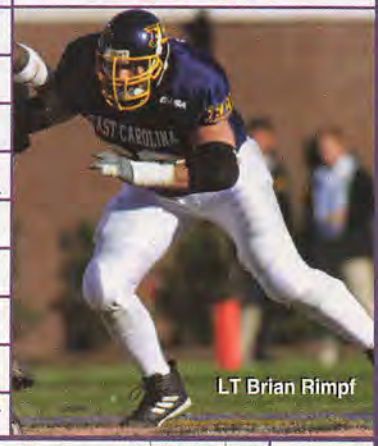
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (26,21,2)
Lost: 19 (5,11,3)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 29,629

CUSA

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#66

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score EC	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 1	at Cincinnati (Mon)	A						In their only 2 meetings, EC is 2-0 SU & ATS vs TCU. ECU is 2-5 ATS their last 7 vs Syracuse. E Carolina is 0-3 SU & ATS vs UAB the last 3 each time as a favorite. EC is 5-2 SU but 1-6 ATS at Nippert Stadium since 1988. Home team is 10-2 ATS in this series since 1989.
Sep. 6	W Virginia	G						Pirates are 1-10 ATS in their 1st lined home game. EC is 3-7-1 ATS their last 11 meetings with the Big East since 1996.
Sep. 13	at Miami, Fl	G						ECU is 2-5 SU, but 5-1-1 ATS the last 7 matchups vs the Canes. Pirates are 5-14-1 ATS as a double digit dog since 1992.
Sep. 20	at Wake Forest	G						The Pirates are 0-2-1 ATS all-time vs the Demons. E Carolina is 18-7-2 ATS in their 2nd straight road game.
Sep. 30	Houston (Tues)	G						EC is 3-0 SU & ATS L/3 meetings with UH with an avg score of 45-24. Pending Sept 6: ECU is 4-10-1 ATS in Sept home games since 1992.
Oct. 4								
Oct. 11	N Carolina	G						Schools are only 125 miles apart, but have only met once in 22 years. Pirates are 3-11 ATS their last 14 games after a bye.
Oct. 18	at Army	A						E Carolina is 6-0 SU & 4-2 ATS vs Army Black Knights all-time. The home team is 1-5 ATS in this series.
Oct. 25	Louisville	G						Louisville has never lost in Greenville SU or ATS since 1967. EC is 1-3 SU & ATS in their last 4 vs the Cardinals combined 74.5 ppg.
Nov. 1	at Memphis	G						ECU is 8-3 ATS their last 11 vs Memphis. The Pirates are 4-8 ATS their last 12 November away games.
Nov. 8	S Florida (HC)	G						This is S Florida's 1st season as a member of CUSA. This rivalry kicked off for the 1st time LY as the Bulls beat EC, 46-30.
Nov. 15								
Nov. 22	at Tulane	A						E Carolina is 5-1 SU, but 2-4 ATS vs the Green Wave since 1991. The Pirates are 2-4 ATS in their last 6 road finales.
Nov. 29	S Mississippi	G						EC is 6-3 SU & 5-3 ATS in their home finale S/'94 (0-2 SU & ATS L2Y). The visitor is 9-3-1 ATS the last 13 in this series.



STADIUM: DOWDY-FICKLEN STADIUM (43,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	5-6	6-5	9-2	7-4	6-5	4-8	45-33
ATS	5-4	3-6-2	4-6	9-2	5-6	5-5	3-8-1	34-37-3
Home Fav	1-3	1-2	1-2	4-0	2-3	1-3	1-1	11-14
Home Dog	0-0	1-0-1	0-1	2-1	0-1	0-0	1-2	4-5-1
Away Fav	2-0	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-2	3-1	0-2	10-8
Away Dog	2-1	0-3-1	2-2	1-0	2-0	1-1	1-3-1	9-10-2
Favorite	3-3	2-3	2-3	6-1	3-5	4-4	1-3	21-22
Dog	2-1	1-3-2	2-3	3-1	2-1	1-1	2-5-1	13-15-3
Grass	4-4	2-4-1	4-5	8-2	5-5	3-3	3-7-1	29-30-2
Artificial	1-0	1-2-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	2-2	0-1	5-7-1
vs CUSA	1-1	3-2-1	1-5	4-2	3-4	4-3	3-5	19-22-1
vs Non-CUSA	4-3	0-4-1	3-1	5-0	2-2	1-2	0-3-1	15-15-2
Off SU Win	3-3	2-3	4-3	6-2	2-4	2-3	0-4	19-22
Off SU Loss	2-1	1-3-1	0-3	2-0	1-2	3-1	3-3-1	12-13-2

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Art Brown	**214**	**1122**	**93**	**1029**	**14**	**4.8**
Marvin Townes	**76**	**333**	**29**	**304**	**2**	**4.0**
Christshawn Gilliam	44	293	2	291	2	6.6
Paul Troth	**61**	**102**	**312**	**-210**	**1**	**-3.4**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Paul Troth	**359**	**177**	**49.3**	**2315**	**15**	**20**
Desmond Robinson	**46**	**22**	**47.8**	**250**	**1**	**2**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Richard Alston	36	702	19.5	6	71
Torey Morris	38	552	14.5	3	43
Terrance Copper	**30**	**395**	**13.2**	**0**	**51**
Richard Hourigan	**19**	**197**	**10.4**	**1**	**45**
Tutu Moye	**16**	**185**	**11.6**	**1**	**22**
Art Brown	**26**	**181**	**7.0**	**3**	**56**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Jarad Preston	73	3170	43.4	74	35.2	1	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kevin Miller	34-36	3-4	7-8	6-8	1-2	17-22	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kelly Hardy	110	0	1	12	2
Antwane Yelverton	93	1.5	2	4	0
Ja'Waren Blair	87	2	4	2	0
Josh Chilsom	**74**	**4**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Chris Moore	**72**	**3.5**	**6**	**2**	**2**
Anthony Adams	58	0	2	3	0
Jerome Steward	56	1	2	7	1
John Williamson	48	0	1	1	0
Eric Butler	**47**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**
Richard Koonce	**46**	**.5**	**5**	**1**	**0**
Damane Duckett	**45**	**0**	**5**	**8**	**0**
Travis Heath	**45**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**1**
Christshawn Gilliam	44	3	7	0	0
Reicko Jones	**43**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**1**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terrance Copper	**30**	**328**	**10.9**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Damarcus Fox	**20**	**447**	**22.4**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Liberty	+7	Illinois	0-30	L
95	Liberty	+3'	Stanford	19-13	W
99	Mobile Alabama	-4'	TCU	14-28	L
00	galleryfurniture.com	+1	Texas Tech	40-27	W
01	Mobile	-2	Marshall (2OT)	61-64	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

E CAROLINA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	27.9	19	124	3.4	215	48.8	12.1	-10	2002	6	33.2	22	207	4.6	239	53.8	13.4
6*	35.1	21	213	5.4	210	55.5	12.1	-9	2001	9	30.0	24	142	3.1	287	58.2	14.3
9*	30.8	20	169	4.1	225	51.2	12.8	+1	2000	6	21.3	18	137	3.3	212	54.1	16.3
6*	27.8	20	155	4.0	236	57.4	14.1	+3	1999	6	18.8	19	135	3.3	207	52.2	18.2
6	24.9	19	151	3.7	236	62.4	15.5	+10	1998	8	27.0	20	192	4.1	185	55.2	13.9
4	19.5	18	67	2.5	240	58.8	15.8	-2	1997	4	27.1	21	177	3.8	191	56.6	13.6

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Duke	14	27-25	0.9	13-34	130	1	14	49-155	3.2	10-20	86	2	-4
at Wake Forest	21	32-122	3.8	21-41	273	1	20	52-181	3.5	16-29	216	1	-4
Tulane	19	47-226	4.8	8-18	92	2	26	40-107	2.7	31-49	236	3	+1
at W Virginia	15	24-65	2.7	23-33	207	1	26	62-536	8.6	6-14	33	1	-2
Army	18	50-191	3.8	9-15	137	1	19	34-129	3.8	17-42	245	1	+2
S Florida	31	51-149	2.9	26-49	361	3	15	30-89	3.0	19-33	321	1	-4
at Louisville	17	29-68	2.3	16-41	229	3	23	45-204	4.5	23-32	352	3	0
at Houston	27	43-158	3.7	25-37	440	3	19	53-329	6.2	8-22	201	0	+1
at UAB	19	34-157	4.6	19-39	187	1	29	36-133	3.7	21-35	454	4	-1
TCU	9	32-75	2.3	11-36	161	2	22	54-268	5.0	16-35	177	2	+2
at S Mississippi	10	30-91	3.0	8-22	63	4	24	55-195	3.5	14-25	219	3	0
Cincinnati	27	40-161	4.0	21-45	297	4	21	35-159	4.5	15-28	323	1	-1
TOTALS	227	439-1488	3.4	200-410	2577	26	258	545-2485	4.6	196-364	2863	22	-10
AVERAGES	18.9	37-124	3.4	17-34	215	2.2	21.5	45-207	4.6	16-30	239	1.8	-0.8

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia Tech	+10	3-38	L
UT-Chatt	NL	31-0	–
at Ohio U	-1'	21-14	W
Army	-13	30-25	L
UAB	-15'	26-7	W
at Alabama	+9	22-23	W
at S Mississippi	+10	7-41	L
Houston	-6	31-34	L
at Cincinnati	-14'	24-21	L
Louisville	+3	45-63	L
at Memphis	+2	34-31	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Virginia	+6	30-23	W
Duke	-4	27-9	W
at S Carolina	+1	21-3	W
† Miami, Fl	+11	27-23	W
at Army	-11'	33-14	W
S Mississippi	+2	22-39	L
Tulane	-10'	52-7	W
at Houston	-4'	19-3	W
at UAB	-13	17-36	L
Cincinnati	-10	48-34	W
NC State	-8	23-6	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Duke	-11	38-0	W
Virginia Tech	+5'	28-45	L
Tulane	-21	37-17	L
Syracuse	-5	34-17	W
at Memphis	-6'	10-17	L
Army	-25	42-21	L
at Louisville	+1	28-25	W
UAB	-14	13-16	L
Houston	-15	62-20	W
at W Virginia	-3	24-42	L
at S Mississippi	+6	14-9	W

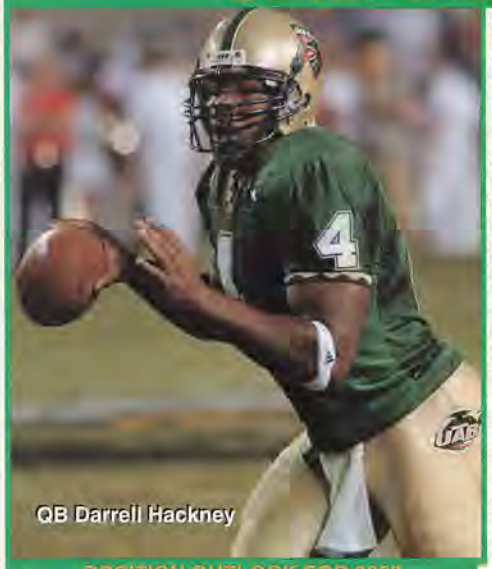
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wake Forest	-16	19-21	L
at Tulane	-9'	51-24	W
William & Mary	NL	38-23	–
at Syracuse	+7	30-44	L
at N Carolina	+6	21-24	W
at Army	-13'	49-26	W
Memphis	-10	32-11	W
at TCU	-6'	37-30	W
at Cincinnati	-7'	28-26	L
Louisville	-1	34-39	L
S Mississippi	-1'	21-28	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Duke	-14'	16-23	L
at Wake Forest	+5	22-27	T
Tulane	-8'	24-20	L
at W Virginia	+7'	17-37	L
Army	-20	59-24	W
S Florida	E	30-46	L
at Louisville	+14'	20-44	L
at Houston	+1	54-48 3OT	W
at UAB	-3'	29-36	L
TCU	+8'	31-28	W
at S Mississippi	+9'	7-24	L
Cincinnati	+7'	26-42	L

UAB BLAZERS


QB Darrell Hackney

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Thomas Cox (PS#92) excelled as an option QB for UAB and played in each of the last four years. He set a school record with 177 yards rushing against Tulane in 2001 and won his first six career starts. He threw for 727 yards while rushing for 533 and last year he began the year as the starter but struggled with his passing completing just 34.8% while rushing for 128 in his 4 starts. The team averaged 226.3 ypg in those first four games. Darrell Hackney (6-2 235 So) started the last eight and in those games the team averaged 358.6 ypg. Hackney injured his MCL early in the year and then sprained his ankle against S Miss and was never really 100%, but set UAB IA school records by throwing for 1,977 yards (50.9%) with a 14-7 ratio while rushing for 242 yards. He threw for 329 yards against Houston and even with his limited mobility vs E Carolina he threw for 424 yards. This year they must replace Cox and it will be a battle for the backup spot. I list two rFr below who are in the mix. True frosh Jake Tompkins (PS#68) has been called the perfect QB for this offense and could take the backup spot. I was impressed with Hackney's performance even though he was not 100% last year and if he can stay healthy all season, this position would be solidly improved.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 UAB had to replace their leading rusher and top two returnees, Theron Dudley (PS#84) and Kendal Gibson (PS#167) who had just 164 and 80 yards respectively in 2001. Those two big backs were supposed to give UAB a powerful rush offense. Both players had respectable seasons as Gibson rushed for 460 yards (4.9) while Dudley finished with 319 (4.4). Dudley pulled his hamstring in August and had just 38 yards after four games but came on strong with a 102 yard effort vs Memphis. Dan Burks (PS#149) played as a true frosh and ended up leading the team in rushing with 554 yards (4.5) despite having just 41 yards after 4 games. The team lost starting FB Bernard Anderson to a broken leg vs E Carolina and he is the only loss from this year's unit. Adding depth are Bo Moncur (5-11 185 rFr) who almost played as a true, FB Michael Pittman (6-3 235 So, PS#170TE), FB Jarad Sands (6-3 250 rFr), RB Justin Colbert (6-0 215 So, PS#199) and FB Reggie Willis (6-2 205 Sr). The top three are all back and are much more experienced.

RECEIVERS - Basically everyone returned to the receiving corps last season including their top man, Willie Quinnie, who had 36 rec's (12.8) in 2001. Quinnie did get into Coach Brown's doghouse and was suspended against ULL. He had just 7 receptions in the first five games but came on down the stretch with 29 grabs in the last seven including a 156 yard effort against Houston. Since teams basically doubled Quinnie, Roddy White was able to get loose for 39 grabs (14.9). He is 6-2 190 with 4.3 speed. Quinnie still led the team in yards (627) but now departs as does TJ Simmons (1 st, 10 rec, 12.7) and Kenny Borders (1 st, 9, 11.7). I list the 2 deep below and all three TE's are HT's. This group has the potential to put up bigger stats than last year with more of a passing QB starting despite the loss of their top guy, and could be just as talented as last year's group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Blazers averaged 3.7 ypc rushing while allowing just 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup so they had eight of the top ten back. In the first game of the season two starters, T Barker White and G Anthony Larry, went down with injuries. White was lost for the season with a torn ACL but Larry would return to start the final six games at LT after Brad Spencer was lost for the season due to a torn ACL. This year the only losses are C Kirk Tuck (12 sts, 2 yr st'r, 2nd Tm CUSA, 520 bench), Spencer (6 sts, 2 yr st'r) and Eddie LeFlavor (2nd string). Six players return with starting experience and they add in a couple of top-notch JUCO's to contend for time. Last year the line paved the way for 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 34 sacks. Due to injuries, this group is more experienced than it was heading into last season and should improve upon 2002's numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - UAB's defense was nicknamed the 'Steel Shield' and allowed just 1.9 ypc rushing while recording 28 sacks in 2001. Last year they had to replace five big-time players including 1st and 2nd round DC's and the unit was very inexperienced. As you would expect, UAB allowed 3.7 ypc rushing, almost double the previous year's total while recording just 21 sacks. This year they must replace three starters again. Gone are DT James Malone (12 sts, 67 tkls, 2.5 sks), DE Hassan McKeithan (9 sts, 50 tkls, 6.5 tfl), DE Deijon Hart (10 sts, 41 tkls, 3.5 sks) and DE Marvin Nickson (2 sts until ACL inj). Four players return with starting experience although only one full-time starter is back. There are some HT's listed in the 3 deep below and this unit actually has a little more experience than it did heading into last year and could be stronger.

LINEBACKERS - Last year UAB played a 4-2-5 defense but I listed the WS under the LB corps. Of their top six LB's, including the WS, the team had five soph's and one frosh with no starting experience heading into last season. Gaylon Black, who ended up at the WS position, tore his ACL during the third game and was lost for the year. They lose WS Sentell Winston (5 sts, 55 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu) who took over at that position the last 5 games and WS Derrick Bush (28 tkls, 3 tfl) but everyone else returns and Black is back from injury. The star of this group is Zac Woodfin who benches an incredible 480 lbs yet has 4.6 speed and will catch the attention of NFL scouts. He led the team with 120 tackles and Nigel Eldridge, who was #2 with 104, also returns. This group is far more experienced than it was heading into last season and has the makings of a formidable unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 UAB ranked #23 in my pass D rankings but last year had to replace five players who combined for 27 starts. They had two starters back and moved in starting WR Jason Southall but he only had two tackles seeing most of his action in the return game with 768 KR yards. This year they must replace CB Chris Brown (12 sts, 87 tkls, 4 int, 11 pbu, 2nd Tm CUSA) but everyone else is back. They also go from three safety positions to two so they have three players who started six or more games at safety back. This is a more experienced group than it was heading into last season and should easily improve on last year's #63 finish in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - UAB had my #102 special teams rankings in 1998 but Coach Brown visited with VT's Frank Beamer and took his special teams philosophies to heart. Brown, who coaches the special teams himself, saw the ranking move up to #38 in 1999 but the next two years were #51 and #43. The team has blocked 13 punts in the last 4 years. Last year basically everyone returned to the group but surprisingly they plummeted down to #96, not including the kicker, and a more respectable #82 including the kicker. Nick Hayes hit his first fourteen FG's of the year but missed all three against Louisville. He ended up 17 of 22 with a long of 48 including a very impressive 8 of 10 from 40-49. He is back for his junior season and in 2001 he hit 10 of 15 with a long of 50. Punter Ross Stewart must be replaced but saw his net average drop from 36.2 to 32.1 partially due to 4 blocked punts as well as two returned for TD's. Ironically, UAB had not allowed a PR TD in its brief IA history prior to 2002. His possible replacements are listed below. Top KR, Jason Southall, is back but they must replace top PR, Willie Quinnie, who averaged 12.1 and 10.3 the last two years. Overall the team was -4 in the TD/Blk category which is the first time they finished with a negative number in that area in four years. Since this group is a priority to Brown, I expect solid improvement in 2003.

COACHES - Watson Brown enters his ninth year at UAB with a record of 42-47. He was just named the permanent AD in November and is one of only two AD/coaches in the country along with UNLV's John Robinson. His OC is Pat Sullivan who enters his fourth year and he was formerly the head coach at TCU. Brown made an outstanding acquisition this year as the new DC is Wayne Bolt who has molded some fine D's at Troy St in the last 5 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

UAB did not even have a football team until 1991. They joined Div IAA in 1993 and stepped up to IA ball in '96. When Watson Brown showed up in January of 1995 they had only filled half of their allotted scholarships, had no football office and no locker room. They joined CUSA four years ago and have an amazing (for such a young program) record of 16-11 in conference play. They play at historic Legion Field but in front of far less than half of the Stadium's capacity. The Blazers had a streak of two straight winning seasons end last year but they did go 4-4 in league play. The strength of their two winning seasons was their "Steel Shield" defense but they had just two starters back on that side of the ball last year and went from allowing 18.7 ppg to 30.8. They should be much tougher on defense this year with 7 returning starters. QB Darrell Hackney proved to be one of the most exciting newcomers in the NCAA last year and returns for his soph season. They have 9 starters back on offense and should easily top last year's 22.3 ppg. Their 16 starters returning is the most in CUSA. Head Coach Watson Brown termed last year's group was the youngest team he'd ever coached but that team had 24 seniors on the roster while this year's team has just eight. UAB has a decent shot at flirting with their third winning season in four years.

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OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB DARRELL HACKNEY SO. 6-2 235 PS#158. L/8 sts as rFr, 1977 yds (51%), 14-7 ratio, 242 rush. Curtis Falany (6-2 190 rFr) PS#419. Chris Williams (6-0 195 rFr) PS#268.

RB DAN BURKS SO. 6-0 200 PS#149. 1 st, #1 w/554 yds (4.5) as **true**. Kendal Gibson (5-11 240 Jr) PS#167. 10 sts, 540 yds (4.3), 2Y. Theron Dudley (6-0 230 Jr) PS#84.

WR Jhun Cook So. 5-11 185 PS#338. 2 sts as **true**, 17 rec (10.4) in L/8 gms, 9 KR (21.9). Bradley Chavez (6-0 180 So) 5 rec (24.2) as rFr. Travouris Thomas (5-10 180 So).

WR RODDY WHITE JR. 6-2 190 4.3 spd. 14 rec (16.9) as true. 11 sts LY, #1 w/ 39 rec (14.9). 90 ret yds in 2Y. Carl Duncan (5-9 175 So). 1 rec (43.0) as **true** in two games.

WR CHICO CLEVELAND JR. 6-2 210 PS#159TE. 10 rec (14.0) as true. 7 sts LY, 12 rec (10.8). **Lance Rhodes** (5-11 180 So) PS#105. Ariz St trans. Charles Griffin (6-2 180 Jr).

TE SAM DUDLEY JR. 6-3 265 PS#65. 10 sts at FB in '01. 8 sts LY, 4 rec (10.2). Cedric Hampton (6-4 270 So) PS#24. 1 st, 2 rec as rFr. Lynorse Garrett (6-5 225 So) PS#49.

C Matt Batusic So. 6-2 285 PS#340DL. 2nd string as rFr & 1 start. +10 lbs. Rodney Outlaw (6-2 300 Jr) PS#413JC. Kenny Rush (6-2 285 So) 2nd string for half of LY.

RG LARRY COACHMAN SR. 6-1 340 PS#410. PQ. 2nd string in 2000 & '01. 12 sts at RG LY, 3L, 420 bench, 655 squat. Artavious Williams (6-5 340 Sr). Cornelius Rogers (6-3 310 Fr).

LG ANDY GALLOWAY JR. 6-5 310 PS#199. 2nd string but RS as true. 4 sts, 39 KD's as rFr, CUSA Fr Tm. 10 sts LY. Marcel Binion (6-3 300 Jr) PS#217JC. 365 bench.

RT WILBERT HAMILTON SR. 6-4 295 8 tkls as true on DL. 11 sts at LT in '01. 11 sts at RT LY. **Barker White** (6-4 310 Jr) PS#261DL. 2nd string in '01. 1 st LY then ACL injury.

LT ANTHONY LARRY SO. 6-3 320 7 sts as rFr including L/6, missed 4 with inj. Added 20 lbs. **Joey Horne** (6-7 300 rFr) **PS#98OL**. Emilio Thompson (6-8 325 So) PS#541.

K NICK HAYES JR. 6-1 180 PS#37. Hit 10 of 15 FG's as rFr, long of 50. 4 misses from 50+! Hit 17 of 22 FG's in '02, long of 48, 14 of 17 from 40-49 in 2 years.

DE Chris Mason So. 6-3 245 PS#281LB. 1 st as rFr, 31 tkls, 1.5 tfl, 2 pbu, added 10 lbs. Vincent Pollard (6-3 225 Jr) PS#441JC. 13 sks in '01 at JC. Chris Pugh is PS#250.

DT Ernest Respress So. 6-5 285 PS#466. 28 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl as rFr, 400 bench. Randal Gibson (6-0 285 Jr) 2 sts at DE, 22 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Tony Williams (6-2 350 So) 1 tkl LY.

DT SHAMAR ABRAMS JR. 6-2 330 PS#103. 4 tkls in '01. 10 sts in '02, 84 tkls, 2 sks, 6 tfl. Quinton Harris (6-6 330 rFr) PS#163OL. Sam Williamson (6-5 280 So) 16 tkls, 1 tfl LY.

DE Sam Kendrick So. 6-5 260 PS#211OL. 11 gms as **true**, 15 tkls, 3 pbu, +15 lbs. Shane Pearson (6-6 250 Sr) TE in '01. 2 sts LY, 11 tkls, 1 sk. Anthony Garrett (6-5 225 So) 8 tkls, 1.5 sks.

LB ZAC WOODFIN JR. 6-2 235 PS#221. 480 bench, 4.6 spd. 12 sts in '02, 120 tkls, 5 sks, 13 tfl, 2 int, **2nd Tm CUSA**. Darrius Taylor (6-0 230 Jr) PS#371. 35 tkls, 2 years.

LB NIGEL ELDRIDGE JR. 6-2 230 10 tkls as rFr. 435 bench. 9 sts LY, 104 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl, 2 pbu. DeMarcus Rodgers (6-2 220 Jr) PS#141. 11 tkls LY. Jay Runyans (6-3 230 So).

LB GAYLON BLACK JR. 6-1 225 9 tkls as rFr. 655 squat #1 on team! 3 sts last year until ACL, 32 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 int, 3 pbu. Kyle Bissinger (6-3 225 rFr) PS#250QB. Moved to LB.

CB DIO HILL JR. 5-11 185 PS#137. 6 sts in '01, 3 int, 7 pbu, 19 tkls. 12 sts LY, 54 tkls, 13 pbu. Warren Butler (5-11 185 Sr) PS#410JC. 3 sts at SS LY, 32 tkls, 1 pbu.

CB CARLOS HENDRICKS JR. 5-10 182 4.4 spd. 10 sts (4@CB), 335 bench, 50 tkls, 3 sks, 3 int, 5 pbu LY. Jason Southall (5-11 170 Jr) 11 sts at WR in '01, 14 rec (13.8).

SS THURMAN PEARSON SR. 6-1 185 PS#290WR. 11 sts in 2002, 99 tkls, 7 tfl, 1 int, 7 pbu. Allen West (6-2 210 So) PS#386LB. Blake Prime (5-11 190 So) 3 tkls last year.

FS Julius Wainwright So 6-1 190 7 sts, 40 tkls, 355 bench in 2002. Dominique Cosper (5-10 170 rFr). Justin Whitmore (5-11 180 Jr) 11 tkls, 1 pbu in 2002.

P Parker Mullins rFr. 5-10 165 RS in '02 & also on baseball team. Brent Dye (6-0 175 rFr) will contend. Must replace Ross Stewart who had a 42.1 averaged and net of 32.1.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

QB	Jake Tompkins 6-2 210 PS#68	
OL	Adam Truitt 6-2 285 PS#147	
RB	Corey White 6-1 225 PS#125	
RB	Durrell Fuqua 5-11 175 PS#168	
LB	Jeff Williams 6-1 225 PS#209	
OL	Jamarius Dismuke 6-5 310 PS#277	
DL	Chris Pugh 6-2 214 PS#250	
OL	Marcel Binion 6-3 300 PS#217JC	
DB	Carl Johnson 6-1 190 PS#290	
TE	Greer Barnett 6-3 225 PS#97	
RB	Alvin Winters 6-2 205 PS#255	
LB	Brandon Watkins 6-4 220 PS#320	
LB	Willie Edwards 6-3 215 PS#323	
DB	Carnell Williams 6-1 180 PS#366	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UAB	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	at Baylor	G						UAB has been shutout 5x's since joining Div IA in 1997. Blazers are 1-17 SU vs non-conference road opponents since 1997. UAB is 9-2-1 ATS as a home dog since 1997.
Sep. 4	S Mississippi (Thur)	G						UAB is 4-1 ATS in their 1st lined game of the year. Blazers are 0-6 SU but 4-1 ATS vs Big 12 foes since 1994.
Sep. 13	Troy St	G						Blazers are 5-1 ATS their 1st lined home game of the season. UAB is 0-3 SU & 2-0-1 ATS in 3 battles with the Golden Eagles.
Sep. 20	at S Carolina	G						These schools used to battle as Div IAA foes. Last year they both met as Div IA foes, UAB won 27-26 as a 1' pt favorite.
Sep. 27								Blazers are 2-9 SU but 9-2 ATS in September away games since 1997. UAB is 6-1 ATS prior to a bye the last 7.
Oct. 4	at Memphis	G						Blazers are 3-0 SU & ATS vs Memphis the last 3. UAB is 8-4-1 ATS in CUSA road games.
Oct. 11	Cincinnati	G						The underdog is 4-1 ATS in the 5 previous lined meetings. Coming into 2003, UAB is 9-4-1 ATS in home games vs current CUSA foes.
Oct. 18	at TCU	G						In only prior, UAB held TCU to 20 yds rushing enroute to a 38-17 home win in '01. UAB is 6-3 ATS as a CUSA road dog the last 4 years.
Oct. 25	at Georgia	G						Could apply: UAB is 7-2 ATS the last 4 years as a double digit road dog. UAB is 2-4 ATS the last 6 in game 2 of back-to-back road games.
Nov. 1	Army (HC)	G						Blazers are 3-0 SU & 2-1 ATS vs Army in this relatively new series. UAB is 5-1-1 ATS in November home games the last 7.
Nov. 8	Tulane	G						Blazers are 2-1 SU & 0-2-1 ATS vs Tulane since joining Div IA in 1997. UAB has covered each of their last three home finales.
Nov. 15								
Nov. 22	at S Florida	G						This is UAB's 1st meeting with South Florida. The Blazers are 3-4 SU & 4-2-1 away in November since 1998.
Nov. 29	at Houston	G						Blazers are 3-0 SU & ATS vs Houston the last 3. UAB is 7-2 SU & 2-2-1 ATS in season finales since 1994.

WATSON BROWN (Career 61-115-1)(Div IAA 14-8)
9th Year at UAB

Brown's records AT UAB

42-47	Straight Up	5-7	Home Favorite
32-25-2	Vs The Spread	9-2-1	Home Underdog
16-12-1	Off A SU Loss	3-4-1	Away Favorite
19-12-2	Vs Conference	15-12	Away Underdog
		13-13	Vs Non-Conf

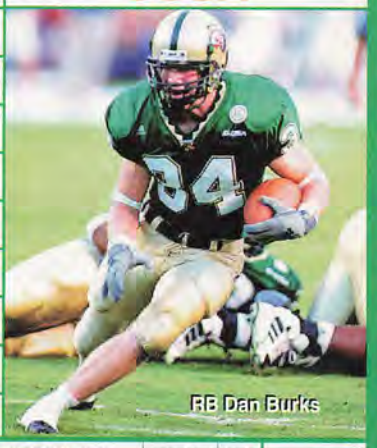
2002 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (25,23,2)
Lost: 19 (9,8,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,447

CUSA


RB Dan Burks

STADIUM: LEGION FIELD (83,091)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	5-6	4-7	5-6	7-4	6-5	5-7	37-41
ATS	0-0	4-4	3-5	7-3-1	7-3	6-4	5-6-1	32-25-2
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-2	2-2	1-1	5-7
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-1	2-0	0-0	3-0-1	9-2-1
Away Fav	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0-1	1-0	1-1	0-2	3-4-1
Away Dog	0-0	2-3	2-3	4-1	3-1	3-1	1-3	15-12
Favorite	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-1-1	2-2	3-3	1-3	8-11-1
Dog	0-0	3-3	3-4	6-2	5-1	3-1	4-3-1	24-14-1
Grass	0-0	3-3	2-5	6-3	5-2	6-4	4-4-1	26-21-1
Artificial	0-0	1-1	1-0	1-0-1	2-1	0-0	1-2	6-4-1
vs CUSA	0-0	2-1	0-3	4-1-1	4-2	5-2	4-3-1	19-12-2
vs Non-CUSA	0-0	2-3	3-2	3-2	3-1	1-2	1-3	13-13
Off SU Win	0-0	2-1	1-1	1-3	3-3	5-1	2-2-1	14-11-1
Off SU Loss	0-0	2-2	1-4	5-0-1	4-0	1-3	3-3	16-12-1

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dan Burks	124	585	31	554	1	4.5
Kendal Gibson	94	485	25	460	5	4.9
Theron Dudley	73	347	28	319	3	4.4
Thomas Cox	60	307	85	222	1	3.7
Darrell Hackney	85	242	256	-14	2	-0.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Darrell Hackney	293	149	50.9	1977	14	7
Thomas Cox	52	19	36.5	207	1	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Roddy White	39	580	14.9	3	54	
Willie Quinnie	36	627	17.4	6	94	
Jhun Cook	17	176	10.4	1	42	
Chico Cleveland	12	130	10.8	2	24	
T.J. Simmons	10	127	12.7	2	30	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Ross Stewart	75	3154	42.1	78	32.1	4	17
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Nick Hayes	29-29	5-6	4-5	8-10	0-1	17-22	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Zac Woodfin	120	5	13	2	2
Nigel Eldridge	104	2	5	2	0
Thurman Pearson	99	2	5	7	1
Chris Brown	87	0	2	11	4
Shamar Abrams	84	2	6	2	0
James Malone	67	2.5	0	0	1
Sentell Winston	55	0	2	8	2
Dio Hill	54	0	2	13	0
Carlos Hendricks	50	3	1	5	3
Hassan McKeithan	50	1.5	5	4	0
Deijon Hart	41	3.5	0	1	0
Julius Wainwright	40	1	0	0	0
Gaylon Black	32	0	2	3	1
Warren Butler	32	0	2	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Willie Quinnie	25	257	10.3	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jason Southall	32	768	24.0	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UAB'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	22.3	18	130	3.4	185	48.7	14.1	+1	2002	2	30.8	20	154	3.7	228	56.4	12.4
6*	24.1	17	161	3.7	142	48.3	12.6	+3	2001	9	18.7	16	57	1.9	209	54.7	14.2
8*	21.6	17	164	3.8	153	49.7	14.6	+1	2000	7	17.5	18	84	2.4	207	52.8	16.7
8*	22.5	16	140	3.4	138	50.2	12.4	+3	1999	6	25.4	21	142	3.7	226	52.9	14.5
7*	21.5	18	173	3.8	128	46.7	13.9	-5	1998	7	28.0	19	131	3.3	218	56.9	12.5
7	20.2	15	137	3.7	172	47.6	15.3	+4	1997	9	21.6	20	180	4.2	174	47.2	16.3

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Florida	15	37-150	4.1	11-31	90	3	26	38-233	6.1	20-32	410	3	0
Troy St	11	30-84	2.8	13-22	137	2	26	52-223	4.3	19-37	203	1	+1
Pittsburgh	16	26-138	5.3	10-23	94	0	25	53-189	3.6	13-25	235	1	-1
at Louisiana-Lft	8	28-122	4.4	6-20	94	3	18	53-123	2.3	16-23	242	3	-4
Memphis	23	47-223	4.7	13-22	167	0	24	35-68	1.9	22-40	259	2	+2
Houston	20	40-77	1.9	18-34	329	3	16	41-191	4.7	15-31	286	1	+3
at Tulane	18	39-98	2.5	18-37	194	6	15	33-140	4.2	17-28	141	1	-1
at Army	21	36-58	1.6	25-42	245	2	16	35-136	3.9	18-32	101	0	-2
S Mississippi	15	37-88	2.4	11-28	138	4	16	43-101	2.3	10-20	223	4	+2
E Carolina	29	36-133	3.7	21-35	454	4	19	34-157	4.6	19-39	187	1	+1
at Louisville	16	39-154	3.9	17-36	223	3	25	45-205	4.6	21-33	207	3	+1
at Cincinnati	19	63-239	3.8	6-17	49	4	17	34-82	2.4	14-22	243	1	-1
TOTALS	211	458-1564	3.4	169-347	2214	34	243	496-1848	3.7	204-362	2737	21	+1
AVERAGES	17.6	38-130	3.4	14-29	185	2.8	20.3	41-154	3.7	17-30	228	1.8	0.9

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+46'	7-38	W
Tennessee Tech	NL	38-6	–
Kansas	+7	37-39	W
SW Louisiana	-19	24-13	L
at E Carolina	+15'	7-26	L
at LATech	+17'	23-54	L
Virginia Tech	+21	0-41	L
at NE Louisiana	+2'	14-20	L
at Tennessee	+42	13-37	W
Mid Tenn St	NL	26-27	–
Tenn-Martin	NL	48-17	–

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Missouri	+22	28-31	W
at Virginia Tech	+24	10-31	W
Houston	+7	29-10	W
UL Monroe	-13'	47-0	W
Memphis	-3	14-38	L
at Cincinnati	+6	24-21 OT	W
at Wake Forest	+6'	3-47	L
at Louisville	+14	14-23	W
E Carolina	+13	36-17	W
LA Tech	+8	20-41	L
at Tulane	-3	23-20 OT	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tenn-Chat	NL	20-15	–
at Kansas	+9	20-23	W
at LSU	+16'	13-10	W
Louisiana-Lft	-19	47-2	W
Louisville	-1'	17-38	L
Memphis	+2'	13-9	W
Mid Tenn St	-10	14-9	L
at E Carolina	+14	16-13	W
at Cincinnati	+5'	21-33	L
S Miss	+10	30-33 2OT	W
at Army	-8	27-7	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Montana St	NL	41-13	–
at Florida St	+29	7-29	W
Army	-16	55-3	W
at S Mississippi	+6	0-3	W
at UCF	-2'	7-24	L
Cincinnati	-7'	17-31	L
Tulane	-9	34-27	L
at Memphis	+1	17-14	W
TCU	-6'	38-17	W
at Houston	-15'	43-21	W
at Pittsburgh	+6'	6-24	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida	+32	3-51	L
Troy St	-1'	27-26	L
Pittsburgh	+6'	20-26	W
at Louisiana-Lft	-7'	0-34	L
Memphis	+8'	31-17	W
Houston	-3'	51-34	W
at Tulane	+4'	14-35	L
at Army	-8	29-26	L
S Mississippi	+7	13-20	T
E Carolina	+3'	36-29	W
at Louisville	+18	21-41	L
at Cincinnati	+17	23-31	W

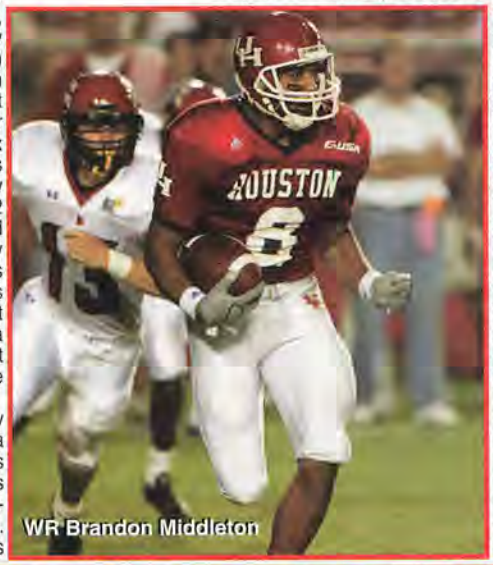
HOUSTON COUGARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Kelly Robertson won the starting QB job but broke his wrist and Nick Eddy (6-4 250 Sr) would start four games in his absence throwing for 1,023 yards (54.4%) with a 6-8 ratio. Robertson graduated last year and Eddy once again lost out on the starting job, this time to Barrick Nealy. Nealy is more mobile and proved to be a solid leader. He led the team to two wins in their first three games but then suffered a season ending knee injury vs Texas. Eddy once again was called upon off the bench and he started the last eight games throwing for 2,054 yards (50.6%) with a 16-18 ratio while rushing for 72 gross yards. Eddy is more of a drop back QB and they had to change the offense somewhat to accommodate him. Both QB's are back and Nealy should be able to win the starting job especially with the new offense emphasizing the QB getting out to the perimeter and having both run and pass options. Blade Bassler (6-4 225 So) was PS#46 and appeared in nine games in 2002 but mostly on special teams. Shang Moore (6-2 190 rFr) was PS#153. This year the team signed Kevin Kolb (PS#52) who knows the offense well as Art Briles was his head coach in HS for his freshman season. With basically everyone back this unit should be much more productive. I was impressed with Nealy last year and it would not surprise me to see Kolb emerge as the backup.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 Joffrey Reynolds led the team with 818 yards (4.5) and the #2 man was Chris Robertson (PS#105), a Texas transfer who had 165 yards (3.4) despite an injury plagued season. Robertson tore his ACL in the spring and was expected to possibly miss the season but with his eligibility expiring, he fought back and joined the team vs UAB. In four games he scored six TD's and rushed for 182 yards (4.3) but then was lost for the rest of the season. Reynolds became the first UH RB to have four straight 100 yard games since 1977. He had a huge game of 300 yards vs EC setting a CUSA record and also set the CUSA record for single season rushing with 1,545 yards (4.9). That was the third best single season rushing ever at Houston with Robert Newhouse having 1,757 in 1971 and Paul Gibson 1,550 in 1968. He leaves as CUSA's #3 all-time leading rusher with 2,947 career yards and another Houston back, Ketrick Sanford is #1 in that category with 3,636. Anthony Evans (PS#28) redshirted his first year and played in 12 game's last season but had just 180 yards (3.1). He is the front runner for the starting job. Cody Thibodeaux (PS#52) missed the first five games due to a hamstring injury and saw only limited duty. Jackie Battle (6-2 230 rFr) was PS#377 but Dimel called him a "230 lb Emmitt Smith". Bobby Tillman (5-11 210 Jr) had 14 yards last year. This year's top signee is Anthony Alridge (PS#94). I expect Evans and the others will provide a solid punch at the RB position but it will be very hard to duplicate Reynolds' outstanding numbers.

RECEIVERS - Houston had a very talented receiving corps which Dana Dimel inherited in 2000, but it was decimated by injuries and departures that year with the four projected starters playing in a total of three games. In 2001 the majority of the players returned but their productivity was again slowed by injuries and inconsistency. Last year the team had to replace its leading receiver and the top returnee, Brian Robinson, had just 23 rec's (11.9) in 2001. This year they must replace their top two receivers in KeyKowa Bell (3 sts, 35 rec, 12.1), Robinson (11 sts, 29 rec, 17.9) and Jeremy McCardell (1 st, 6 rec, 8.8). The top three TE's all return and I list the rest of the two deep below. Brandon Middleton has averaged 24.3 and 24.1 ypc the last two years and has the highest ypc of any returning receiver in the NCAA this year. This is one unit where I can see some of this year's new signees contributing immediately (see Top Newcomers).



WR Brandon Middleton

OFFENSIVE LINE - In former Coach Dimel's first season the team averaged just 2.2 ypc rushing and improved that to 3.1 in 2001. Last year they had three starters returning and improved again to 3.9 ypc while allowing just 19 sacks. The line was the fourth biggest in the NCAA averaging 313 lbs per man but had to overcome a season ending injury to C Al James in the seventh game when he tore both his ACL and his MCL. James missed the spring and is very questionable for the fall and when healthy, he is one of the best C's in the country. The losses are heavier this year. Gone are RT Rufus Williams (12 sts), LT Chris Redding (11 sts, PS#24, 2nd Tm CUSA), RG Chris Wheeler (12 sts, 2 yr st'r) and LT Tyrone Green (1 st, 6 gms). I list the 2 deep below and I am hoping that James can work his way back into the lineup. If he does, he along with Hadnot make a couple of good cornerstones to build on plus they moved TE Matt Mattox to LT after he started four games last year. This unit is less experienced than it was heading into last season and will be even more so if James does not return.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 Houston had an inexperienced defensive front that allowed 4.8 ypc rushing and the DL was responsible for just 5 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and during the season 3 true frosh played together at times in Matthew Bentley, Kade Lane and Gerard Richard. Their best DE, Farouk Adelekan missed the opener with an appendectomy. He worked his way into playing shape and started the last 3 games actually leading the team with 9 sacks. This year they must replace DT Brian Hill (6 sts, 28 tkls, 8 tfl), DE Adrian Lee (12 sts, 36 tkls, 7 tfl), DT Darren Carr (1 st, 3 tkls) and DE Quantaa Jackson (7 tkls, 2 tfl). Five players return with starting experience and they add in some talented rFr and true frosh this year. While the majority of this group is made up of underclassmen, this is the most experienced defensive front Houston has had in the last three years.

LINEBACKERS - The Cougars shift from a 4-2-5 to a 4-3 this year. Last year they had to replace 2 starters due to graduation and actually had two VHT's that did not play in Bryant Brown (redshirted) and Cody Thibodeaux (moved to RB). This year the unit must replace WLB Ronnie Braxton (12 sts, 47 tkls, 3 tfl) and SS Jesse Sowells (101 tkls, 9 tfl). The two players who split the MLB job both return and Brown is also back giving them 2 VHT starters. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. This unit actually has more experience and talent than it did heading into last year and should surprisingly be one of CUSA's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Houston had an experienced secondary in 2001 but still finished #103 in my pass defense rankings. Last year they had to replace their career pbu leader as well as two backups but had FS Hanik Milligan back who simply led the team in tackles in 2001 and 2002. Overall 3 starters were back and Houston did not improve as much as expected in the pass D rankings climbing to just #93 allowing 269.3 ypg (55.8%) with a 24-10 ratio. This year they must replace FS Milligan (1st Tm CUSA, 12 sts, 149 tkls, 7 pbu, #6DC of SD), CB Victor Malone (10 sts, 55 tkls, 3 int, 10 pbu), S Reggie Medlock (11 tkls) and CB Greg Holte (17 tkls). I list a fairly talented 2 deep, especially at CB where there are plenty of HT's contending for time and there looks to be some good players angling for the FS spot. Despite the losses, this group could be just as adequate as last year and perhaps even move up in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2001's winless season, this unit finished a very poor #116 in my special teams rankings. Last year most of the key players returned with the exception of their kicker who hit just 2 of 4 FG's the previous season. His replacement, Dustin Bell, had a fantastic year hitting 12 of 14 FG's with one of the misses from 50+ and he was a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award. He made a 65 yard FG in practice last summer and a 67 yard FG at a kicking camp in HS, and had 43.3% touchbacks! The good news for Cougar fans is that Bell is back for his junior season. Punter Jimmy McClary helped the team's net punting making a dramatic improvement from 31.7 to 35.9. They must replace top PR KeyKowa Bell (8.3) but return their top two KR's in Roshawn Pope and Brandon Middleton. Overall, Houston finished #62 in my special teams rankings with the kickers included and the Cougars should roar up the rankings once again this year.

COACH - Dana Dimel's Houston squad showed a lot of improvement last season including an upset of Louisville in the season finale and some narrow losses (see Phil's Forecast) but he was let go at the end of the season. Art Briles played here from 1974-'77 and for 12 years he was one of Texas' most successful HS HC's at Stephenville. He guided his teams to four state titles and they were 90-2-1 in a six year stretch. He is the OC as well and they will run the hurry-up, running plays in :16 instead of :25 to wear out opposing defenses. The DC is Ron Harris who was the DL coach at Texas Tech.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Houston used to have a run and shoot offense with Jack Pardee and John Jenkins at the helm. When they hired Kim Helton the administration wanted anything but the run and shoot. Helton did a great job and after having just 45 scholarship players in his second year he led the team to a CUSA Co-Championship in 1996 and the Liberty Bowl. In his final season the team went 7-4 with three losses to bowl squads and he was surprisingly given the axe. His boring, run-oriented offense averaged 370 ypg and 23.1 ppg. Dana Dimel was brought in and they went to a pure pass offense and averaged just 19.2 and 17.3 ppg his first two years. Houston was an improved team last year and won three CUSA games despite being -16 in turnovers (which bodes well for this year, see page 310). In 2001 Dimel redshirted his entire freshmen class despite the team going 0-11 and new coach Art Briles will benefit from that in future years. The Cougars probably would have had a better record last year had Barrick Nealy remained healthy at QB. With him returning to the lineup they could improve upon last year's 26.7 ppg. They also had a chance for a better record as they lost to Tulane despite a 24-15 FD edge, were tied with TCU 10-10 at the half, led UAB 28-6 before losing and led E Carolina 34-17 in the 4Q and lost in 3 OT's. Defensively the Cougars return just five starters but do look stronger on that side of the ball as well. Unfortunately they do host some tough games in conference play (TCU and S Miss) so they will probably have to win some on the road to move up in the CUSA standings. It will be tough to top last year's five win total with the team learning new schemes on both sides of the ball.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB BARRICK NEALY SO. 6-5 212 PS#73. 4 sts until ACL, 542 pass (54%), 3-4 ratio, 227 rush. Nick Eddy (6-4 250 Sr) JC. 12 sts, 2Y, 3077 yds (52%) 22-26 ratio, 114 rush.

RB Anthony Evans So. 5-10 214 **PS#28**. 180 yds (3.1), 87 ret yds as a rFr. Jackie Battle (6-2 230 rFr) PS#377. Cody Thibodeaux (6-1 228 Jr) **PS#52DB**, hamstring inj LY.

WR Chad McCullar So. 5-10 160 PS#153. PQ LY. Choni Francis (5-8 170 Jr) 7 rec as true. Med RS in '01. Vincent Marshall (5-8 160 rFr) PS#329. Harrison Arceneaux (6-2 190 Sr).

WR Bennie Swain Fr. 6-2 175 **PS#33**. Mark Hopkins (6-4 208 Jr) PS#290. 11 rec (7.8) 2Y. Leonard Gibson (6-2 180 rFr) PS#342. Josh Carethers (6-1 200 rFr). Donnie Avery PS#137.

WR BRANDON MIDDLETON SR. 5-11 185 7 sts as true, 18 rec. 2 sts in 2000, 16 rec (15.1) inj RS. 6 sts, 20 rec (**24.3**) in '01. 11 sts LY, 28 rec (**24.1**). John Tyson (6-0 173 Jr) 10 rec (**27.6**) LY.

TE JON CLARK SR. 6-5 220 **PS#28JC**. 4 sts LY, 13 rec (9.4). **Stephen Cucci** (6-4 264 Sr) PS#56. 6 sts, 16 rec in 2000. 3 sts, 12 rec LY. **Jonathan Pritchett** (6-4 255 Sr) **16 sts** 3Y.

C AL JAMES SR. 6-0 300 PS#286. 11 sts as rFr, every snap, CUSA Fr Tm. 11 sts in '01, 0 sks allowed, 425 bench. 7 sts until inj LY. ? for fall. Jaron Barganier (6-0 300 Sr).

RG REX HADNOT SR. 6-2 310 11 gms as rFr. 11 sts at RG in '01, 0 sks, 104 knockdowns. 12 sts LY (7 @LG, 5 @C), **2nd Tm CUSA**. Willie Thomas (6-4 323 Jr) 1 game LY.

LG Roy Swan So. 6-2 315 PS#147. Last 5 sts at LG as rFr, CUSA Frosh Tm. **Brandon Evans** (6-4 310 Sr) Wayne St trans. Abrahim Sameei (6-4 300 So) transfer.

RT David Douglas So. 6-3 310 PS#471. 10 games as rFr & lettered. John McGilvray (6-5 282 So) PS#274, 1 game as rFr. Blake Garrison (6-4 240 rFr) PS#492OL.

LT Matt Mattox Sr. 6-4 270 PS#51JUCO. 4 sts at TE in '02, 3 rec (9.3) 12 games. Phil Hawkins (6-5 300 Sr) PS#171 in '99, orig at Missouri, JUCO. 2 games here LY.

K DUSTIN BELL JR. 6-2 215 10 games, did KO's as rFr. 12 of 14 FG's in 2002, long of 44, 43.3% KO's were TB's. 6 of 7 from 40-49. Justin Laird (6-2 175 rFr) PS#74.

DE Ryan Huffman Sr. 6-6 275 PS#161JUCO. 1 start here last year, 31 tkls, 4 tfl. Kendrick Goss (6-4 270 Jr) 20 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 years. Albert Martinez (6-3 270 rFr) PS#225DL.

DT KADE LANE SO. 6-2 255 PS#400. 12 sts as **true**, 28 tkls, 2 tfl, CUSA Frosh Tm. Sharod McGowan (6-2 280 So) PS#135. 9 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. LC Kirkpatrick (6-2 270 rFr) PS#144.

DT Matthew Bentley So. 6-2 270 PS#386. 5 sts as **true**, 35 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl, CUSA Frosh Tm. Gerard Richard (6-3 300 So) 5 tkls, 10 gms as **true**. Jesse Bryant (6-3 300 So) PS#365. 11 gms LY.

DE FAROUK ADELEKAN SR. 6-2 272 PS#184JC. 23.5 sks at JC. Appendectomy missed opener LY, last 3 sts, 38 tkls, **9 sks**, 9 tfl. Joe Clay (6-2 255 Jr) 7 sts, 33 tkls, 2 sks, 8 tfl LY.

SLB Justin Davis Sr. 6-2 232 PS#317. 10 sts, 53 tkls, 3 tfl in 2001. 6 sts in 2002, 23 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. Travis Griffith (6-4 240 Jr) PS#247. 8 tkls LY. Trent Allen is PS#167.

MLB DAMIEN WEST SR. 6-2 245 **PS#35** and orig at TX A&M. 6 starts here last year, 53 tkls, 6 tfl, 5 pbu. Lance Everson (6-2 230 Jr) PS#242. PQ in 2001, 44 tkls, 6 tfl in 2002.

BLB Bryant Brown So. 6-2 220 **PS#31**. 18 tkls, 1 tfl as **true**. RS in 2002. Matt Schirmer (6-0 235 Jr) PS#153RB. 1 start, 62 tkl yds in '01 at FB. 38 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 int at LB last year.

CB DELENELL REID SR. 5-10 180 PS#78JC. 5 sts here LY, 27 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu. Stanford Routt (6-1 185 Jr) 6 sts, 2 yrs. 48 tkls, 6 pbu. Willie Gaston (5-10 170 So) PS#169.

CB Roland Cola Sr. 5-10 180 PS#95JC. 7 sts here LY, 38 tkls, 1 int. Roshawn Pope (5-10 180 So) PS#66WR. 21 tkls, 501 ret yds as **true**. Courtney Sterling (5-9 190 So) **PS#48**.

SS JERMAIN WOODARD SR. 6-0 205 RB in HS. 9 sts in '01, 78 tkls, 7 tfl. CUSA Fr Tm. 12 sts LY, 73 tkls, 6 pbu. Chad Davis (5-11 195 Sr) 14 tkls, 2 yrs. Tristen Robertson (6-1 205 So) PS#189.

FS Levi Gaston Jr. 6-1 195 PS#159. 1 st as So, 16 tkls, 2 pbu. Will Gulley (6-4 195 So) PS#128WR, 3 tkls as **true**. Brian Hodges (6-0 190 So) 1 tkl, 2 gms at Okla in '01.

P JIMMY McCLARY SR. 6-6 222 PS#43. 52 punts at Hofstra in '99. 63 punts here in '01, 38.1 avg, net of 31.7, 62 punts LY, 38.9 avg, net 35.9. JJ Wyatt (5-11 190 Jr), accurate leg.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

WR	Bennie Swain	6-2 175 PS#33
DL	John Harrell	6-2 285 PS#55
QB	Kevin Kolb	6-3 230 PS#52
RB	Anthony Alridge	5-10 165 PS#94
OL	Beau Tuft	6-6 285 PS#140
WR	Donnie Avery	6-0 180 PS#137
LB	Trent Allen	6-2 210 PS#167
DL	Marquay Love	6-2 295 PS#199
OL	Byron Alfred	6-3 275 PS#335
DL	DaVell Lauder	6-3 225 PS#256
LB	Austin Griffith	6-1 190 PS#263
OL	Jeff Akeroyd	6-3 270 PS#345
QB	Roderick Schwartz	5-11 180 PS#199
WR	Perry McDaniel	5-8 170 PS#260

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#73

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UH	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	Rice	G					
Sep. 6	at Michigan	A					
Sep. 13	at Louisiana-Lft	G					
Sep. 20	Mississippi St	G					
Sep. 30	at E Carolina (Tues)	G					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	at Tulane	A					
Oct. 18	Memphis	G					
Oct. 25	TCU	G					
Nov. 1							
Nov. 8	S Mississippi (HC)	G					
Nov. 15	at Army	A					
Nov. 22	at Louisville	G					
Nov. 29	UAB	G					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Cougars are 2-6 SU & ATS vs Cincinnati since 1993.
Houston is 7-21 ATS in CUSA play since 1999.
UH is 13-27 ATS their last 40 games in November.

The underdog is 4-1 ATS the last 5 in this series.
Houston is 4-18 ATS in home openers since 1979.

The Cougars 4-13 ATS since 1997 as a double digit road dog.
Houston is 3-8 ATS the last 11 and 17-27 the last 44 on artificial turf.

Cougars are 4-0 SU & ATS in the last 4 meetings vs the Ragin' Cajuns.
UH is 5-12-1 ATS in the 2nd of a 2+ road trip.

Houston is 1-5 SU & 2-4 ATS vs current SEC foes since 1997.
The Cougars are 3-8 ATS the last 5 years in September home games.

UH is 0-3 SU & ATS vs the Pirates losing by an average score of 45-24.
Houston has dropped 8 of 9 games ATS the week before a bye.

Cougars are 2-4 SU & 1-5 ATS vs the Green Wave.
Houston is 9-3 ATS after a bye the last 8 years.

The Cougars are 4-2 SU & ATS vs the Tigers.
Houston is 2-10 ATS in the 1st of 2+ home games.

Houston is 4-13 ATS their last 17 vs the Frogs.
The Cougars are 0-4 ATS their last 4 homestands against TCU.

Cougars are 1-5 SU, but 4-2 ATS the last 6 Homecoming games.
The home team is 3-2 SU, but 5-0 ATS since 1996 in this series.

UH is 1-4 ATS vs the Knights in this short series.
May apply: Houston is 3-11 ATS as an away favorite since 1991.

The SU winner is 5-1 ATS the last 6 winning by an avg of 18 ppg.
Houston is 4-9 ATS their last 13 road finales.

UH is 0-3 SU & ATS vs the Blazers, losing by an average score of 41-22.
Cougars are 8-18 ATS in their last 26 home finales.

ART BRILES (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Houston

Briles' records AT HOUSTON

0-0 Straight Up
0-0 Vs The Spread
0-0 Off A SU Loss
0-0 Vs Conference
0-0 Home Favorite
0-0 Home Dog
0-0 Away Favorite
0-0 Away Dog
0-0 Vs Non-Conf

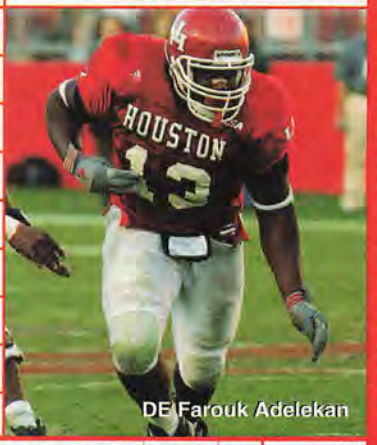
2002 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (22,26,4)
Lost: 22 (12,10,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 14,986

CUSA



DE Farouk Adelekan

STADIUM: ROBERTSON STADIUM (32,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	3-8	3-8	7-4	3-8	0-11	5-7	28-50
ATS	8-2	4-7	6-5	5-6	2-9	4-7	5-7	34-43
Home Fav	1-0	0-2	1-2	2-2	0-2	0-1	1-3	5-12
Home Dog	3-1	2-1	2-0	0-1	1-1	2-3	1-1	11-8
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-4
Away Dog	4-1	2-4	2-2	2-2	1-5	2-2	3-3	16-19
Favorite	1-0	0-2	2-3	3-3	0-3	0-2	1-3	7-16
Dog	7-2	4-5	4-2	2-3	2-6	4-5	4-4	27-27
Grass	3-0	2-5	5-3	4-6	2-6	4-6	4-6	24-32
Artificial	5-2	2-2	1-2	1-0	0-3	0-1	1-1	10-11
vs Conf	4-1	3-3	3-3	1-5	2-5	2-5	2-6	17-28
vs Non-Conf	4-1	1-4	3-2	4-1	0-4	2-2	3-1	17-15
Off SU Win	5-1	1-2	2-1	3-3	1-2	0-0	2-2	14-11
Off SU Loss	3-1	3-4	3-4	1-3	1-6	4-6	2-5	17-29

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joffrey Reynolds	316	1621	76	1545	11	4.9
Barrick Nealy	**36**	**227**	**37**	**190**	**2**	**5.3**
Chris Robertson	42	187	5	182	4	4.3
Anthony Evans	**58**	**193**	**13**	**180**	**2**	**3.1**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Nick Eddy	**265**	**134**	**50.6**	**2054**	**16**	**18**
Barrick Nealy	**84**	**45**	**53.6**	**542**	**3**	**4**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Brandon Middleton	**28**	**674**	**24.1**	**6**	**59**
Brian Robinson	29	518	17.9	2	66
KeyKowa Bell	35	422	12.1	2	32
John Tyson	**10**	**276**	**27.6**	**1**	**77**
Stephen Cucci	**12**	**173**	**14.4**	**3**	**48**
Joffrey Reynolds	19	135	7.1	2	34

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Jimmy McClary	**62**	**2411**	**38.9**	**54**	**35.9**	**0**	**14**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Dustin Bell	**32-35**	**3-3**	**3-3**	**6-7**	**0-1**	**12-14**	**44**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Hanik Milligan	149	0	4	7	1
Jesse Sowells	101	1	9	6	0
Jermain Woodard	**73**	**0**	**4**	**6**	**0**
Victor Malone	55	0	0	10	3
Damien West	**53**	**1**	**5**	**5**	**0**
Ronnie Braxton	47	1	2	4	0
Lance Everson	**44**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**0**
Farouk Adelekan	**38**	**9**	**9**	**1**	**0**
Matt Schirmer	**38**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**1**
Roland Cola	**38**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**
Adrian Lee	36	2	5	0	0
Matthew Bentley	**35**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**1**
Joe Clay	**33**	**2**	**8**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
KeyKowa Bell	30	249	8.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Roshawn Pope	**24**	**501**	**20.9**	**0**
Brandon Middleton	**19**	**386**	**20.3**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
80	Garden	-5'	Navy	35-0	W
81	Sun	+2'	Oklahoma	14-40	L
85	Cotton	+7	Boston College	28-45	L
88	Aloha	-4'	Washington St	22-24	L
96	Liberty	+17	Syracuse	17-30	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

HOUSTON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	26.7	19	170	3.9	223	51.5	14.7	-16	2002	6	32.8	19	134	3.7	269	55.8	12.3
7	17.3	19	93	3.1	249	55.3	19.8	-11	2001	5	39.3	22	211	4.8	224	59.9	11.1
6*	19.2	19	71	2.2	269	57.7	17.7	-5	2000	3	33.6	20	137	3.4	224	49.7	10.7
9*	23.1	18	210	5.0	160	55.2	16.0	+9	1999	9	19.0	18	109	2.9	210	46.8	16.8
7*	23.1	20	143	3.8	225	55.6	15.9	-7	1998	3	28.8	20	142	3.6	226	56.6	12.8
5	19.6	18	121	3.3	208	51.1	16.8	-1	1997	9	37.3	21	153	3.9	260	62.4	11.1

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Rice	23	60 - 305	5.1	11 - 15	161	2	18	37 - 188	5.1	8 - 27	84	1	-1
Tulane	24	47 - 206	4.4	19 - 39	181	2	15	29 - 80	2.8	14 - 25	208	3	-2
Louisiana-Lft	22	43 - 199	4.6	11 - 27	182	1	18	25 - 78	3.1	23 - 44	284	4	+1
at Texas	8	23 - 31	1.3	14 - 27	121	1	27	52 - 233	4.5	22 - 33	244	1	+1
at TCU	15	27 - 27	1.0	20 - 46	242	4	19	48 - 201	4.2	15 - 26	172	1	-2
at UAB	16	41 - 191	4.7	15 - 31	286	1	20	40 - 77	1.9	18 - 34	329	3	-3
Army	25	50 - 280	5.6	18 - 24	266	1	18	35 - 106	3.0	17 - 33	353	3	-1
at Memphis	21	49 - 179	3.7	15 - 23	210	1	22	31 - 88	2.8	24 - 44	342	2	0
E Carolina	19	53 - 329	6.2	8 - 22	201	0	27	43 - 158	3.7	25 - 37	440	3	-1
at Cincinnati	18	47 - 92	2.0	13 - 28	201	1	21	42 - 205	4.9	16 - 26	287	1	-3
S Florida	21	35 - 53	1.5	25 - 49	358	4	15	34 - 80	2.4	23 - 36	305	1	-7
Louisville	20	49 - 151	3.1	15 - 26	261	1	12	21 - 115	5.5	15 - 29	184	1	+2
TOTALS	232	524 - 2043	3.9	184 - 357	2670	19	232	437 - 1609	3.7	220 - 394	3232	24	-16
AVERAGES	19.3	44 - 170	3.9	15 - 30	223	1.6	19.3	36 - 134	3.7	18 - 33	269	2.0	-1.3

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at California	+14'	10-14	W
Minnesota	-3	7-14	L
UCLA	+27'	24-42	W
at Tennessee	+27'	7-42	L
Memphis	-2	35-14	W
Army	-7	28-38	L
at N Texas	-3'	31-9	W
at E Carolina	+6	34-31	W
S Mississippi	+9	15-21	W
at Cincinnati	-10	43-44	L
at Tulane	+16	20-48	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rice	-2'	28-3	W
at Alabama	+13'	10-37	L
Louisiana-Lft	-21	45-0	W
at UAB	-7	10-29	L
Cincinnati	-6'	23-20	L
at N Carolina	+6'	20-12	W
at Louisville	+4'	33-39	L
E Carolina	+4'	3-19	L
Tulane	-13'	36-31	L
at LSU	+3	20-7	W
at Army	-4'	26-14	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Rice	E	27-30 OT	L
at LSU	+13	13-28	L
Army	-16'	31-30	L
at Texas	+24	0-48	L
SMU	-10'	17-15	L
at Cincinnati	+5	31-48	L
at Memphis	+9	33-30 3OT	W
S Mississippi	+16'	3-6	W
at Tulane	+2	23-41	L
at E Carolina	+15	20-62	L
Louisville	+11	13-32	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rice	-1'	14-21	L
Texas	+31	26-53	W
TCU	+7'	17-34	L
at Army	-1	14-28	L
Memphis	+7'	33-52	L
Cincinnati	+10'	28-29	W
at S Mississippi	+20'	14-58	L
at S Florida	+11	6-45	L
at Louisville	+32'	10-34	W
UAB	+15'	21-43	L
at Georgia	+31'	7-35	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Rice	+7'	24-10	W
Tulane	-2'	13-34	L
Louisiana-Lft	-9	36-17	W
at Texas	+36	11-41	W
at TCU	+10'	17-34	L
at UAB	+3'	34-51	L
Army	-14'	56-42	L
at Memphis	+5	26-21	W
E Carolina	-1	48-54 3OT	L
at Cincinnati	+14'	14-47	L
S Florida	+13	14-32	L
Louisville	+15'	27-10	W

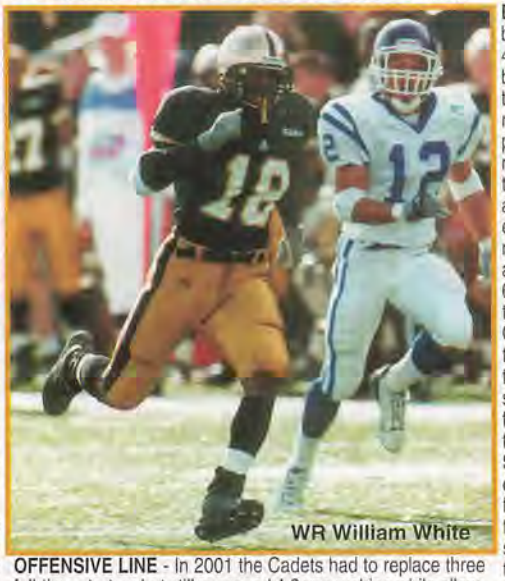
ARMY BLACK KNIGHTS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Under Todd Berry Army has undergone a drastic change on offense going from the wishbone to a passing attack. In the 16 years of the wishbone, the average number of completions for a season was 45 and in 2000 they set an Army single season record for pass completions with 195. Last year they had to replace their top two QB's and the only experienced player was Reggie Nevels (PS#105DB) who had 10 pass attempts for 74 yards in 2001. Berry likes a mobile QB who is an accurate passer and Nevels fits the bill. Unfortunately, in the opener, Nevels partially tore his hamstring in the 2Q and true frosh Zac Dahman (PS#56) replaced him. In the first three games, the team used six different QB's. Dahman got the first start at QB by an Army freshman in 15 years but he suffered an injury and Matt Silva (6-1 206 Jr) was called upon to start against the attacking S Mississippi defense. Silva set a school record in his first start but it was for six interceptions (old record was Chris Cagle with 5 in 1928). Silva started vs EC but was pulled in the 1H as Dahman returned sooner than expected. Nevels returned to action against TCU, missed Houston but then played in each of the remaining games. Versus Houston Dahman threw for 353 yards and 4 TD's, both the highest totals at this school since Leman Hall had 385 yards and four TD's in 1976. Last year the seven QB's consisted of four freshmen and three sophomores. Not listed below are Silva who had 402 yards (40%) with a 1-7 ratio last year in 2 starts, Laron Bybee (6-2 202 So, PS#297) and Connor Crehan (6-0 208 So, PS#420). QB Nevels quit the team for two months but returned after spring was over and Berry said he'll start the fall at the bottom of the depth chart. This unit is a lot more experienced than it was heading into last season and should post better numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year it appeared the top three rushers would return but two of them, Ardell Daniels and CJ Young did not make the roster in August after rushing for 212 and 556 yards respectively in 2001. Josh Holden was the most effective back in 2001 rushing for 515 yards and a solid 6.2 ypc. He was benched at times in 2001 for fumbling problems and in last year's opener against Holy Cross he rushed for 152 yards but lost three fumbles. He would lead the team in rushing three more times including 70 against Navy in the season finale and finished with 490 yards (5.1). True frosh Carlton Jones (PS#423) started 7 of the last 8 games and was the first freshman RB to start here since 1992 (Akili King). He ended up leading the team with 611 yards but only averaged 3.8 ypc. QB Reggie Nevels was the third leading rusher with 258 gross yards despite playing in just 7 games. Marcellus Chapman (PS#434) rushed for 124 yards (3.4) and Recardo Evans (5-7 187 So) was PS#264. La'Berrick Williams (5-11 192 Jr) was challenging for a starting spot in the spring but was injured and did not play until the last four games when he had 47 total yards offense. Tyson Roy (5-8 183 So) was PS#580 and had six yards rushing. DJ Blackledge (6-0 207 Jr) was PS#668. This year they must replace Holden (3 sts) and Chapman as well as Daniels and Young who were also officially released from the team this spring. Clearly this is an underwhelming group of RB's but with their top rusher returning things can only get better.

RECEIVERS - When the team changed from the wishbone to the pass attack a good portion of the WR's were converted RB's. Last year the team had to replace 3 out of 4 starters and 6 of their top 7 receivers overall. The top returnee, Aris Comeaux had 35 rec's (14.4) in 2001 and was on a solid pace last year with 24 rec's in the first eight games but was injured and missed 3 games. With only 1 reception against Navy Comeaux finished #3 on the team. The two leading receivers were Aaron Alexander (26 rec, 17.5, 11 sts) and William White (8 sts, 30 rec, 12.8). This year they must replace Comeaux (8 sts), TE Warren Stewart (8 sts, 14, 10.9), TE Alton McCallum (1 st, 3 rec), TE Michael Schwartz (1 rec) and WR Chris Pestel (1 st, 10 rec). Six different WR's who earned starts last year are listed in the 2 deep below. Not listed is Cory Sherk (6-5 228 Jr, PS#156) who moves to TE from QB. This unit is a lot more experienced than it was heading into last season and should benefit from improved QB play.



WR William White

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Cadets had to replace three full-time starters but still averaged 4.2 ypc rushing while allowing a CUSA best nine sacks. Last year they were even more experienced having to replace just two starters including a 2nd Tm CUSA player and four backups. Over the first eight games of the season they only allowed 8 sacks, however, over the last 4 they yielded 10 and the team's ypc rushing dropped to 3.4. This year the losses are substantial as four starters depart. Gone are C Steve Schmidt (11 sts), RG Alex Moore (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), LG Aaron Burger (2nd Tm CUSA, 12 sts, 2 yr st'r), RT Craig Cunningham (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), C Michael Hastings (1 st) and RT Jon Green (5 sts). Only four of the top ten return and I list Joel Glover as a returning starter since he took over and started the last five games at LT. Overall, this group is far less experienced than it was heading into last year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 Army allowed 4.0 ypc rushing while recording 17 sacks. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 21 sacks but did have five of the top 8 DL's returning including DE Clarence Holmes who had 7 sacks in 2001. Holmes started the year at DT but did get six starts at DE recording just 2.5 sacks. This year they must replace Holmes (10 sts, 51 tkls, 10.5 tfl), DT Paddy Heiliger (5 sts, 34 tkls, 6 tfl), DT Myron Toles (6 sts, 20 tkls, 2 sks), DT Seth Langston (4 sts, 11 tkls, 1 sk) and 3rd string DE Alan Maszarose (12 tkls, 1 tfl). Five players return with starting experience from a unit that allowed 4.4 ypc rushing while recording 22 sacks. This group actually has just as much experience as it had heading into last year and should be stronger in 2003.

LINEBACKERS - Todd Berry shifted the D to a 4-4-3 but I list one of the OLB's (sniper) as a safety. Last year they had to replace their leading tackler plus a pair of backups who combined for 60 tackles but did have two of three starters returning. Greg Washington took over one of the starting spots but then missed the last four games of the season after an injury. This year they must replace ILB Jason Frazier (12 sts, 88 tkls, 6 sks, 5 tfl), ILB Michael Lennox (3 sts, 56 tkls, 4 tfl), ILB Joe Martinez (4 sts, 38 tkls, 1 tfl) and OLB Shane Radtke (3 tkls). They do return their leading tackler in Ryan Kent and Washington is also back. While this group is just about as experienced as last year, the Army defense as a whole finished #110 according to my rankings which is a reflection upon the LB's and I look for a stronger performance in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 Army did not have a DB with better than 4.8 speed. In 2002 every single DB was timed at 4.65 or lower. Army had traditionally struggled versus the pass because their defense faced the wishbone everyday in practice. In Berry's first year the unit finished #100 in my pass D rankings. Even though the offense is now pass-oriented the pass D has continued to struggle. In 2001 they finished #112 in my pass D rankings which could be attributed to the aforementioned lack of speed. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup but had four players return with starting experience. Another returning starter, Emiko Terry (8 sts in 2001), did not play so basically they had just one starter returning and again Army struggled finishing #112 allowing 61.8% with a 20-6 ratio while facing a very light slate of opposing QB's. This year they must replace FS Maurio Smith (9 sts, 56 tkls, 1 int, 2 tfl), CB Michael Sehzue (2 sts, 32 tkls, 1 tfl) and SS Brian Todd (7 tkls). I list the position of sniper as a SS on the team meaning that they have three full-timers returning and all four of the 1st stringers had six or more starts last season. This secondary is faster and more experienced and should boost Army's pass D to its best finish yet under Berry.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The team finished a -5 in the TD/Blk category last year. The unit possessed a Mosi Tatupu Award finalist in Aris Comeaux who averaged 19.4 on 12 PR's and was the first player at Army to score two TD's on PR's in a season since Glenn Davis in 1944. Amazingly, even with Comeaux on the unit they finished #115 in my special teams rankings. Their FG kickers were decent as Paul Stelzer hit 5 of 6 FG's with a long of 31 and Joe Riley took over both KO and FG duties from him in the second half of the year and hit 4 of 5 with a long of 34 yards. William White set a dubious school record with 55 KR's (which means other teams scored often against them). Riley is back and the punting should improve despite the loss of P Chris Castelli (65, 36.7) but the team must also replace their star in Comeaux. Naturally the unit should only move up in the rankings (can't get much lower) but with the loss of their top guy, this still looks like one of the weaker special teams units.

COACHES - Todd Berry enters his fourth year as head man. Prior to his arrival, he compiled a 24-24 record at Illinois St, including 19-7 in his final two years there. He brought over his coordinators from Illinois St in OC John Bond and DC Dennis Therrell. Berry was given upgraded facilities this year with the new Kimsey Athletic Center, a 117,000 square foot complex. Berry's 5-29 record is the worst three year start by an Army coach in history.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Army used to be one of the most dominant teams in college football winning three National Titles from 1944-1946 while notching fourteen Top 25 finishes in their history. Those years have long passed. They have not beaten a Top 20 team since 1972. Last year they set a school record with 11 losses including a 58-12 drubbing at the hands of arch-rival Navy. They also lost to a IAA Holy Cross team that was 4-7 in 2002. Still, Berry held on to his job and got a two year contract extension. Berry talked constantly in the spring about this being his most experienced team and they were able to install the majority of the club's packages on both sides of the ball in the first three days of the spring. Last year Army was outscored by an average 18.4 ppg in league play, by far the high in the league and this year lose 24 lettermen (37.5%). They have been negative double digit turnovers for two straight years going -16 in 2001 and -14 last year so better things should be in the offing. The team broke a 19 game road losing streak last year with their upset of Tulane (school record is 20). This year's team has 11 seniors and 34 juniors with just 3 senior starters. Yes, Army is a much stronger team this year as Berry has noted many times in the spring but they may be a year away from making noise in CUSA and hopefully Berry will be around next year to benefit from the large senior class.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB ZAC DAHMAN SO. 6-0 167 PS#56. 4 sts as true, 1039 yds (48.4%), 5-9 ratio. Reggie Nevels (6-0 190 Jr) PS#105DB. 6 sts (inj'd), 617 yds (52%), 4-5 ratio, 258 rush yds.

RB CARLTON JONES SO. 5-10 196 PS#423. 611 yds (3.8), 7 sts as **true**. La'Berrick Williams (5-11 192 Jr) powerful runner, L/4 gms LY. Tyson Roy (5-8 183 So) 3 games as true.

WR Blaine Cooper So. 6-1 196 L/3 sts as **true**, 5 rec (10.8) in 6 gms. Jacob Murphy (6-2 198 So) 1 st, 2 rec (39.5) as **true**. Ben Barton (5-9 196 So) PS#254QB, 3 gms as true.

WR AARON ALEXANDER JR. 6-6 203 PS#352. 11 sts in 2002, 26 rec, (17.5). Lamar Mason (5-7 161 Jr) 3 starts, 10 rec (15.2) in 2002. Bruce Brown (5-11 176 So) PS#364.

WR WILLIAM WHITE JR. 5-11 197 10 gms on sp tms in '01. 8 sts LY, #2 season school all-purp yds, 30 rec (12.8). 1239 KR yds (22.5). Clint Woody (6-6 230 Sr) 4 sts, 7 rec (10.0).

TE Doug Horaist Jr. 6-4 235 11 gms LY, 2 rec (15.5). Christian Montagliani (6-4 240 Jr). Corey Sherk (6-5 228 Jr) PS#156QB. Jared Ulekowski (6-4 231 So) PS#200.

C David Evetts Jr. 6-2 283 Moved from RG to C LY, zero plays. Josh Davis (6-1 298 Sr) 3 games in '01. Peter Stewart (6-2 276 Sr) JV in 2000 & '01. +32 lbs LY.

RG Jake Holly Jr. 6-3 285 1 game as true. 2nd string LY, 12 games. Justin Troy (6-1 286 Jr) PS#508. 11 games LY, LS on xp/FG. Pete Bier (6-3 270 So) PS#257.

LG Adam Wojcik Jr. 6-4 267 JV team in 2000 and '01. Moved from RT in spg. 7 games LY, 2 sts at RT. Andy Dytrych (6-3 286 Jr) 2nd string LY, 4 games. Inj'd last spring.

RT Brad Waudby Sr. 6-5 326 Added 34 lbs in '01. 10 games as backup LY, 1 letter. Mark Conliffe (6-3 277 Sr) PS#255. 1 game in '01. Seth Nieman (6-5 294 Jr) PS#539.

LT JOEL GLOVER JR. 6-5 276 12 games, 1L last year, **started last 5 at LT**. Regan Tatford (6-5 297 Jr) 2nd string in '02, 12 games. Johnathan Wilson (6-4 285 So).

K JOE RILEY SO. 5-10 207 Took over KO & FG duties in 2H of '02. Hit 4 of 5 FG's, long of 34, 6 of 7 xp's as true. Anthony Zurisko (5-11 199 Sr) PS#352DB.

DE KEENAN BEASLEY JR. 6-3 246 PS#165. 3 sts at DE LY (2 of L/3), 27 tkls, 4.5 sks, 1 tfl, 11 gms. Phillip Edmondson (6-4 246 So) PS#131TE. Donnie Bowen (6-3 219 So) PS#146TE.

DT Trey Landry Jr. 6-3 279 PS#352. 4 sts LY, 11 games, 16 tkls, 1 tfl. Excellent burst off snap. Tommy Ryan (6-3 271 So) PS#462DL. 2 tkls as **true** in last two games of '02.

DT Will Sullivan Jr. 6-3 254 5 tkls, 9 gms as **true**. 5 sts in '02, 31 tkls, 3.5 sks, 1 tfl. Seth Lotts (6-3 243 So) PS#565OL. Dan Evans (6-3 276 So). Ryan Johnson (6-2 221 Jr).

DE ODENE BRATHWAITE JR. 6-4 260 10 tkls as true. CUSA Fr Tm. 11 sts in 2002, 31 tkls, 2 sks after adding 40 lbs. Michael Clark (6-1 234 Jr) JV in '01. 1 st in '02, 8 tkls, 1 tfl.

OLB RYAN KENT SR. 6-0 215 PS#352DB. QB on JV in 2000. 9 sts in '01, 80 tkls, 4 tfl, 4 pbu, 12 sts, 99 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu, 3 tfl LY. Taylor Justice (6-0 195 So) 13 tkls as **true**.

ILB Brian Hill Sr. 6-3 233 First 9 games in 2002, missed last 3 with injury, 22 tkls, 0.5 sks. Matt Maimone (6-2 228 Jr) 10 games LY, 1 tkl. David Clamon (6-2 229 So). 59 tkls, 2.5 sks, 2 pbu LY. Curt Daniels (6-0 197 Jr) 11 tkls LY. Zach Kirkpatrick (5-11 192 So).

ILB GREG WASHINGTON JR. 6-0 225 PS#464LB. 2 tkls in '01, 5 sts at ILB LY until inj, 54 tkls, 6 tfl, 1 pbu. Tom Farrington (6-1 228 Sr) 10 tkls LY. Karl Davis (6-1 215 Jr) PS#464LB.

SNIP MIKEL RESNICK JR. 6-0 217 PS#443. 12 tkls as true. One of team's fastest.

CB DELENTE BREWER JR. 6-0 189 11 tkls in 11 games in '01. 11 sts LY, 59 tkls, 2 int, 1 pbu, 1 tfl. Mario Price (5-11 192 So) PS#350RB. 5 tkls as **true**. Chuck Wilke (6-0 190 So).

CB JONATHAN LEWIS JR. 6-0 192 PS#423DB. 3 sts as **true**, 18 tkls, 2 pbu. 11 sts LY, 45 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 int, 3 pbu. Ray Stith (5-9 169 So) PS#273DB. 2 tkls as **true**. Scott Eden (5-9 188 Jr).

FS Lucius Weaver Jr. 6-3 229 PS#464LB. 23 tkls as **true**. 6 sts LY, 71 tkls, 1 sk, 4 tfl, 4 pbu. Dhyan Tarver (5-11 176 So) 6 tkls as **true**. Seth Gulsby (6-2 209 So) 2 tkls.

P Tom Dyrenforth So. 5-9 181 Will battle to replace Chris Castelli (36.7 avg). Joe Riley did FG's & KO's LY & also was punter in HS. Alex Bradford (6-1 195 Jr) +15 lbs LY.

ARMY BLACK KNIGHTS

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TODD BERRY (Career 5-29) (Div IAA 24-24)
4th Year at Army
Berry's records AT ARMY

5-29	Straight Up	0-1	Home Favorite
14-18-1	Vs The Spread	6-7-1	Home Underdog
11-15-1	Off A SU Loss	1-2	Away Favorite
11-10-1	Vs Conference	7-8	Away Underdog
		3-8	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: **(1-11)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 7

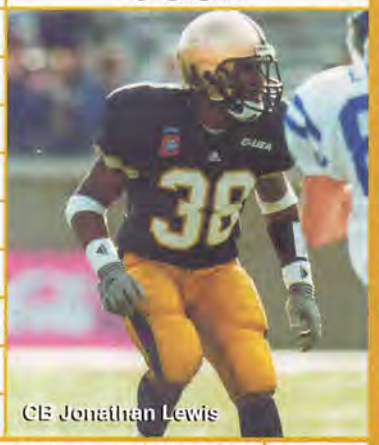
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (16,20,4)
Lost: 24 (13,9,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 32,606

CUSA

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#72

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ARMY	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
								The Cadets are 6-14 ATS against the other Service Academies since 1993 & last won the Commander and Chief Trophy in 1996. The Knights are 14-5 in non-lined games since 1990.
Sep. 6	Connecticut	A						Army is 12-4 ATS their last 16 lined season openers. Black Knights are 1-9 SU & 3-7 ATS vs non-conference foes in Sept.
Sep. 13	Rutgers	A						The dog is 6-3 ATS the last 9 in this series. Army is 3-9 SU & 4-8 ATS their last 12 vs the Big East.
Sep. 20	Tulane	A						The home team is 5-2 SU & 6-1 ATS the last 7 in this series. Army is 5-2 ATS vs the Green Wave the last 7.
Sep. 27	S Florida	A						This will be their first meeting as CUSA foes & all time. Army is 3-6-1 ATS the past 5 years as a double digit home dog.
Oct. 4	at TCU	G						Knights are 0-14 SU & 4-10 ATS on grass under Berry (L3Y). Army is 3-19-1 SU in their 1st away game & 0-6 SU & 1-5 ATS the last 6.
Oct. 11	at Louisville	G						Black Knights are 1-3 SU & ATS their last 4 vs Louisville. Army is 4-1 ATS in 2nd of 2 or more back-to-back road games since '98.
Oct. 18	E Carolina (HC)	A						Knights are 0-6 SU & 2-4 ATS vs E Carolina since 1995. Army has been the dog every game, combined ppg 64.
Oct. 25	at Cincinnati	A						Black Knights are 1-2 SU but 3-0 ATS vs Cincinnati since 1998. This series actually began in 1963, then re-uped in 1998.
Nov. 1	at UAB	G						Knights are 0-3 SU & 1-2 ATS in this short series being outscored 36-111. Army is 1-11 SU & 4-8 ATS in their last 12 November away games.
Nov. 8	at Air Force	G						The home team is 14-5 ATS in this series. Army is 4-10 ATS vs the Falcons since 1989.
Nov. 15	Houston	A						Black Knights are 4-1 ATS vs Houston, all as a dog. Army is 0-5 SU & 1-4 ATS in home finales their last 5.
Nov. 22	at Hawaii	A						Excluding Navy games, Army is 1-17 SU & 3-14 ATS in road finales S/'85. Knights are 3-6 ATS the last 9 games before a bye.
Nov. 29								Bonus: This will be the 104th Army/Navy game.
Dec. 6	† Navy (Philadelphia)	G						Army is just 3-9 ATS the last 12 in this rivalry. Army is 6-2 SU, but 2-6 ATS since 1991 when favored in this series.



CB Jonathan Lewis

STADIUM: MICHIE STADIUM (40,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	4-7	3-8	3-8	1-10	3-8	1-11	25-53
ATS	7-2-1	2-7	6-5	5-6	4-7	6-5	4-6-1	34-38-2
Home Fav	3-1	1-3	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	6-5
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	3-2	1-3	1-4	3-1	2-2-1	11-12-1
Away Fav	2-0-1	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	3-5-1
Away Dog	1-1	1-3	3-1	2-3	3-2	2-3	2-3	14-16
Favorite	5-1-1	1-4	0-2	2-0	0-1	1-1	0-1	9-10-1
Dog	2-1	1-3	6-3	3-6	4-6	5-4	4-5-1	25-28-1
Grass	1-0	0-2	3-2	2-1	2-3	1-3	1-4	10-15
Artificial	6-2-1	2-5	3-3	3-5	2-4	5-2	3-2-1	24-23-2
vs CUSA	1-0	0-1	4-2	3-3	4-3	3-4	4-3-1	19-16-1
vs Non-CUSA	6-2-1	2-6	2-3	2-3	0-4	3-1	0-3	15-22-1
Off SU Win	5-2-1	1-2	0-2	1-2	0-1	1-1	0-1	8-11-1
Off SU Loss	1-0	1-4	5-3	4-3	3-6	4-4	4-5-1	22-25-1

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Carlton Jones	**161**	**657**	**46**	**611**	**4**	**3.8**
Josh Holden	97	518	28	490	8	5.1
Reggie Nevels	**60**	**258**	**92**	**166**	**2**	**2.8**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Zac Dahman	**184**	**89**	**48.4**	**1039**	**5**	**9**
Reggie Nevels	**102**	**53**	**52.0**	**617**	**4**	**5**
Matt Silva	**80**	**32**	**40.0**	**402**	**1**	**7**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
William White	**30**	**384**	**12.8**	**0**	**53**	
Aaron Alexander	**26**	**454**	**17.5**	**2**	**44**	
Aris Comeaux	25	308	12.3	4	53	
Josh Holden	18	137	7.6	0	43	
Warren Stewart	14	153	10.9	1	24	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Castelli	65	2383	36.7	56	27.7	1	10

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Paul Stelzer	19-20	3-3	2-3	0-0	0-0	5-6	31
Joe Riley	**6-7**	**2-2**	**2-3**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**4-5**	**34**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ryan Kent	**99**	**0**	**3**	**4**	**2**
Jason Frazier	88	6	5	2	0
Lucius Weaver	**71**	**1**	**4**	**4**	**0**
Mikel Resnick	**59**	**2.5**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Delente Brewer	**59**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**2**
Michael Lennox	56	1	3	0	0
Maurio Smith	56	0	2	1	1
Greg Washington	**54**	**0**	**6**	**1**	**0**
Clarence Holmes	51	2.5	8	3	0
Jonathan Lewis	**45**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**1**
Joe Martinez	38	0	1	0	0
Will Sullivan	**34**	**3.5**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Paddy Heiliger	34	2	4	0	0
Mike Sehzue	32	0	1	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Aris Comeaux	12	233	19.4	2

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
William White	**55**	**1239**	**22.5**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
84	Cherry	+4	Michigan St	10-6	W
85	Peach	+6'	Illinois	31-29	W
88	Sun	+14	Alabama	28-29	W
96	Independence	+7'	Auburn	29-32	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

ARMY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	18.8	16	120	3.4	179	47.7	15.9	-14	2002	5	40.9	21	210	4.4	183	61.8	9.6
6*	20.8	19	165	4.2	202	54.3	17.6	-16	2001	5	33.2	22	169	4.0	241	63.1	12.3
6*	20.4	18	143	3.8	176	51.0	15.7	-6	2000	6	33.8	22	216	4.6	223	61.1	13.0
2	20.5	18	265	4.6	73	40.6	16.5	-4	1999	7	28.8	20	172	3.9	205	63.8	13.1
4*	23.4	19	294	5.3	76	45.9	15.8	-3	1998	4	29.5	20	174	4.2	243	57.2	14.1
5	20.1	18	295	4.8	35	30.4	16.5	-3	1997	2	28.3	19	175	4.5	211	57.9	13.7

	OFFENSE				2002 STATS BY GAME		DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Holy Cross	25	39-258	6.6	24-41	206	1	11	33-178	5.4	13-25	131	1	-5
at Rutgers	10	34-116	3.4	13-30	125	0	19	54-169	3.1	16-23	230	4	-3
Louisville	13	30-26	0.9	11-28	114	0	20	43-171	4.0	18-33	275	0	+1
S Mississippi	18	35-141	4.0	19-43	252	0	16	40-165	4.1	14-24	138	3	-3
at E Carolina	19	34-129	3.8	17-42	245	1	18	50-191	3.8	9-15	137	1	-2
TCU	10	37-97	2.6	10-24	146	2	19	60-265	4.4	12-15	147	2	0
at Houston	18	35-106	3.0	17-33	353	3	25	50-280	5.6	18-24	266	1	+1
UAB	16	35-136	3.9	18-32	101	0	21	36-58	1.6	25-42	245	2	+2
Air Force	16	41-149	3.6	11-23	181	1	27	65-380	5.8	6-10	151	0	0
at Tulane	21	53-187	3.5	12-23	118	4	18	28-24	0.9	24-41	172	6	-3
at Memphis	11	25-44	1.8	11-28	123	2	26	48-218	4.5	22-36	216	1	0
† Navy	16	30-56	1.9	17-30	185	4	27	68-421	6.2	4-5	87	1	-2
TOTALS	193	428-1445	3.4	180-377	2149	18	247	575-2520	4.4	181-293	2195	22	-14
AVERAGES	16.1	36-120	3.4	15-31	179	1.5	20.6	48-210	4.4	15-24	183	1.8	-1.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Oh	+7	13-14	W
Cincinnati	+2'	37-20	W
at Rutgers	-10	15-27	L
at E Carolina	+13	25-30	W
at Houston	+7	38-28	W
S Mississippi	+10	13-37	L
at Notre Dame	+25	17-20	W
Air Force	+13	7-35	L
Tulane	+16	35-49	W
at Louisville	+8'	23-35	L
† Navy	-6'	34-30	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wake Forest	+2'	15-34	L
at Tulane	+14	28-48	L
Ball St	-9'	41-21	W
E Carolina	+11'	14-33	L
Louisville	+14	59-52 OT	W
at S Mississippi	+24'	0-24	W
New Mexico St	-6'	35-18	W
at Air Force	+15	0-28	L
at Memphis	+12	10-14	W
Houston	+4'	14-26	L
† Navy	+7	9-19	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	+14	17-23	W
Boston College	+6'	17-55	L
at Houston	+16'	30-31	W
Memphis	+6'	16-26	L
at N Mexico St	+4	23-42	L
at E Carolina	+25	21-42	W
Tulane	+4	21-17	W
Air Force	+7'	27-41	L
at Louisville	+19	17-38	L
UAB	+8	7-27	L
† Navy	-2	28-30	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Cincinnati	+5	21-24	W
at UAB	+16	3-55	L
at Boston College	+23'	10-31	W
Houston	+1	28-14	W
E Carolina	+13'	26-49	L
at TCU	+13'	20-38	L
Tulane	+1'	42-35	W
at Air Force	+13	24-34	W
Buffalo	-15	19-26	L
at Memphis	+16	10-42	L
† Navy	-1'	26-17	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Holy Cross	NL	21-30	–
at Rutgers	-4	0-44	L
Louisville	+26'	14-45	L
S Mississippi	+29	6-27	W
at E Carolina	+20	24-59	L
TCU	+19	27-46	T
at Houston	+14'	42-56	W
UAB	+8	26-29	W
Air Force	+17'	30-49	L
at Tulane	+19	14-10	W
at Memphis	+14'	10-38	L
† Navy	+3	12-58	L

MT WEST CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 MT WEST TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team
QB	Bradlee Van Pelt, Colo St	Adam Hall, SD St	Chance Harridge, Air Force
RB	Marty Johnson, Utah	Larry Croom, UNLV	Frederick Collins, SD St
RB	DonTrell, Moore, N Mex	Marcus Whalen, BYU	Brandon Warfield, Utah
WR	Earvin Johnson, UNLV	Rodney Wilkerson, BYU	Dwight Counter, N Mex
WR	Ryan McGuffey, Wyoming	Chris Pittman, Colo St	Lynzell Jackson, Utah
TE	Joel Dreessen, Colo St	Adam Strecker, Air Force	Bryan Penley, N Mex
C	Scott Jackson, BYU	Mark Dreyer, Colo St	Ryan Cook, N Mex
G	Claude Terrell, N Mex	Brett Huyser, Air Force	Marcus Johnson, UNLV
G	Chris Kemoeatu, Utah	Jesse Underbakke, Air Force	Calvin McDonald, N Mex
T	Erik Pears, Colo St	Brandon Stephens, BYU	Blane Neufeld, Air Force
T	Jason Lenzmeier, N Mex	Michael Brisiel, Colo St	Brendan Darby, SD St
DL	Jason Kaufusi, Utah	Monty Coleman, Air Force	DJ Renteria, N Mex
DL	Dietrich Canterberry, UNLV	Ifo Pili, BYU	Bryan Save, Colo St
DL	Chris Eagen, UNLV	Brook Miller, SD St	Nicholas Taylor, Air Force
DL	Brady Poppinga, BYU	Daniel Kegler, N Mex	Josh Savage, Utah
LB	Eric Pauly, Colo St	Nick Speegle, N Mex	Tyler Gottschalk, Wyoming
LB	Adam Seward, UNLV	Marchello Graddy, Air Force	John Andrews, UNLV
LB	Kirk Morrison, SD St	Paul Walkenhorst, BYU	Adam Wade, Colo St
CB	Jernaro Gilford, BYU	Dexter Wynn, Colo St	Bo Nagahi, Utah
CB	Arnold Parker, Utah	Jeff Shoate, SD St	Chris Dixon, Wyoming
SS	Jamaal Brimmer, UNLV	Brandon Ratcliff, N Mex	Josh Dean, SD St
FS	Nate Young, Wyoming	Aaron Francisco, BYU	Larry Duncan, Air Force
K	Joey Ashcroft, Air Force	Matt Payne, BYU	Jeff Babcock, Colo St
P	Matt Payne, BYU	Luke Donovan, Wyoming	Tyler Gaus, N Mex
KR	Bo Nagahi, Utah	Dexter Wynn, Colo St	Dominique Dorsey, UNLV
PR	Dexter Wynn, Colo St	Morgan Scalley, Utah	Dwight Counter, N Mex

San Diego St
QB Adam Hall

Utah
RB Marty Johnson

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 MT WEST FORECAST

1. COLORADO ST - In 2001 CSU was fortunate to finish 5-2 in league play as they were actually outgained on the year by an average of 88 ypg. Last year's team had just 12 returning starters and had to replace 20 lettermen but still was much improved as they outgained league foes by an average of 36 ypg and won the MWC Championship outright with a 6-1 record. This year they are much more experienced with 15 starters back and just 13 lettermen lost. Lubick's teams always do better with a veteran QB like they have this year with Bradlee Van Pelt. CSU outscored league foes by an average of 13.6 ppg which was a full TD better than the second best unit last year. The Rams have the talent to repeat as MWC champs.

2. NEW MEXICO - The Lobos have 17 starters back which are the most in the league and lose just 12 lettermen, which is the fewest. They have four games at home and last year played for the MWC Title when they faced Colorado St and came up short. This year they get all three of their main contenders (BYU, Colo St and Air Force) at home. They have 10 starters back on offense and should be more potent on that side of the ball and have my #2 rated defense in the league. If they take care of business at home, where they are very dangerous, the Lobos could take home the MWC Title.

3. BYU - Gary Crowton's first year with BYU was practically a dream season as they piled up 44.1 ppg and 524 ypg overall. They rolled to a 7-0 finish in the MWC and they were lobbying for a berth in the BCS bowl series with a 12-0 record at one point. Last year the breaks did not go their way as BYU finished -7 in turnovers. The team plummeted to 5-7 for the season. This year's offense figures to be much more potent as it is loaded with VHT's. BYU's defense has 10 starters back and I rate them the top defense in the MWC. They should make huge strides from last year and I will call for BYU to be a legitimate contender for the MWC Crown.

4. AIR FORCE - Usually, due to the lower amount of returning starters and lettermen, plus the lack of HT and VHT recruits AF rarely comes up high in my talent ratings prior to the season. I do seven sets of Power Ratings and this year the Falcons rate higher than ever, rating no lower than 3rd in the seven sets of Power Ratings and one set has them as the most talented team in the conference. Unfortunately the schedule makers did them no favors as they face all three of the main MWC contenders (CSU, NM and BYU) all on the road and have just three home games in conference play. This could be DeBerry's most talented, experienced team and the Falcons are a definite contender in the MWC this year as I rate them the league's best offense and the #4 defense.

5. UNLV - Last year UNLV led the league in total offense and they're loaded once again. The Rebels have one of the best sets of RB's in the country, solid wide receivers and QB Kurt Nantkes will benefit from a veteran offensive front. The defense does have some question marks but this is a talented group that gets four home games in league play. One of their road games is versus Wyoming so if they take care of business at home and stay fairly injury free, this team will be a darkhorse contender in the MWC.

6. UTAH - The Utes have clearly underachieved the last three seasons. In 2000 they had a 4-7 record but outscored opponents by an average of 21.3-18.8 ppg. In 2001, they outgained league foes by an average of 157 ypg but only finished 4-3. Last season once again the Utes outgained opponents by an average of 59.4 ypg which was the best mark in the conference but only finished 3-4. When Urban Meyer took over at Bowling Green it was much the same situation as BGSU had just underachieved behind a longtime head coach and Meyer turned it into a surprise season in his first year. The Utes have just 6 starters back on offense, which is the lowest in the league and only three league home games but could surprise some folks this year as they clearly did not live up to their potential in 2002.

7. SAN DIEGO ST - The Aztecs surprised me last year by finishing 4-3 but interestingly, despite their winning record in league play, they were outgained by an average of 38.8 ypg which was the 2nd worst in the MWC. This year's team is much more experienced than last year's version with 13 returning starters including their QB. They also get four MWC games at home and will be very explosive on offense led by QB Adam Hall. The Aztecs are clearly stronger than last year's version but it may not show up in the conference record.

8. WYOMING - Last year Wyoming was just 22 points away from being the conference champs as they were tied with CSU 30-30 in the 4Q, upset AF 34-26, missed an XP vs UNLV in OT to lose by 1, led BYU 31-28 with 4:00 left and also suffered close losses against Utah by 5 and SD St by 4. The Cowboys have won just one league game the last three years and while they clearly look capable, especially with four MWC home games, I had to pick someone for the basement and they are the most likely candidate.

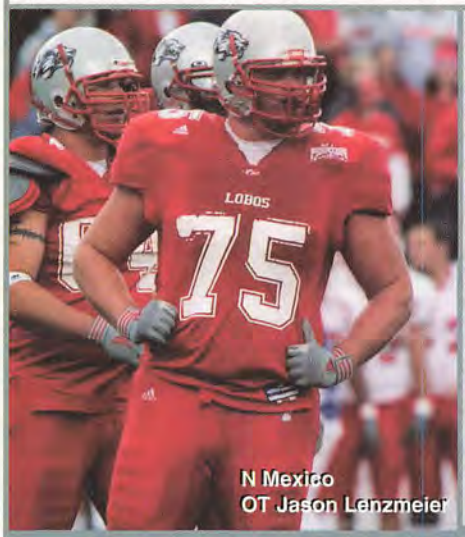
Mt West Notes: In 2000 and 2001 the Mt West had just 3 wins each year vs BCS conferences but was an impressive 5-1 in bowl games. Last year the league won SEVEN games vs BCS conferences (7-14 record) but were a surprising 7-7 vs non-BCS IA conferences after going 6-3 in 2000. Their bowl record took a nose-dive as well as they went 0-3 in the postseason. Colorado St has won or shared 6 league titles over the last 9 years but lost their bowl to TCU. New Mexico and Air Force also came up short in the postseason. Last year the league had 4 ties-ins with bowls but could only fill three of them. The Seattle Bowl (reserved for the MWC #4) has folded which is a shame since as many as 5 MWC teams could become bowl eligible this fall.

2002 MWC vs MWC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
35	Colorado St	34.9	1	403.1	3	223.0	2	4.7	3	180.1	6	58.9	3	11.6	1	11	1	4	2
44	Air Force	34.4	2	398.6	4	298.6	1	4.8	2	100.0	8	42.0	8	11.6	2	11	1	2	1
62	UNLV	27.9	5	428.3	1	221.0	3	5.4	1	207.3	5	50.0	7	15.4	6	16	6	16	5
65	San Diego St	24.0	6	358.5	6	77.6	8	2.6	7	280.9	2	61.2	1	14.9	5	11	1	20	6
75	Wyoming	29.6	3	417.3	2	91.9	6	2.8	6	325.4	1	61.0	2	14.1	4	12	4	24	8
81	Utah	23.1	7	390.3	5	155.7	5	3.8	5	234.6	4	58.1	4	16.9	7	20	7	12	4
83	BYU	16.1	8	326.2	8	79.3	7	2.5	8	246.9	3	56.0	5	20.2	8	25	8	21	7
98	N Mexico	28.0	4	334.4	7	209.1	4	4.3	4	125.3	7	54.9	6	11.9	3	14	5	7	3

2002 MWC vs MWC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
32	Utah	25.3	3	330.9	2	123.6	2	3.3	2	207.3	4	52.8	2	13.1	8	14	6	16	3
46	N Mexico	22.1	2	316.5	1	114.9	1	3.1	1	201.6	3	49.5	1	14.3	3	17	1	20	2
55	Air Force	28.7	6	378.3	5	145.3	3	3.9	4	233.0	7	61.0	7	13.2	7	16	3	21	1
62	BYU	26.7	4	359.9	3	186.6	5	3.8	3	173.3	1	57.9	6	13.5	6	12	8	13	4
65	Colorado St	21.3	1	366.6	4	171.9	4	4.6	7	194.7	2	57.8	5	17.2	1	15	5	9	7
78	UNLV	31.0	7	424.7	7	202.0	7	4.6	6	222.7	6	57.1	4	13.7	4	16	3	11	6
80	San Diego St	27.1	5	397.3	6	187.4	6	4.0	5	209.9	5	55.4	3	14.6	2	17	1	12	5
115	Wyoming	35.7	8	482.6	8	224.6	8	5.0	8	258.0	8	63.5	8	13.5	5	13	7	4	8



2002 MWC STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Colorado St	6	1	244	149	10	4	418	332
New Mexico	5	2	196	155	7	7	341	358
Air Force	4	3	241	201	8	5	440	303
San Diego St	4	3	168	190	4	9	309	411
Utah	3	4	162	177	5	6	249	226
UNLV	3	4	195	217	5	7	292	366
BYU	2	5	113	187	5	7	272	333
Wyoming	1	6	207	250	2	10	288	432

Coach of the Year: Rocky Long, New Mexico

2001 MWC STANDINGS

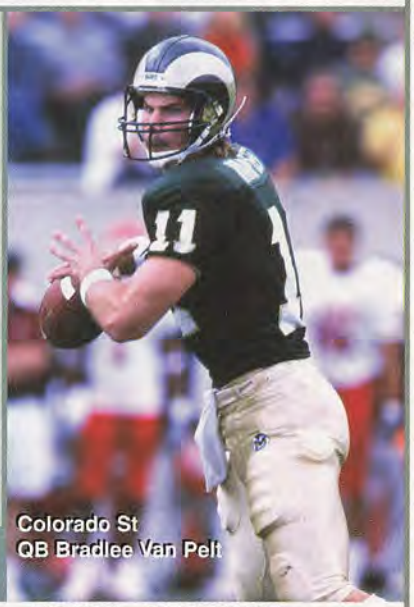
	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
BYU	7	0	302	194	12	1	608	396
Colorado St	5	2	180	163	6	5	253	254
Utah	4	3	206	114	7	4	319	204
New Mexico	4	3	182	179	6	5	304	243
Air Force	3	4	204	248	6	6	337	386
UNLV	3	4	198	169	4	7	284	270
San Diego St	2	5	115	195	3	8	184	290
Wyoming	0	7	132	257	2	9	229	368

Coach of the Year: Gary Crowton, BYU

2000 MWC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Colorado St	6	1	217	150	9	2	341	208
Air Force	5	2	230	198	8	3	384	278
UNLV	4	3	167	142	6	5	305	229
BYU	4	3	159	146	6	6	280	310
New Mexico	3	4	141	125	5	7	229	249
Utah	3	4	154	114	4	7	234	207
San Diego St	3	4	144	162	3	8	170	273
Wyoming	0	7	87	262	1	10	170	393

Coach of the Year: Sonny Lubick, Colorado St



2002 MWC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Adam Hall, SDSU	**452**	**272**	**60.2**	**9**	**3253**	**7.2**	**17**	**129.1**
Casey Bramlet, WY	**464**	**277**	**59.7**	**18**	**3290**	**7.1**	**24**	**128.6**
Justin Holland, CSU	**60**	**33**	**55.0**	**5**	**480**	**8.0**	**4**	**127.5**
Bradlee Van Pelt, CSU	**287**	**150**	**52.3**	**7**	**2073**	**7.2**	**10**	**119.6**
Chance Harridge, AF	**144**	**64**	**44.4**	**7**	**1062**	**7.4**	**10**	**119.6**
Casey Kelly, NM	**314**	**181**	**57.6**	**7**	**1904**	**6.1**	**14**	**118.8**
Jason Thomas, UNLV	274	134	48.9	7	1936	7.1	8	112.8
Kurt Nantkes, UNLV	**71**	**35**	**49.3**	**5**	**405**	**5.7**	**6**	**111.0**
Lance Pendleton, BYU	**76**	**39**	**51.3**	**2**	**376**	**5.0**	**2**	**97.6**

RUSHING

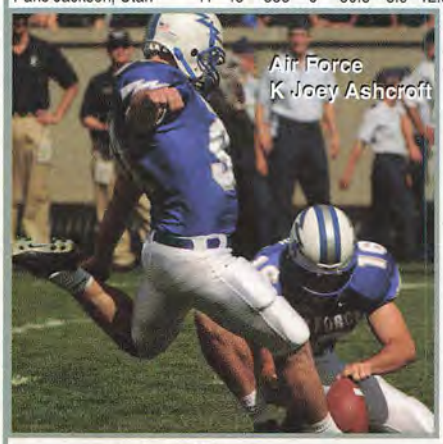
	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Cecil Sapp, CSU	14	347	1601	4.6	17	114.4
Brandon Warfield, Utah	**9**	**201**	**919**	**4.6**	**9**	**102.1**
Chance Harridge, AF	**13**	**252**	**1229**	**4.9**	**22**	**94.5**
DonTrell Moore, NM	**13**	**245**	**1134**	**4.6**	**13**	**87.2**
Marcus Whalen, BYU	**11**	**181**	**918**	**5.1**	**6**	**83.5**
Joe Haro, UNLV	12	159	841	5.3	5	70.1
Bradlee Van Pelt, CSU	**14**	**150**	**819**	**5.5**	**11**	**58.5**
Derek Armah, WY	**11**	**124**	**596**	**4.8**	**6**	**54.2**
Larry Croom, UNLV	**12**	**84**	**605**	**7.2**	**4**	**50.4**
Dominique Dorsey, UNLV	**12**	**78**	**568**	**7.3**	**3**	**47.3**

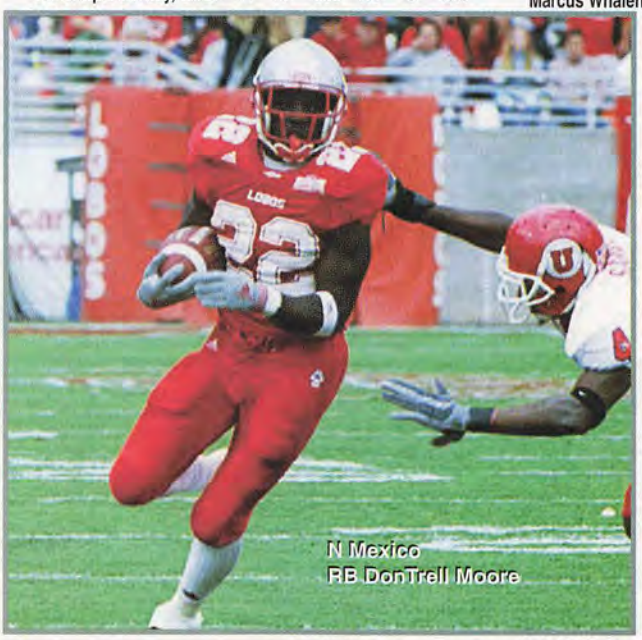
TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDSPG
Adam Hall, SDSU	**11**	**64**	**(-110)**	**452**	**3253**	**3143**	**285.7**
Casey Bramlet, WY	**12**	**101**	**35**	**464**	**3290**	**3325**	**277.1**
Jason Thomas, UNLV	11	124	448	274	1936	2384	216.7
Bradlee Van Pelt, CSU	**14**	**150**	**819**	**287**	**2073**	**2892**	**206.6**
Chance Harridge, AF	**13**	**252**	**1229**	**144**	**1062**	**2291**	**176.2**
Casey Kelly, NM	**13**	**116**	**225**	**314**	**1904**	**2129**	**163.8**
Cecil Sapp, CSU	14	347	1601	1	7	1608	114.9
Brandon Warfield, Utah	**9**	**201**	**919**	**0**	**0**	**919**	**102.1**
DonTrell Moore, NM	**13**	**245**	**1134**	**2**	**16**	**1150**	**88.5**
Marcus Whalen, BYU	**11**	**181**	**918**	**0**	**0**	**918**	**83.5**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
J.R. Tolver, SDSU	13	128	1785	13	137.3	9.9	13.9
Kassim Osgood, SDSU	13	108	1552	8	119.4	8.3	14.4
Earvin Johnson, UNLV	**11**	**51**	**793**	**4**	**72.1**	**4.6**	**15.5**
Reno Mahe, BYU	12	59	771	2	64.2	4.9	13.1
Scottie Vines, WY	12	46	705	9	58.8	3.8	15.3
Chris Pittman, CSU	**14**	**60**	**807**	**1**	**57.6**	**4.3**	**13.4**
Jovon Bouknight, WY	**12**	**63**	**689**	**3**	**57.4**	**5.3**	**10.9**
Joey Cuppari, CSU	13	35	699	4	53.8	2.7	20.0
Josh Lyman, Utah	11	44	590	3	53.6	4.0	13.4
Paris Jackson, Utah	11	43	553	6	50.3	3.9	12.9





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	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Adam Seward, UNLV	**12**	**55**	**78**	**133**	**11.1**
Tyler Gottschalk, WY	**12**	**63**	**62**	**125**	**10.4**
Anthony Schlegel, AF	13	54	64	118	9.1
Tyrone Tucker, UNLV	12	44	64	108	9.0
Paul Walkenhorst, BYU	**12**	**47**	**60**	**107**	**8.9**
Connie Brown, UNLV	12	58	46	104	8.7
Eric Pauly, CSU	**14**	**53**	**68**	**121**	**8.6**
Nate Young, WY	**12**	**52**	**50**	**102**	**8.5**
Jamaal Brimmer, UNLV	**12**	**54**	**46**	**100**	**8.3**
David Vickers, CSU	14	63	53	116	8.3

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
David Christensen, BYU	**6**	**170**	**0**	**28.3**
Bo Nagahi, Utah	**13**	**322**	**0**	**24.8**
Bryan Blew, AF	16	366	0	22.9
Dexter Wynn, CSU	**22**	**490**	**0**	**22.3**
Freddie Keiaho, SDSU	**15**	**334**	**0**	**22.3**
Dominique Dorsey, UNLV	**12**	**260**	**0**	**21.7**
Troy Mason, UNLV	13	279	0	21.5
Jermaine Moore, SDSU	**15**	**314**	**0**	**20.9**
Leonard Jones, WY	**28**	**570**	**0**	**20.4**
Curtis Brown, BYU	**9**	**178**	**0**	**19.8**
Jovon Bouknight, WY	**18**	**318**	**0**	**17.7**
Michael Franklin, SDSU	**14**	**246**	**0**	**17.6**

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Joey Ashcroft, AF	**13**	**16**	**18**	**88.9**	**45**
Matt Payne, BYU	**12**	**13**	**16**	**81.2**	**52**
Jeff Babcock, CSU	**14**	**24**	**32**	**75.0**	**46**
Tommy Kirovski, SDSU	13	17	27	63.0	48
Dillon Pieffer, UNLV	**12**	**7**	**13**	**53.8**	**44**
Bryan Borreson, Utah	**11**	**11**	**21**	**52.4**	**53**
Scott Parker, WY	**10**	**4**	**8**	**50.0**	**31**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Matt Payne, BYU	**12**	**51**	**2427**	**47.6**
Luke Donovan, WY	**12**	**58**	**2493**	**43.0**
Brian Lewis, Utah	11	58	2471	42.6
Brian Simnjanovski, SDSU	13	60	2524	42.1
Tyler Gaus, NM	**14**	**79**	**3202**	**40.5**
Joey Huber, CSU	14	53	2135	40.3
Gary Cook, UNLV	**12**	**70**	**2680**	**38.3**

TFL

	NO	YDS
Jamaal Brimmer, UNLV	**17.0**	**62**
Daniel Kegler, NM	**16.0**	**59**
Paul Walkenhorst, BYU	**15.0**	**30**
Brady Poppinga, BYU	**14.0**	**66**
Billy Strother, NM	**14.0**	**54**
Tyrone Tucker, UNLV	14.0	49
Brandon Ratcliff, NM	**13.0**	**55**
Drew Wood, CSU	**13.0**	**48**
Akbar Gbaja-Biamila, SDSU	13.0	37

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Brady Poppinga, BYU	**8.0**	**52**
Daniel Kegler, NM	**7.0**	**42**
Drew Wood, CSU	**7.0**	**41**
Trevor Hightower, AF	**6.5**	**39**
Josh Savage, Utah	**6.0**	**46**
Jason Kaufusi, Utah	**6.0**	**44**
Jamaal Brimmer, UNLV	**5.5**	**39**
Billy Strother, NM	**5.0**	**36**
Nick Speegle, NM	**5.0**	**32**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Dexter Wynn, CSU	**35**	**567**	**1**	**16.2**
Kyle Conerly, SDSU	**11**	**173**	**1**	**15.7**
Reno Mahe, BYU	15	196	0	13.1
Dwight Counter, NM	**31**	**352**	**1**	**11.4**
Morgan Scalley, Utah	**24**	**270**	**0**	**11.2**
Leotis Palmer, AF	17	167	0	9.8
Michael Franklin, SDSU	**20**	**161**	**0**	**8.1**
Troy Mason, UNLV	18	134	0	7.4
Scottie Vines, WY	15	103	0	6.9
Larry Croom, UNLV	**14**	**92**	**0**	**6.6**

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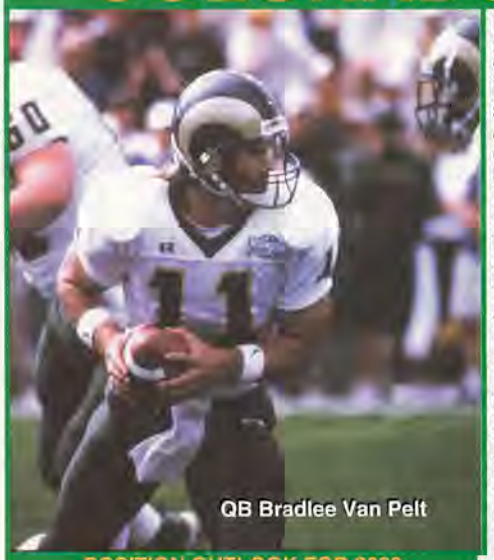
QB Bradlee Van Pelt

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - CSU always plays better with an experienced QB and in Lubick's tenure they have had just three senior incumbent QB's and they've combined for a 31-6 SU record in those seasons. Mich St transfer Bradlee Van Pelt took charge of the team as a sophomore in 2001 and in nine starts threw for 1,353 yards (47.6%) with a 9-12 ratio while rushing for 743 yards. Last year in his second year as a starter he was simply the MWC Offensive POY throwing for 2,073 yards (52.3%) with a 10-7 ratio while rushing for 940 yards. He has five of the seven, 100 yard rushing games by a Ram QB since 1950. Justin Holland (PS#12) did see action in 11 games throwing for 480 yards (55%) with a 4-5 ratio and should see a little more action to get him ready for what will be his starting spot next year. Joey Kearney (6-1 186 rFr) PS#303 looks to be 3rd string. I look for Van Pelt, who improved on his TD/Int ratio last year, to continue to make strides in his senior season.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000, Cecil Sapp rushed for 1,001 yards (5.4) including 160 yards in the bowl game despite splitting RB duties with two other players. Unfortunately he missed all of 2001 due to injury. He returned last year and simply broke school (Steve Bartalo 1,419 in '86) and MWC (1,582) records rushing for 1,601 yards (4.6). Sapp increased his bench to 390 and was a powerful runner. Tristan Walker (PS#57) appeared in just one game gaining 24 yards on just four carries against Louisville. He is so similar to Sapp that the PA announcer called him Sapp on his first three carries but he broke his foot in that game and was given a medical redshirt. Rahsaan Sanders (6-0 217 Sr) was PS#160 and after rushing for 996 yards (4.2) in his first two years, took a redshirt in 2001 and moved to DB last year. He moved back to RB in Week 3 and finished with 311 yards (5.4). Uldis Jaunarajs (5-10 210 So) had 39 yards. Also in the mix at RB is Jimmy Green (PS#387JC), Ian Oldham (5-10 207 rFr, PS#371) and Jeffrey Gales (5-11 184 rFr, PS#286). Colorado Buffaloes transfer Marcus Houston (6-2 205 Sr) was PS#1 and the school is applying for him to not have to sit out this year as a transfer. I expect a fine season out of Walker, but it will be tough to come close to Sapp's outstanding numbers from 2002.

RECEIVERS - Last year CSU had to replace three of their top 4 receivers. The top returnee, HB Joel Dreessen, had just 210 yards. Chris Pittman stepped to the forefront with 10 rec's against Nevada, the first CSU player to have double digit receptions since 1991 and would end up leading the team with 60 (13.4). Joey Cuppari (14 sts, 35, 20.0) was the #2 receiver, and he is the only loss this year. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Not listed below are Tyler Sparks (5-11 192 So, PS#91), and 3 of the top 150 WR's out of HS this year (see Top Newcomers). TE James Sondrup (PS#108) suffered a hamstring injury in August and only played in six games. David Anderson (PS#106) took off his redshirt and played some on special teams in Week 3 and became the first freshman receiver to catch a pass here since 1997 (8 rec, 22.5) and is a good deep threat. Dreessen made 1st Team MWC last year with his 29 grabs (11.7) and this group is a lot more experienced than it was heading into last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Rams averaged a super 4.6 ypc rushing in 2001 while allowing just 18 sacks. Last year they had to replace two full-time starters who were 1st and 2nd Tm MWC and a backup who was a two-time HM MWC. They then lost starting LT Aaron Green to injury after two games so basically only had two full-time starters returning. Despite their relative inexperience, they topped 2001's performance as they paved the way for 4.6 ypc rushing and allowed just 15 sacks (4.2%). This year the unit is in great shape. The only losses are LG Morgan Pears (1st Tm MWC, 14 sts, 3 yr st'r) and LT Aaron Green (2 sts until inj). Six players return with starting experience and I list the 2 deep below. Bradlee Van Pelt's mobility does have something to do with the ypc rushing as well as low amount of sacks, but this line is more experienced than it was heading into last season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001, the Rams allowed 4.6 ypc rushing, their weakest total under Lubick since 1996 and the team had just 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters due to graduation. Overall they allowed 4.3 ypc rushing and recorded just 18 sacks. This year they must replace DE Peter Hogan (14 sts, 1st Tm MWC, 65 tkls, 8 tfl) and DE Wallace Thomas (10 sts, 32 tkls, 6 tfl). Six of the top eight players return including four with starting experience and they add a promising JUCO. I list the 2 deep below and even with the losses, I expect a stronger performance from this unit in 2003.

LINEBACKERS - The Rams had a very experienced LB corps heading into last season returning four players with starting experience and ended up moving starting SLB David Vickers to SS. This year the unit is even more experienced as it returns three full-time starters who have a combined 82 career starts. The only loss this year is SLB Doug Heald (4 sts, 20 tkls). All three LB's are all-conference caliber and the backups are solid and this looks like the MWC's best LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - CSU finished #58 in my pass D rankings in 2001 but last year had to replace three full-time starters and two backups. Only three of the top eight were back, and two players I had in my 2 deep coming out of spring, including a projected starter, both quit prior to the season. They did move starting SLB David Vickers, to SS so they basically had two full-time starters returning. The losses this year are CB Rhett Nelson (13 sts, 52 tkls, 3 int, 14 pbu, 2nd Tm MWC), SS David Vickers (14 sts, 116 tkls, 3 int, 10 pbu, HM MWC) and SS Jason Hepp (20 tkls, 1 sk). True frosh Ben Stratton took off his redshirt with just five games to go and was productive with 22 tackles and figures to fill in at the open CB spot. This year's unit basically has two full-time starters returning but has a little better overall depth and should improve upon last year's #53 finish in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This is always an area of strength under Sonny Lubick with a #1 finish in 1997 and the following four years they finished #13, #3, #9 and in 2001 #1 again. Last year they had to replace their kicker as well as their top KR and punter Joey Huber suffered a knee injury in the preseason and wasn't 100% early on. Overall CSU fell to #44 with Huber's net punting dropping from 39.7 to 34.7. CSU also allowed 3 PR TD's. PK/KO man Jeff Babcock is solid with a high percentage of TB's and returns for his junior season. He hit 24 of 32 FG's with a long of 46, breaking a school record (21) for FG's in a year. Dexter Wynn led the MWC in PR's in 2001 (14.7) and somehow improved upon that last year (16.2). He also averaged 22.3 on 22 KR's and is back. Even with the loss of their punter, the fact that Lubick traditionally produces a top-notch unit and with Wynn and Babcock both back, I look for an improvement in the special teams rankings this year.

COACHES - CSU had been to just two bowl games prior to Sonny Lubick's arrival and he has guided them to seven bowls in the last nine years and six league titles. Lubick was given a $2.5 million, five year contract extension last November. He has Co-OC's in Dan Hammerschmidt and John Benton who are in the their eighth and ninth years with the program. DC Larry Kerr left for UCLA after ten seasons here. The new DC is Steve Stanard who had been the DC of New Mexico St since 1999. Lubick is 58-18 in conference games at CSU and has been the Conference Coach of the Year four times ('94, '97, '99 and 2000). The team has had three end of the season Top 25 rankings ('94; 15, '97; 16, '00; 14). Lubick is 12-12 SU against Top 25 teams, an impressive record.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Rams have had six Conference POY's under Sonny Lubick with Bradlee Van Pelt taking that honor last season. Lubick has some impressive records here at Colorado St and last year his squad was in the polls for 11 weeks which was the 2nd most of his tenure here (12 in 1994). Lubick has recorded nine straight winning seasons which is the sixth best of all current coaches. In the 100 years of football prior to Sonny Lubick's arrival, CSU won or shared nine conference titles. Lubick has rattled off six titles in the last nine years, second in the NCAA to Florida St. Lubick is 23-5 in games played in November including 12-2 on the road. In 2000 they finished #14 in the polls, their highest finish ever in a 10-2 season. Last year they appeared poised to top that total but lost their last two games including the bowl. Before Lubick arrived the team averaged 19,000 fans and now average over 30,000. This team has won at least seven games for nine straight years. CSU was 5-2 in the MWC in 2001 but was actually outgained by an average of 443-355 yards. Last year they had just 12 starters returning, having to replace 20 of 55 lettermen (36.4%). CSU went 6-1 and outscored league foes by 13.6 ppg and this time outgained them by 36.5 ypg, the second best mark in the MWC. This year they have 15 starters returning including QB Bradlee Van Pelt and lose just 13 lettermen, the second fewest in the conference. They do have just three home games and four on the road in league play but their non-conference schedule looks a little more manageable than usual. Lubick's best years have been when he had a returning starter at QB. CSU has the talent and the schedule to repeat as MWC champs and possibly record their fourth ten win season in the last seven years.

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OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB BRADLEE VAN PELT SR. 6-2 225 PS#62. 9 sts, 1353 pass (48%), 9-12 ratio, 743 rush in '01. **MWC Off POY** LY, 2073 yds (52%), 10-7 ratio, 940 rush. Justin Holland is **PS#12.**

RB Rahsaan Sanders Sr. 6-0 217 PS#160. 2 sts, 468 (4.6) in 1999. 7 sts in '00, 528 (3.9). 1 st LY, 311 yds (5.4). Tristan Walker (6-0 222 rFr) PS#57. Jimmy Green PS#387JC LY.

WR CHRIS PITTMAN SR. 6-0 192 PS#195. 1 st, 10 rec in '01. 14 sts at WR, 60 rec (13.4). HM MWC. Russell Sprague (6-4 210 Sr) PS#114QB. Julien Petit (6-2 176 rFr) PS#147.

WR David Anderson So. 5-10 187 8 rec (22.5) as true. Eric Hill (6-1 194 Sr) PS#117, 14 rec, 3Y. Joey Flores (6-3 194 rFr) PS#340. Tyler Sparks (5-11 192 So) PS#91.

HB JOEL DREESSEN JR. 6-4 253 12 sts in '01, 23 rec (9.1), 14 sts LY, 29 rec (11.7), **1st Tm MWC**. Brandon Alconcel (6-3 245 So) PS#136TE. Jack Zadigan (6-4 223 Jr).

TE MATT BARTZ SO. 6-3 244 PS#68. 11 starts as rFr, 8 rec (12.2). James Sondrup (6-6 263 Sr) PS#108TE. 2 rec LY. Clint Oldenburg (6-5 237 rFr). JJ Stepien (6-1 221 Jr).

C MARK DREYER SR. 6-4 275 **PS#58**. 5 games as rFr. 12 sts at C in '01. 14 sts LY, **2nd Tm MWC**. John Van Lant (6-4 275 Jr) 2 letters. Erik Sandie is PS#192.

RG Jamie Amicarella Sr. 6-5 289 PS#143TE. Montana St transfer. 2nd string here in '02, 2 sts. Jonathan Moore (6-4 289 rFr) PS#444. Steve Olech (6-3 260 So) PS#408.

LG ALBERT BIMPER SO. 6-1 290 PS#196. 385 bench. 12 sts LY (inj'd 2). Terrell Gardner (6-6 356 Sr) PS#138OL. 25 games 3 letters. Ryan Parks (6-3 284 rFr) PS#111.

RT ERIK PEARS JR. 6-8 307 **PS#95OL**. 10 games, 3 sts as rFr. HM MWC. 12 sts in '02, inj'd 2. Josh Day (6-4 278 rFr) PS#138. Jason Haskell (6-3 281 rFr) PS#283.

LT MICHAEL BRISIEL SO. 6-5 282 **PS#100OL**. 9 sts as rFr including last 5. Zeke Hacker (6-4 295 Sr) 5 sts in '02, added 15 lbs. Jason Speciner (6-6 294 Jr) PS#166OL.

K JEFF BABCOCK JR. 5-9 185 30 TB's on 60 KO's in 2001. Hit school record 24 FG's in 2002 (32 att's) long of 46 and 7 of 10 from 40+. Kevin Mark is PS#24.

DE PATRICK GOODPASTER JR. 6-3 280 PS#125. 8 sts, 13 tkls, 3 tfl in 2001. 14 sts LY, 16 tkls. Chuck Asioudu (6-2 258 Jr) PS#222JC. Michael Vomhof (6-3 235 So) PS#314RB.

NT BRYAN SAVE SR. 6-2 271 PS#166. 4 sts, 11 tkls in '01. 13 sts LY, 31 tkls, 3 tfl, HM MWC. Jonathon Simon (6-6 280 Jr) PS#277. 7 tkls, 2Y. Delroy Parke (6-2 298 So) PS#211.

DT Lavell Mann Sr. 6-1 285 PS#436JC. 10 sks at JC in 2000. 1 st here LY (bowl) 15 tkls, 4 tfl. Chris Kiffin (6-1 281 Jr) PS#342. 14 tkls, 1 sk LY. Jason Anderson (6-6 256 So).

DE Andre Sommersell Sr. 6-3 218 14 tkls, 2 sks in 2000 & '01. First 4 sts LY, 42 tkls, 1 tfl. Terrance Carter (6-3 239 So) PS#277DL, 1 tkl LY. Joe Adkins (6-1 222 rFr).

WLB ERIC PAULY SR. 6-4 223 PS#59. 12 sts in '01, #1 tkl'r in MWC, 125. 14 sts LY, 121 tkls, 5 tfl, 10 pbu, **2nd Tm MWC**. Courtney Jones (6-2 221 So) PS#359, 5 tkls as true.

MLB DREW WOOD SR. 6-2 235 9 sts in '01, 104 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu, **2nd Tm MWC**. 14 sts LY, 112 tkls, 7 sks, 6 tfl. Jeff Flora (6-2 234 Sr) 30 tkls, 2Y. Micah Woods (5-11 255 rFr) PS#136.

SLB ADAM WADE SR. 6-1 223 PS#163. 9 sts, 60 tkls, 12 tfl in '99. 11 sts in '01, 59 tkls, 7 tfl. L/10 sts LY, 72 tkls, 11 tfl. Jahmal Hall (6-0 190 So) PS#198. John Nichols is PS#48TE.

CB DEXTER WYNN SR. 5-10 175 10 sts in '01, 52 tkls, 5 tfl, 2 int, 10 pbu. 578 return yds. 14 sts LY, 73 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu, 1057 ret yds. Daniel Foster (5-10 155 rFr) PS#186DB.

CB Ben Stratton So. 6-2 207 PS#247QB. Took off RS for last five games, 1 st, 22 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. Brandon Cathy (5-10 173 rFr) PS#111. Steve Tufte (6-1 196 Sr) 4 tkls.

SS BENNY MASTROPAOLO SR. 5-11 190 PS#395JUCO. L/9 sts at FS LY, 59 tkls, 2 tfl. Adam Hayward (6-1 220 So) PS#146LB, 9 tkls as true. Lenzie Williams (5-11 210 Sr) 5 tkls.

FS Landon Jones Jr. 6-2 211 PS#376DB. First 5 sts at FS LY, 41 tkls, 1 tfl, 3 pbu. David Foley (5-10 189 So) 5 tkls LY. Miles Kochevar (6-1 195 So) PS#355DB.

P Jeff Babcock Jr. 5-9 185 KO's last two years and FG's in 2002. Jim Kaylor (6-2 215 Fr) is PS#38PK. Kevin Mark (6-1 171 So) PS#24. Tyler Powell (5-11 209 Sr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

DL	Blake Smith 6-2 245 PS#95	
OL	Justin Tyler 6-7 320 PS#106	
WR	Greg Chatman 6-2 185 PS#96	
RB	Adam Gabriel 6-0 230 PS#117	
TE	John Nichols 6-2 210 PS#48	
DL	Jesse Nading 6-5 210 PS#153	
LB	Zach Morse 6-3 225 PS#140	
WR	George Hill 6-0 175 PS#136	
WR	Ciarre Campbell 6-2 180 PS#138	
OL	Erik Sandie 6-2 260 PS#192	
LB	Nathan Pauly 6-2 215 PS#179	
PK	Jim Kaylor 6-2 215 PS#38	
OL	Nick Allota 6-4 275 PS#270	
OL	Dan Crews 6-4 295 PS#282	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	† Colorado (Mile High Stadium)	G						CSU is 20-11-1 ATS as an away dog under Lubick. The Rams are 6-12 in their last 18 artificial turf games. Colorado St is 10-2 SU & 9-3 ATS their last 12 November road games.
Sep. 6	at California	G						Colorado St is 5-1 ATS their last 6 season openers. Rams are 9-4 ATS vs their instate rival & 5-2 the last 7.
Sep. 13	Weber St	G						CSU is 5-10-1 ATS on the road in September since 1996. Colorado St is 2-10 SU & 2-7-1 ATS the last 12 vs Pac 10 foes.
Sep. 20	Miami, Oh	G						Weber St was 3-8 SU last year in Div IAA Big Sky Conference. The Wildcats opened 2002 with a 38-24 loss to New Mexico.
Sep. 27	Utah	G						Colorado St is 3-9 ATS the last 3 years as a home favorite. Only 2nd meeting vs MAC, 1st in '92, a 35-24 win over Ohio, but ATS loss as 18 pt fav.
Oct. 4	Fresno St (HC)	G						Rams are 5-0 SU & ATS vs the Utes the last 5 meetings in the series. Colorado St is 0-6-1 ATS the last 7 conference openers.
Oct. 9	at BYU (Thur)	G						CSU is 2-6 ATS the last 8 meetings vs the WAC Conference. The home team is 7-1 ATS the last 8 meetings.
Oct. 16	Air Force (Thur)	G						The home team is 4-0 SU & ATS winning by an avg of 24 ppg. The favorite is 7-3 ATS the last 10 in this series.
Oct. 25								Colorado St is 7-3-1 ATS the last 11 in this series. CSU is 13-5 ATS the last 18 before a bye week.
Nov. 1	at Wyoming	G						The home team has covered just 1 out of 11 Border Wars. Rams are 16-3 ATS the week after a bye since 1986.
Nov. 7	at New Mexico (Fri)	G						Colorado St is 8-1 SU & 6-3 ATS vs New Mexico since 1992. Get this Friday Night Play for just $9 @ www.ncsports.com in our NCstore.
Nov. 15	San Diego St	G						The Rams are 5-2 both SU & ATS the last 7 series meetings vs the Aztecs. Under Lubick the Rams are 10-3 SU & 7-6 ATS at home in Nov (2-5 ATS L/7).
Nov. 22	at UNLV	G						CSU is 6-1 SU but just 2-5 ATS vs the Rebels in the last 7 meetings. Colorado St is 12-3 ATS in the last 15 road finales.
Nov. 29								

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84-38 Straight Up	18-21 Home Favorite
65-47-1 Vs The Spread	9-1 Home Dog
16-16 Off A SU Loss	18-14 Away Favorite
47-29-1 Vs Conference	20-11-1 Away Dog
	18-18 Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (10-4)
RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 8* DEFENSE: 7
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	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	10-2	8-4	8-3	9-2	6-5	10-3	58-24
ATS	6-5	10-2	5-6-1	6-5	5-5	6-5	7-6	45-34-1
Home Fav	1-1	4-1	2-2	3-2	1-3	0-3	2-3	13-15
Home Dog	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	5-0
Away Fav	1-2	4-1	2-4	1-2	2-2	1-0	2-2	13-13
Away Dog	1-2	2-0	1-0-1	2-1	2-0	3-2	3-1	14-6-1
Favorite	2-3	8-2	4-6	4-4	3-5	1-3	4-5	26-28
Dog	4-2	2-0	1-0-1	2-1	2-0	5-2	3-1	19-6-1
Grass	6-1	7-2	4-4-1	6-5	4-5	6-5	7-5	40-27-1
Artificial	0-4	3-0	1-2	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	5-7
vs Conf	5-3	8-1	3-4-1	4-3	3-4	4-3	4-3	31-21-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	2-2	2-2	2-1	2-2	3-3	14-13
Off SU Win	5-2	8-1	3-3-1	3-4	3-4	3-2	5-5	30-21-1
Off SU Loss	1-3	1-1	1-3	2-1	1-1	3-2	1-1	10-12

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cecil Sapp	347	1673	72	1601	17	4.6
Bradlee Van Pelt	**150**	**940**	**121**	**819**	**11**	**5.5**
Rahsaan Sanders	**58**	**326**	**15**	**311**	**3**	**5.4**
Chris Pittman	**9**	**70**	**15**	**55**	**0**	**6.1**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Bradlee Van Pelt	**287**	**150**	**52.3**	**2073**	**10**	**7**
Justin Holland	**60**	**33**	**55.0**	**480**	**4**	**5**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Chris Pittman	**60**	**807**	**13.4**	**1**	**35**
Joey Cuppari	35	699	20.0	4	80
Joel Dreessen	**29**	**340**	**11.7**	**2**	**34**
Henri Childs	21	257	12.2	1	35
David Anderson	**8**	**180**	**22.5**	**1**	**70**
Matt Bartz	**8**	**98**	**12.2**	**4**	**28**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Joey Huber	53	2135	40.3	72	34.7	1	24

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jeff Babcock	**40-44**	**9-9**	**8-13**	**7-10**	**0-0**	**24-32**	**46**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Eric Pauly	**121**	**1**	**4**	**10**	**1**
David Vickers	116	0	3	10	3
Drew Wood	**112**	**7**	**6**	**2**	**1**
Dexter Wynn	**73**	**1**	**3**	**8**	**2**
Adam Wade	**72**	**3**	**8**	**2**	**1**
Peter Hogan	65	4	4	1	1
Benny Mastropaolo	**59**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Rhett Nelson	52	0	3	14	3
Andre Sommersell	**42**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Landon Jones	**41**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**0**
Wallace Thomas	32	2	3	4	1
Bryan Save	**31**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Ben Stratton	**22**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**1**
Jason Hepp	20	1	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dexter Wynn	**35**	**567**	**16.2**	**1**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dexter Wynn	**22**	**490**	**22.3**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Holiday	-3'	Missouri	35-24	W
99	Liberty	+5'	S Mississippi	17-23	L
00	Liberty	-2	Louisville	22-17	W
01	New Orleans	-11	North Texas	45-20	W
02	Liberty	-5	TCU	3-17	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

COLORADO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	29.9	20	206	4.6	183	52.4	13.0	+3	2002	6	23.7	20	168	4.3	206	58.3	15.7
5	24.8	17	195	4.6	152	47.8	14.0	+1	2001	7	22.8	22	205	4.6	215	57.6	18.4
8*	30.3	21	139	3.7	240	58.1	12.5	+1	2000	7	18.8	17	140	3.7	194	55.9	17.8
4	28.8	19	144	4.1	219	57.3	12.6	-3	1999	6	22.4	19	142	3.6	216	58.1	16.0
5	28.8	21	165	4.3	221	61.5	13.4	+7	1998	9	21.9	19	160	3.8	177	56.8	15.4
7*	36.7	20	219	5.4	204	63.1	11.5	+27	1997	9	15.6	18	138	3.5	194	51.1	21.2

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Virginia	20	41-187	4.6	17-27	229	3	25	49-221	4.5	18-27	193	2	+3
† Colorado	17	38-152	4.0	11-24	168	3	19	48-170	3.5	14-27	199	1	+2
at UCLA	19	43-179	4.2	14-31	98	1	20	37-215	5.8	14-26	166	2	-1
Louisville	24	45-205	4.6	16-31	264	1	22	32-72	2.3	22-41	294	3	-2
at Nevada	24	50-260	5.2	16-29	271	2	24	27-111	4.1	26-44	341	0	+2
at Fresno St	16	40-247	6.2	11-23	219	0	17	36-157	4.4	20-28	184	1	-1
Wyoming	27	51-270	5.3	18-28	231	0	23	34-95	2.8	25-44	267	2	-1
at Utah	16	38-112	2.9	13-23	140	1	24	41-216	5.3	21-41	265	0	+1
BYU	24	56-342	6.1	11-23	151	0	11	29-65	2.2	17-26	148	4	+3
at Air Force	20	52-199	3.8	12-19	142	1	16	55-221	4.0	3-8	29	0	+2
at San Diego St	29	60-277	4.6	12-19	256	0	20	19-30	1.6	28-48	348	3	-2
New Mexico	9	33-129	3.9	10-17	123	1	16	41-186	4.5	19-30	121	0	+1
UNLV	25	44-232	5.3	17-29	218	1	24	43-390	9.1	16-26	185	0	0
† TCU	8	31-89	2.9	6-28	50	1	19	52-197	3.8	16-28	141	0	-4
TOTALS	278	622-2880	4.6	184-351	2560	15	280	543-2346	4.3	259-444	2881	18	+3
AVERAGES	19.9	44-206	4.6	13-25	183	1.1	20.0	39-168	4.3	19-32	206	1.3	0.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan St	+5'	23-16	W
† Colorado	-3'	14-42	L
at Nevada	-16'	26-14	L
at Air Force	+3	27-30	T
UNLV	-36	38-16	L
at UTEP	-13'	20-17	L
Tulsa	-9'	34-7	W
at N Mexico St	-15	47-28	W
TCU	-13'	42-21	W
at Rice	-10	23-35	L
Wyoming	-6'	19-27	L
at SMU	-3'	32-10	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado	+13	41-14	W
Nevada	-17'	38-33	L
at BYU	+7	13-34	L
N Mexico St	-15	46-7	W
at Fresno St	-4	13-44	L
San Diego St	-6	10-17	L
at Wyoming	+2'	24-13	W
Utah	-1'	31-24	W
at New Mexico	-7	36-22	W
Air Force	-2	41-21	W
at UNLV	-22	35-17	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado	+4'	28-24	W
E Tenn St	NL	41-7	–
at Arizona St	-3	10-13	L
at Nevada	-17	45-14	W
New Mexico	-18'	17-14	L
UNLV	-7	20-19	L
at Utah	+2	24-17	W
at San Diego St	-8	34-22	W
BYU	-8	45-21	W
at Air Force	-3	40-44	L
Wyoming	-29	37-13	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado	+4	14-41	L
Nevada	-29'	35-18	L
San Diego St	-6'	7-14	L
at Wyoming	-3'	42-14	W
at Louisville	+8	2-7	W
Fresno St	+7'	22-25 OT	W
at UNLV	+4'	26-24	W
Utah	+2'	19-17	W
at BYU	+14'	34-56	L
Air Force	-8	28-21	L
at New Mexico	+3	24-17	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia	E	35-29	W
† Colorado	+8	19-14	W
at UCLA	+7	19-30	L
Louisville	-2'	36-33	W
at Nevada	-11'	32-28	L
at Fresno St	-5'	30-32	L
Wyoming	-25	44-36	L
at Utah	+1	28-20	W
BYU	-13	37-10	W
at Air Force	-1'	31-12	W
at San Diego St	-12'	49-21	W
New Mexico	-16'	22-14	L
UNLV	-17	33-36	L

NEW MEXICO LOBOS

S Brandon Ratcliff

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Casey Kelly beat out the incumbent starter in 2001 and led the team to a 5-2 record down the stretch and the team averaged 31.3 ppg and 402.7 ypg in his seven starts after averaging just 21.3 and 331.5 in the first four games. Kelly's backup was Justin Millea who had played DB and special teams the previous two years. Last year Long stated that he would like to redshirt speedy true frosh Kole McKamey (second in NM in the 100m as a HS junior). Kelly broke his left arm against Texas Tech and Long named McKamey the starter vs UNLV. McKamey, however, was suspended for one game after being arrested for underage drinking and Millea took over and rushed for 148 yards against UNLV in a game that saved the season. McKamey also cracked his rib and did not travel to BYU. Kelly, who hit just 47% with an 8-12 ratio in 2001, improved to 58% last year with a 14-7 ratio and is 11-8 as the starter. He played the second half of the season with a soft cast on his broken left arm. Millea graduates but I give McKamey a good shot at unseating Kelly. Also in the mix is Tali Ena (6-5 235 Jr) who originally signed at Wash St. He hit 5 of 8 there for 53 yards in 2001 and was the scout team MVP here last year while redshirting.

RUNNING BACKS - The Lobos had to replace their top three RB's heading into 2002. The leading returning RB was Quincy Wright (PS#214) who had just 62 yards in 2001. DonTrell Moore (PS#97) was supposed to contend for the job but suffered a sprained knee and did not travel for the opener. Wright opened with a bang as he had 265 yards against Weber St, a school record. He had 145 the next week against Air Force. Unfortunately he was injured in the 1Q vs Baylor and missed the rest of the year and in basically three games had accumulated 628 total yards. Wright has 4.36 speed, but was not granted a 6th year. DonTrell Moore had just 7 rush attempts for 0 net yards after three games but finished with 1,134 yards (4.6) setting a school frosh record which was previously held by Winslow Oliver (1,063 in 1992). Moore was named MWC Frosh of the Year. QB Millea was #3 and WR Adrian Boyd was fourth. FB Landrick Brody (5-11 230 Jr) had four starts and 121 yards (3.8). This year the only loss besides Wright is TB Tony Frazier (33 yds). They add DD Cox (PS#73) who transfers in from Okla St and I list the 2 deep below. With Moore back and the addition of Cox, this group has even more talent and experience than 2002.

RECEIVERS - Last year the top two WR's both returned but they had to replace their starting TE. At the start of the year Long thought the receiving corps was a strength and wanted to throw the ball more but dropped passes plagued the unit throughout the year. They ended up going to the running game a lot in the second half of the season. Third string WR Derrick Shepherd was ruled academically ineligible and JUCO Michael Brunker saw much less action than anticipated (1 rec). Hank Baskett (6-4 208 So, PS#190 QB), who Long said has "enormous potential", suffered a spinal injury in August and did not return until the UNLV game. WR Adrian Boyd was used mostly on the "fly sweep" and had 238 yards rushing (5.8). Starting TE Bryan Penley had 17 rec's and also proved to be a bruising blocker. The team starts in a two TE offense as often as they use a FB, and 3 TE's who started last year all return. This year they must replace WR Joe Manning (6 sts, 36, 11.5) and WR Jake Farrel (2 sts, 13, 11.1). As mentioned, the unit performed below my expectations last year, and I expect them to have a better season in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Lobos OL paved the way for 4.1 ypc rushing while allowing 20 sacks. It appeared that three starters would be returning but C Rashad McClure quit the team prior to the year. Nate Hembree, who started the first six games at LT, suffered a torn ACL so Justin Colburn, who began the year as the starting C moved to LT and Ryan Cook (6-6 339 So), who may be the nation's largest C, took over those duties. Last year's starting lineup averaged 6-4' 319 lbs and was nicknamed "The Hit Men". The OL paved the way for 4.2 ypc rushing and allowed just 17 sacks despite the fact that the RB corps was inexperienced and then banged up. Backup OG Danny Perez tore his knee ligament against BYU and missed the rest of the year and he is basically the only loss from last year's 2 deep. The group is even larger and more experienced than they were heading into last season and should be the MWC's top OL.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 NM allowed just 2.5 ypc rushing although the team surprisingly only recorded 26 sacks. Last year four players who earned starts in 2001 departed but the quartet combined for 15 starts overall, so basically two starters returned. Seven players were in the rotation and there was only one senior in the group in NT Hebrews Josue (14 sts, 36 tkls, 7 tfl, HM MWC). Naturally the other six all return and I list them in the 2 deep below. Added into the mix this year is Bryan Easterly who had 18 sacks at JC last year as well as unheralded rFr Robert Kakuska (6-5 270), JD Machacek (6-1 265) and Emmanuel Godinez (6-3 265) as well as Evroy Thompson (6-0 240 So). Despite the loss of a quality player, this unit looks stronger in 2003.

LINEBACKERS - I know the Lobos play a 3-3-5 scheme but I list four DB's and discuss the LOBO position with the LB's, much as the most famous LOBO, Brian Urlacher, was drafted as a linebacker in the NFL. Last year the team had to replace three starters and two backups from the 4 man LB corps and then lost projected starting OLB Shannon Kincaid in the first game. JUCO Billy Strother came out of nowhere and earned the Defensive POY Award. Backup Domingo Villarruel was also lost for the year after six games (13 tkls). Therefore, seven of the eight players from last year's final 2 deep return. The only loss is a big one in Charles Moss (14 sts, 105 tkls, 1st Tm MWC). I list the 2 deep below and Daniel Gawronski and Fola Fashola both should fill in fine at the MLB position. Not listed below is Joe Selander (6-1 208 So) who had 10 tackles, David Stone (5-10 190 So), Storm Field (6-2 211 So) and Stephen Childress (6-1 200 rFr). This unit is more experienced than last year and even with the loss of its top player, should be an improved unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 the Lobos had to replace one starter and two backups from a secondary that had finished #43 in my pass D rankings. They did suffer some injuries and finished #41 allowing 54% with a 25-15 ratio. This year the losses are a little heavier. Gone are CB Desmar Black (9 sts, 32 tkls), CB David Crockett (9 sts, 26 tkls, 7 pbu), SS David Hall (6 sts, 28 tkls, 4 tfl) and CB Brandon Gregory (6 sts, 20 tkls, 5 pbu). CB's are very important on the Lobo D as they are counted on to be in man-to-man coverage with no help from the safeties who are usually blitzing. The lone CB with starting experience, Corey Brown, only started early in the year but lost his job. The safeties look solid and the unit generally goes 3 deep with a couple of JUCO's added this season. Not listed below is Jerrell Malone (6-1 186 So, 7 tkls), Gabriel Fulbright (5-10 168 So, 16 tkls), Jason Malone (6-1 185 So) and Beau Shelton (5-11 186 Jr). Ratcliff was the top DB last year earning 1st Tm MWC honors. This group is a little less experienced than last season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Probably the Lobos' most acclaimed player attempted just one xp last year and it was blocked. I am referring to Katie Hnida who transferred from Colorado and became the first woman to participate in a major college game. This unit has been an area of strength for Coach Long with two Top 25 finishes in 2000 and 2001 however they dropped to #43 last year. They still managed the strong finish despite having to replace their P, K, and top PR and KR. They used 3 FG K's last year and all struggled including a missed xp in the OT loss to Utah St. This team always blocks a lot of punts with five in 2000, four in 2001 and two last year. True frosh Tyler Gaus was the surprise winner of the punting duties and he averaged a solid 40.5 and the team had a very solid net of 36.0. The top PR, Dwight Counter (11.4) and top KR Brandon Ratcliff (22.2) return. LS Martin Lovato not only was a consistent snapper but also raced down field and forced a fumble against Utah, and Josh Bazinet was the Special Teams POY for his work on coverage units. Both players return. It looks like Long has yet another fine special teams unit in 2003.

COACHES - Rocky Long was a three year starting QB here and his 1970 & '71 Lobos were the last team to have consecutive winning seasons until the '96 and '97 squads matched that feat. Long was UCLA's DC in 1996 and 1997. He has been here for five years and amazingly has increased the win total each and every year beginning with the 3-9 in 1998, moving up to 4-7, 5-7, 6-5 and 7-7 in the next four years. His OC is Dan Dodd who is in his fourth year in that role here and was at TCU from '97-'99. The DC is Osia Lewis who takes over for the departed Bronco Mendenhall. Mendenhall, whom I consider to be one of the top DC's in the country, moved on to BYU this year. Lewis coached the DL from 1997-2000 and LB's from 2001 to last year at Illinois and spent five seasons at Oregon St under Long when he was the DC there. New Mexico is one of eight teams that has finished in the Top 30 in total defense in each of the past three seasons and the team has led the league in sacks in each of the past three years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Lobos are an impressive 9-5 the last two years in MWC play and last season recorded their first win in Provo in 31 years (ironically Long was the QB in the last win). New Mexico's last bowl win was in 1961, but they have been bowl eligible in each of the last two seasons. Last year's squad had just 12 seniors and by season's end only nine were available. Things did not start out well for New Mexico as they opened just 2-4 including two consecutive losses by a combined 73-13 margin and were without their top QB and RB when they headed to UNLV. Last year's Lobo unit did not defeat a team with a winning record but still managed to be playing for the MWC Title when they travelled to Colo St and came up just short. Overall they finished second in the league and will benefit from the extra practices that they had prior to their bowl game. Offensively the Lobos return 10 starters and figure to possess the most potent offense they've had under Rocky Long and should top last year's 24.4 ppg. They do have seven starters back on defense but the big loss is DC Mendenhall. Rocky Long has done a great job with the team winning one more game each year. I will call for New Mexico to win 8 this year and continue that progression and that makes them a contender in the MWC.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CASEY KELLY SR. 6-3 193 7 sts, 1559 yds (47%) 8-12 ratio. 11 sts LY, 1904 yds (58%), 14-7 ratio, 396 rush. Kole McKamey (6-2 185 So) PS#62. Tali Ena (6-5 235 Jr) WSU trans.
RB DONTRELL MOORE SO. 5-11 211 PS#97. 9 sts as rFr, **1st Tm MWC**, 1134 yds (4.6), 23 rec (6.0). DD Cox (6-0 210 Jr) PS#73. Okla St trans. Martin Romero (5-11 189 Jr).
FB LANDRICK BRODY JR. 5-11 230 4 sts, 121 yds (3.8) LY. Adrian Byrd (6-0 224 So) 1 st, 35 yds LY. Jarrod Diehl (6-1 215 Jr) **TE** Mike Augustyniak (6-5 256 Jr) PS#151DL. 3 sts, 2 rec LY.
WR DWIGHT COUNTER SR. 6-2 193 10 sts in '01, 43 rec (18.0). 11 sts LY, **2nd Tm MWC**. 35 rec (11.5), 31 PR (11.4). Rashaun Sanders (6-2 200 Sr) 4.5 spd. 5 sts, 12 rec, 2Y.
WR Adrian Boyd Sr. 6-0 175 PS#183. 4.5 spd. Moved from RB LY, 27 rec (12.0), 238 rush (5.8). Terrence Thomas (6-1 193 Sr) 3 sts, 20 rec, 2Y. Mike Brunker (6-2 178 Sr) PS#136JC.
TE BRYAN PENLEY SR. 6-2 244 5 starts, 4 rec in '01. 14 sts LY, 17 rec (10.1). Zach Cresap (6-3 236 Sr) JUCO. 5 sts here LY, 8 rec (10.5). Brian Beaty (6-4 246 So).
C RYAN COOK SO. 6-6 339 Could be largest C in NCAA. Last 8 sts as rFr. Jorge Enriquez (6-4 288 So) PS#283. Marty Moss (6-4 310 rFr) PS#437OL.
RG CLAUDE TERRELL JR. 6-3 330 PS#335OL. 10 sts as rFr, 757 snaps, 86 KD's. 14 sts in '02, **2nd Tm MWC**, 139 KD's. Derek Watson (6-3 282 Sr). Pat Hodges (6-5 295 rFr).
LG CALVIN McDONALD SR. 6-4 323 PS#309JC. 14 sts at LG. Bryan Humphreys (6-3 272 Jr) 1 st & lettered. Matt Poehlmann (6-2 262 So). Fred Tucker (6-4 330 rFr).
RT JASON LENZMEIER SR. 6-5 312 7 sts as rFr, 62 KD's. 11 sts in '01. 14 sts LY, **2nd Tm MWC**, 145 KD's. Terrance Pennington (6-7 340 So) 3 sts at LT in 2002, Lettered.
LT JUSTIN COLBURN SR. 6-4 280 264 snaps, 33 KD's in 2001. 14 sts LY (6 at C, 5 at LT, 3 at HB), 385 bench. Nate Hembree (6-5 292 Jr) PS#340. 6 sts at LT until ACL.
K WES ZUNKER JR. 5-8 171 2 of 4 with long of 51 & KO's as true. Inj'd LY, 1 of 4 FG's L/28. Kenny Byrd (6-0 150 So) 1 of 2 FG's L/31. Katie Hnida (5-9 150 Sr) 0-1 xp's.

DE D.J. RENTERIA SR. 6-3 282 10 tkls, 3 sks as rFr. 5 sts, 23 tkls, 6.5 tfl in '01. 12 sts, 37 tkls, 2.5 sks, 10 tfl LY, **2nd Tm MWC**. Marcus Parker (6-2 252 So) 2 sts, 13 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl LY.
NT Guillermo Morrison Sr. 6-3 268 420 bench, 17 tkls, 3 tfl in 2002. Kyle Coulter (6-1 255 Jr) 3 starts in 2002, 21 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl. Billy Brittain (6-2 260 rFr) PS#577.
DE DANIEL KEGLER SR. 6-3 260 81 tkls, 13 sks at JC in 2000. 4 sts in '01, 6.5 tfl. 9 sts LY, 53 tkls, 7 sks, 9 tfl, **2nd Tm MWC**. Zach Rupp (6-5 235 Sr) 15 sks at JC in '01. 14 tkls, 2.5 sks LY.
LLB BILLY STROTHER SR. 6-0 230 10.5 sks at JC in '01, 4.53 spd. **Def POY** here LY, 89 tkls, 5 sks, 9 tfl. Chrishone Harris (6-2 228 Jr) 12 tkls, 2Y. Storm Field (6-2 211 So).
MLB Fola Fashola Sr. 5-11 206 JC. 50 tkls here LY, 1.5 sks, 7 tfl. Daniel Gawronski (6-0 252 Sr) 106 tkls at JC in '01. 15 tkls, 5 tfl here LY. 465 bench. Mike Mohoric (6-2 223 So).
RLB NICK SPEEGLE JR. 6-5 236 4 sts as rFr, 56 tkls, 5 tfl. 14 sts LY, 89 tkls, 5 sks, 6 tfl, HM MWC. **Shannon Kincaid** (6-2 225 Sr) 18 tkls in '01, 4.49 spd. 1 st LY but inj'd. 400 bench. Kevin Walton (6-0 200 Jr) 1 st at CB in '01, 16 tkls. 1 st LY, 17 tkls, 1 pbu.
CB Brandon Payne Jr. 6-0 185 PS#387JC. 5 int, 5 blk'd FG's at JC. In for spring. Aaron Brack (5-11 207 So) PS#329. 4.41 speed, 38"VL. Herb Cash (5-11 151 So) PS#366JC.
CB Corey Brown Sr. 5-10 180 70 tkls at JC in '01. 4 sts here LY, 23 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu. Curtis Flakes (5-10 160 Jr) PS#380. 4.47 spd. Joel Paoli (5-9 185 Jr) JC. RS here LY.
SS BRANDON RATCLIFF SR. 6-0 200 10 sts as rFr, 71 tkls, 4.5 sks, 5 pbu. 11 sts LY, 73 tkls, 3 int. 12.5 tfl, **1st Tm MWC**. Josh Bazinet (5-11 200 Jr) PS#257WR. 12 tkls in 8 gms LY.
FS TERRELL GOLDEN SR. 5-10 210 11 sts in '01, 55 tkls, 10 tfl, HM MWC. 11 sts LY, 61 tkls, 7.5 tfl, 2 int. Blaine Harrell (6-1 190 rFr) Def Scout MVP. Arthur Haynes (6-3 206 So) JC.
P TYLER GAUS SO. 6-1 205 79 punts as true frosh. Walk-on in 2002, 40.5 avg and solid net of 36.0. Stephen Lemrond (6-3 240 rFr). John Padilla (5-10 160 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

LB	Jason Turner 6-1 225 PS#106
QB	Tye Butler 6-1 190 PS#103
OL	Bart Miller 6-4 295 PS#179
OL	Vince Natali 6-2 295 PS#216
LB	Josh Lancaster 6-1 205 PS#222
DL	Bryan Easterly 6-3 237 PS#163JC
TE	Jordan Adams 6-4 235 PS#74
DB	Jonathan Harrell 6-2 200 PS#238
DB	Matt Peebles 6-2 200 PS#296
TE	Allex Alvarado 6-5 235 PS#98
OL	Anthony Kilby 6-5 270 PS#487
RB	Juamar Hall 5-11 170 PS#332
LB	George Carter 6-3 205 PS#427
CB	Herb Cash 5-11 151 PS#391JC

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25-35	Straight Up	9-5	Home Favorite
27-27-1	Vs The Spread	6-6	Home Dog
16-14	Off A SU Loss	2-7	Away Favorite
21-15	Vs Conference	10-9-1	Away Dog
		6-12-1	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (7-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 54 (25,24,5)
Lost: 12 (5,6,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 30,512

MOUNTAIN WEST

Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#87

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	SW Texas	G					
Sep. 6	at Texas Tech	A					
Sep. 13	BYU	G					
Sep. 20	at Washington St	A					
Sep. 27	New Mexico St	G					
Oct. 4	Utah St (HC)	G					
Oct. 11							
Oct. 18	at San Diego St	G					
Oct. 25	at Utah	A					
Nov. 1	UNLV	G					
Nov. 7	Colorado St (Fri)	G					
Nov. 15	Air Force	G					
Nov. 22	at Wyoming	G					
Nov. 29							

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

NM is 6-0 vs non-lined foes outscoring them 218-103 since 1995.
New Mexico is 24-14 ATS the last 38 as a home dog.
The Lobos are 10-2 ATS after a bye the last 12.

This is the 1st meeting between these two teams.
SW Texas was 4-7 LY & lost 42-0 vs the only Div IA team they played (Minny).

NM is 10-6-1 ATS the last 4 years as an away dog.
The Lobos are 0-8 SU & 2-5-1 ATS vs Texas Tech since 1986.

New Mexico is 10-4 ATS at home vs Mountain West opponents.
NM has covered 9 out of 14 vs the Cougars, but only 2 of the last 5.

Pending 9/6: NM is 2-7-1 ATS the last 5 years in September on the road.
New Mexico is 0-3 SU, but 3-0 ATS vs Pac 10 foes since 1987.

NM is 17-6 ATS the last 23 as a home favorite.
New Mexico is 8-5-1 ATS vs their instate rival.

The Lobos are 6-3 ATS prior to a bye since 1997.
NM is 8-1 ATS their last 9 Homecoming games.

The underdog is 10-3 ATS & the visitor is 9-4 ATS in this series since '90.
Lobos are 12-4 ATS the last 16 vs the Aztecs & 7-1 the last 8.

NM is 13-7 ATS in their 2nd straight road game.
Lobos are 2-6 ATS the last 8 meetings with the Utes.

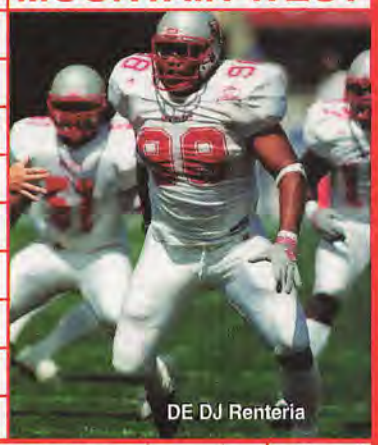
NM is 10-5 ATS in November the last 4 years.
New Mexico is 4-0 ATS the last 4 meetings vs UNLV.

The favorite is 3-7 ATS in the last 10 series meetings.
New Mexico is 3-6 ATS the last 9 in this series.

Lobos have covered 6 out of the last 8 vs the Falcons.
New Mexico is 10-5 ATS in their home finales.

Coming into 2003 Lobos are 7-15 ATS their last 22 as a road favorite.
The Lobos are 4-2 SU & ATS the last 6 vs the Cowboys.

Bonus: NM is 5-2 ATS the last 7 years in road finales.


DE DJ Renteria

STADIUM: UNIVERSITY STADIUM (37,370)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	9-3	3-9	4-7	5-7	6-5	7-6	40-42
ATS	7-3	9-3	2-9	5-5	7-4	6-4-1	7-5	43-33-1
Home Fav	3-0	5-1	0-2	1-1	1-1	4-1	3-0	17-6
Home Dog	1-1	0-0	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-0	1-1	7-7
Away Fav	1-2	3-0	1-2	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-2	6-9
Away Dog	2-0	1-2	0-3	3-1	4-2	0-1-1	3-2	13-11-1
Favorite	4-2	8-1	1-4	1-2	1-1	5-3	3-2	23-15
Dog	3-1	1-2	1-5	4-3	6-3	1-1-1	4-3	20-18-1
Grass	6-2	8-2	1-9	4-4	7-3	6-4	7-5	39-29
Artificial	1-1	1-1	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-0-1	0-0	4-4-1
vs Conf	5-3	6-3	2-6	4-3	5-2	4-3	6-1	32-21
vs Non-Conf	2-0	3-0	0-3	1-2	2-2	2-1-1	1-4	11-12-1
Off SU Win	2-2	7-2	0-3	0-3	3-1	3-1-1	3-3	18-15-1
Off SU Loss	4-1	1-1	2-6	4-2	4-2	2-3	4-1	21-16

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
DonTrell Moore	245	1201	67	1134	13	4.6
Quincy Wright	67	510	14	496	4	7.4
Justin Millea	47	261	14	247	3	5.3
Adrian Boyd	41	247	9	238	0	5.8
Casey Kelly	116	396	171	225	6	1.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Casey Kelly	314	181	57.6	1904	14	7
Justin Millea	25	7	28.0	78	0	3
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Joe Manning	36	413	11.5	3	45	
Dwight Counter	35	404	11.5	3	80	
Adrian Boyd	27	323	12.0	0	31	
DonTrell Moore	23	139	6.0	2	18	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Tyler Gaus	79	3202	40.5	60	36.0	1	24

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Matt Goldstein	2-3	1-2	2-2	0-0	0-0	3-4	32
Wes Zunker	11-11	1-1	0-1	0-2	0-0	1-4	28

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Charles Moss	105	1.5	6	1	3
Nick Speegle	89	5	6	3	1
Billy Strother	89	5	9	3	0
Brandon Ratcliffe	73	3.5	9	3	3
Terrell Golden	61	2.5	5	5	2
Daniel Kegler	53	7	9	3	0
Fola Fashola	50	1.5	7	1	0
Sidney Wiley	41	0	3	5	0
D.J. Renteria	37	2.5	10	2	1
Hebrews Josue	36	1	6	1	0
Desmar Black	32	0	0	0	1
David Hall	28	1	3	0	1
David Crockett	26	0	1	7	1
Kyle Coulter	21	3	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dwight Counter	31	352	11.4	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon Ratcliffe	12	266	22.2	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
45	Sun	NL	Denver	34-24	–
46	Harbor	NL	Montana St	13-13	–
61	Aviation	NL	W Michigan	28-12	–
97	Insight.com	+9'	Arizona	14-20	W
02	Las Vegas	+10'	UCLA	13-27	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NEW MEXICO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	24.4	17	179	4.2	146	54.5	13.3	+2	2002	6	25.6	17	115	3.1	218	54.0	13.0
7*	27.6	19	190	4.1	186	42.6	13.6	0	2001	4	22.1	16	87	2.5	223	51.2	14.1
6*	19.1	15	148	3.2	119	51.9	14.0	+8	2000	6	20.8	17	115	3.2	194	50.9	14.9
7	21.8	19	143	3.6	202	53.5	15.8	+2	1999	7	27.1	19	165	4.2	206	55.3	13.7
5*	22.8	19	139	3.6	228	53.3	16.1	-10	1998	2	33.1	21	173	4.3	222	54.8	11.9
5	31.1	20	201	4.5	194	57.0	12.7	+7	1997	7	21.1	19	161	4.0	160	45.1	15.2

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at NC State	15	24 - 85	3.5	19 - 35	157	1	23	46 - 134	2.9	15 - 27	276	0	-1
Weber St	16	34 - 256	7.5	12 - 16	93	0	27	35 - 62	1.8	33 - 52	345	4	+2
at Air Force	17	40 - 149	3.7	19 - 31	213	3	22	59 - 261	4.4	5 - 13	99	1	+1
Baylor	21	47 - 198	4.2	15 - 31	116	0	10	29 - 45	1.6	12 - 28	62	4	+1
at N Mexico St	17	31 - 108	3.5	19 - 33	223	1	14	49 - 262	5.3	5 - 11	54	1	-1
Texas Tech	12	30 - 85	2.8	12 - 33	114	3	37	34 - 121	3.6	47 - 68	469	3	-1
at UNLV	8	49 - 257	5.2	2 - 8	20	2	13	31 - 102	3.3	17 - 44	232	1	+1
at Utah St	28	54 - 263	4.9	19 - 27	220	1	19	23 - 107	4.7	16 - 34	340	3	+1
Utah	17	50 - 268	5.4	11 - 24	134	0	19	39 - 89	2.3	26 - 41	440	2	+2
San Diego St	14	59 - 167	2.8	9 - 15	70	1	11	29 - 30	1.0	18 - 35	153	4	-1
at BYU	14	49 - 145	3.0	11 - 22	155	1	10	30 - 94	3.1	11 - 32	94	2	-1
at Colorado St	16	41 - 186	4.5	19 - 30	121	0	9	33 - 129	3.9	10 - 17	123	1	-1
Wyoming	21	51 - 292	5.7	7 - 12	164	0	18	37 - 99	2.7	17 - 28	270	9	+2
† UCLA	15	34 - 45	1.3	18 - 35	237	4	9	39 - 73	1.9	12 - 22	94	3	-2
TOTALS	231	593 - 2504	4.2	192 - 352	2037	17	241	513 - 1608	3.1	244 - 452	3051	38	+2
AVERAGES	16.5	42 - 179	4.2	14 - 25	146	1.2	17.2	37 - 115	3.1	17 - 32	218	2.7	0.1

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Idaho St	NL	38-9	–
Utah St	-12	39-36 3OT	L
at N Mexico St	-18	27-28	L
at San Jose St	-7	20-37	L
at Air Force	+16'	14-56	L
UTEP	-4'	19-22	L
San Diego St	+5	33-36 OT	W
at Hawaii	-6'	30-20	W
Fresno St	+5'	20-28	L
at BYU	+16	21-46	L
Utah	+11	7-41	L
at UCF	+21	6-38	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UTEP	+4'	10-13	W
N Mexico St	-6'	28-35	L
N Arizona	NL	45-14	–
at Boise St	-3	9-20	L
at San Diego St	+15	24-21	W
BYU	+16'	7-31	L
UNLV	-8'	27-6	W
Colorado St	+7	22-36	L
at Utah	+12	7-52	L
at Wyoming	+17	28-42	W
Air Force	+11	33-28	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas Tech	+16'	3-24	L
Boise St	+1'	14-31	L
Oregon St	+9'	20-28	W
at N Mexico St	+4	16-13	W
N Arizona	NL	35-28	–
Wyoming	+3	45-10	W
at Colorado St	+18'	14-17	W
at Air Force	+11'	29-23	W
Utah	-1'	10-3	W
San Diego St	-5'	16-17	L
at UNLV	+8	14-18	W
at BYU	+6	13-37	L

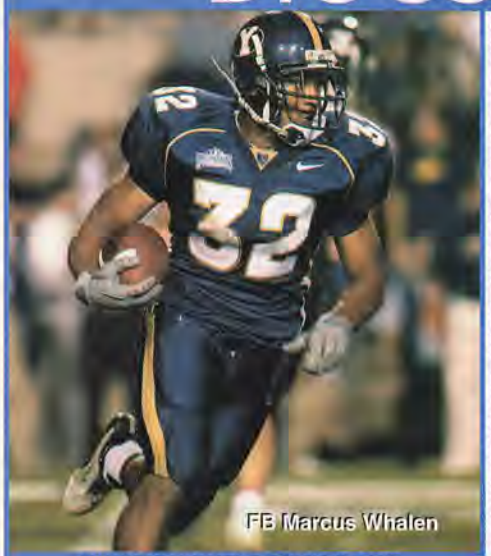
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UTEP	-2'	26-6	W
at Texas Tech	+12	30-42	T
at Baylor	-4'	13-16 OT	L
at Utah	+8	16-37	L
at Wyoming	-3	30-29	L
BYU	+14	20-24	W
Air Force	-2'	52-33	W
at San Diego St	-2	20-15	W
UNLV	-2'	27-17	W
Colorado St	-3	17-24	L
N Mexico St	-10'	53-0	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at NC State	+13'	14-34	L
Weber St	NL	38-24	–
at Air Force	+6'	31-38	L
Baylor	-9'	23-0	W
at N Mexico St	-6	13-24	L
Texas Tech	+8	0-49	L
at UNLV	+8	25-16	W
at Utah St	-2	44-45 OT	L
Utah	+6'	42-35 OT	W
San Diego St	-5	15-8	W
at BYU	+4'	20-16	W
at Colorado St	+16'	14-22	W
Wyoming	-8	49-20	W

BYU COUGARS


FB Marcus Whalen

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Last season BYU had to replace their outstanding QB, Brandon Doman, who added option running to the Cougars normal pass offense in 2001 throwing for 3,734 yards while rushing for 819 gross yards. Bret Engemann (PS#22) started the first six games last year and would throw for 1,334 yards (55.3%) with a 6-8 ratio while rushing for 107 gross yards. Matt Berry (PS#44) and Todd Mortensen (PS#29) both played vs Air Force and Berry then took over the starting job against UNLV. His biggest game was a 360 yard effort against Wyoming and he started the last six games throwing for 1,309 yards (58.7%) with a 7-9 ratio. Lance Pendleton (6-0 185 So) played in ten games throwing for 376 yards (51.3%) with a 2-2 ratio. Mortensen (6-4 220 Jr) threw for 92 yards (39.1%) with an 0-2 ratio in five games. While Ben Olson has gone off on an LDS mission for the next two years, 3 of the other four QB's return. Bret Engemann decided to enter the NFL Draft, but was not drafted. Also in the mix this year is John Beck (6-2 190 Fr) who was PS#159 in '00 and went on a mission. Last year's offensive passing numbers were un-BYU-like as the team had a combined ratio of just 16-21 and I look for this unit to improve.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 the Cougars had to replace their outstanding RB, Luke Staley, who rushed for 1,596 yards (amazing 8.1 ypc), and the team's only losses came in the games that he had missed. They also had to replace their #2 rusher in Brian McDonald (251 yds). Their new starting TB, Marcus Whalen (PS#64, 4.4 spd), had been suspended in 2001 but had 209 yards (5.5) as a true frosh in 2000. Whalen did get injured early against Georgia Tech and Curtis Brown (PS#158) took over and would get one start. Whalen led the team with 918 yards (5.1) while Brown had 299 (4.2). This year BYU must replace their top 2 FB's in Logan Deans (28 total yds) and Steve Later (3 yds). Also in the mix at TB are Curtis Holder (5-7 160 Jr) who was PS#105WR, Reynaldo Brathwaite (5-10 170 Jr, PS#415JC), Fahu Tahi (6-0 230 So, PS#102) and Thomas Stancil (5-7 165 rFr, PS#274). Tahi led the team in rushing in 1999 with 441 yards. Basically with the main players back this unit is much more experienced than last season.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace three of their top four receivers but had the top guy, Reno Mahe (93, 13.1), back and he had more than twice the amount of catches as the #2 man. Mahe led the team once again with 59 receptions (13.1), but he departs this year. Also gone is TE Spencer Nead (12 sts, 40, 11.2, 2nd Tm MWC, #7DC of NE), WR Andrew Ord (10 sts, 21, 11.7), WR Justin Anderson (1 st, 11, 10.3) and TE Gabriel Reid (18, 10.7, HM MWC). I list the 2 deep below and basically one starter returns. While three of the top five receivers are back, the top two are gone as are #6 and #7, and this unit is less experienced than it was heading into last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 BYU averaged an amazing 5.4 ypc rushing while allowing just 29 sacks in 524 passes (5.5%). Last year they had to replace three starters due to graduation and then lost their top OL, RT Ben Archibald, to injury prior to the year. With only one starter back they paved the way for just 3.5 ypc rushing while allowing 31 sacks. This year they must replace RG Ryan Keele (10 sts), RT Isaac Herring (12 sts, HM MWC) and LT Dustin Rykert (12 sts, 3 yr st'r, 1st Tm MWC, #6DC of OAK). Two full-time starters return plus they get some solid additions from the D-line including last year's PS#1JC Scott Young who had 13 tackles and 2 tfl. Naturally with most of these players going on missions, this is probably the oldest O-line in the NCAA and is good sized with plenty of VHT's (see 2 deep). Despite the loss of three starters, this year's group is more experienced and I look for improved offensive numbers.

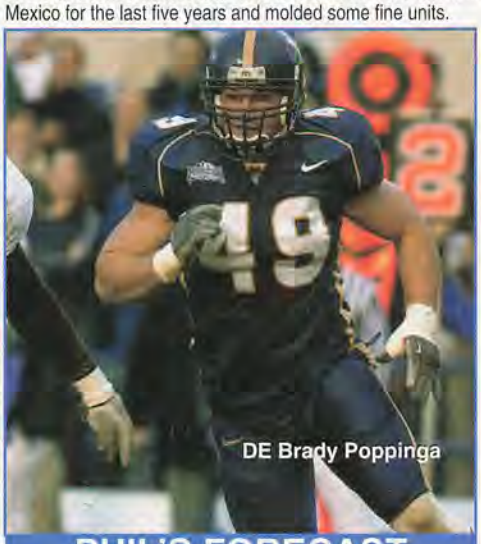
DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Cougars had an inexperienced defensive front and allowed 4.8 ypc rushing, their worst total since 1993 while the team recorded just 26 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters who were 2nd & 7th round DC's in the NFL and appeared to have six of their top eight back. DE Stephens moved to the O-line and projected starting DE, CJ Ah You (6-4 265 So) was injured prior to the season. Overall the defense allowed 4.1 ypc and recorded just 22 sacks. This year they lose DT Jeff Cowart (5 sts, 12 tkls, 3 tfl) but basically everyone else returns and they get the solid addition of Manaia Brown (6-4 310 So, PS#68), a Nebraska transfer. BYU moves from a 4-3 defense to a 3-3-5 this year, and they have outstanding depth on the defensive front. This is a talented group that has more experience than they did heading into last season.

LINEBACKERS - Last season the Cougars had to replace two full-time starters but moved starting FS Levi Madarieta into the unit. This year basically everyone returns and with the switch to the 3-3-5, there is some new terminology with two KAT safeties, one of which I'll list with the DB's and the other here. Since they are so deep at the LB spot, they do have a couple of athletes like Colby Bockwoldt and Madarieta who should be comfortable playing either LB or safety and fit in well in the new position. Naturally with everyone back, this unit should be solidly improved in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 BYU finished #54 in my pass D rankings and last year had to replace three players, including one full-time and one part-time starter and then moved FS Levi Madarieta (12 sts) to LB. Star CB Jernaro Gilford, who earned 1st Tm MWC honors in 2001, was banged up and missed the majority of the season so the unit actually had very little starting experience. Overall, the Cougars surprisingly moved up to #10 in my pass D rankings allowing 52% with a 9-18 ratio vs a tough slate of opposing QB's. This year basically everyone returns and Gilford should be 100% healthy and he and Chad Barney (PS#34JC) make an outstanding CB combo. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. This is probably the top secondary in the MWC this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - BYU ranked #46 in my special teams rankings in 2000 but very surprisingly, even though the team went 12-2 in 2001, the ranking fell to #92. Crowton assigned RB Coach Tidwell the special teams duties as well last year. The big difference in the special teams unit and the reason they rose to #10 last year was Matt Payne, their outstanding punter and PK. Payne had handled FG kicking the previous two years averaged an outstanding 47.6 on his punts and an even more impressive 42.7 net punting which is better than most punters gross average. In the first game of the season, he missed 2 FG's and 3 xp's mostly due to bad snaps as long snapper John Denney was out. Denney returned in Wk 3 and Payne finished the year hitting 13 of 16 FG's with a long of 52 (one miss from 50+). The team had a solid PR average but their top man, Reno Mahe is gone (13.1) although David Christensen (10.0) returns. Both of the top 2 KR's are back. If Payne comes close to duplicating the season he had last year, this unit will easily finish in the Top 25 and contend for Top 10 honors again.

COACHES - Gary Crowton enters his third year and after a spectacular debut season (guided the team to a 12-2 record), the team slipped some last year. Crowton was a head coach at Louisiana Tech for three years and an OC for the Chicago Bears from 1999-2000. Crowton has an overall record of 38-22 as a head man. In his first two years Mike Borich was the OC but he opted to leave the program in the offseason. Crowton named Robbie Boscoe and Todd Bradford as co-OC's in the upcoming season but Crowton, who called the plays the last two years, will continue to do so. The team made a great hire at DC in Bronco Mendenhall who has been the DC at New Mexico for the last five years and molded some fine units.


DE Brady Poppinga

PHIL'S FORECAST

Gary Crowton's first year was practically a dream season as they piled up 44.1 ppg with 524 ypg led by mobile QB Brandon Doman, rolling to a 7-0 finish in the MWC. They were lobbying for a berth in the BCS bowl series with a 12-0 record at one point. They did have five close wins that season. Last year the breaks did not go with BYU as they finished -7 in turnovers. The team, with just ten returning starters, plummeted to 5-7 overall. Their 43 point loss to Air Force was their biggest loss since 1993. Last year was their first losing season since 1973 and only their fourth non-bowl year since 1977. BYU's offense has not been shutout since September 27, 1975, but they had three single digit outputs last year and the 22 points they scored in the three game stretch vs Air Force, UNLV and Colo St was the worst three game total since 1971. This year's offense figures to be much more potent provided QB Matt Berry takes charge and the offensive line, with just two starters back, gels quickly. The OL does have potential as it is loaded with VHT's. BYU's defense has 10 starters back, a new top-notch DC and I rate them the top defense in the MWC. They should make huge strides over last year when they allowed 27.8 ppg. I will call for BYU to get back to the plus side of the ledger and they are a legitimate contender for the MWC crown.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB MATT BERRY SO. 6-5 225 PS#44 in '99. Mission. 6 sts as rFr, 1309 yds (59%) 7-9 ratio, 118 rush. Todd Mortensen (6-4 220 Jr) **PS#29**. Lance Pendleton (6-0 185 So) PS#173.

RB MARCUS WHALEN JR. 5-11 210 PS#64. 209 yds (5.5) in '00. 11 sts LY, 918 yds (5.1), 27 rec (7.5). Curtis Brown (6-0 190 So) PS#158. 299 yds (4.2) LY. Fahu Tahi (6-0 230 So) PS#102.

WR ROD WILKERSON JR. 6-2 190 Track champ in HS in '97. 17 rec (19.5) as rFr. 10 sts LY, 27 rec (13.7). Chris Hale (5-9 175 So). Brett Cooper (6-0 190 rFr) PS#150 in '99.

WR Toby Christensen Sr. 6-0 192 PS#155. 10 rec (17.5) in '01. 1 st LY, 30 rec (11.5), Todd's son. Jason Kukahiko (6-2 190 Jr) 2 sts, 9 rec (14.6). Cody Fonnesbeck (5-8 155 Fr) PS#68.

WR David Christensen Jr. 5-10 187 PS#244 in '97. 149 ret yds in '01 until inj. 11 rec (10.6) LY. Ryan Slater (6-3 202 Jr) PS#220. Bristol Olomua (6-5 225 So) PS#75. 2 rec in '99.

TE Daniel Coats rFr. 6-3 240 PS#42. Justin Jory (6-3 250 Sr) Missed 1st 6, inj. L/7 as bkup. Aisaac Aiono (6-5 240 Jr) Signed in '97. 1 rec (23.0), 12 gms in '01. 12 gms, 3 rec (11.0) LY.

C SCOTT JACKSON SR. 6-5 300 **PS#97OL** in '97. Lettered in 2000. 8 gms until ACL in '01. 12 sts in '02, HM MWC, 225 bench 29x's. Hanale Vincent (6-5 315 Jr) PS#351. 1 letter.

RG Jake Kuresa rFr. 6-4 330 **PS#37OL** in '02. DT/OL in RS year. **Ofa Mohetau** is **PS#1**. Brian Sanders (6-3 330 So) **PS#75** in 2000. David Sollami (6-3 280 rFr) PS#207 in '99.

LG QUINN CHRISTENSEN SR. 6-6 300 PS#206JC. 12 sts at LG in '02. **Scott Young** (6-5 312 Sr) **PS#1JC**. 1 st, 13 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Vince Xanthos (6-4 290 Sr) PS#116. 8 gms LY, lettered.

RT Brandon Stephens Sr. 6-6 285 **PS#5TE** in '97. 4 tkls, 6 games in '01. 2 sts at RT in '02. Paul Fisher (6-7 305 rFr) **PS#22** in 2000. Gary McGiven (6-3 295 rFr) PS#311 in 1998.

LT Eddie Keele rFr. 6-5 300 PS#107 in 2000. 5.1 speed. 400 bench. Scott Fisher (6-7 300 rFr) PS#53. Cade McMullin (6-4 295 Jr) PS#118JUCO. RS last year.

K MATT PAYNE JR. 6-4 240 PS#50 in '97. 13 of 18 FG's in 2001, long of 50, 2 misses from 50+. 13 of 16 FG's in 2002, long of 52, HM MWC. Forrest Hansen (5-7 160 Sr),

DE BRADY POPPINGA JR. 6-3 260 PS#108. 12 sts LY, **1st Tm MWC**, 49 tkls, 8 sks, 6 tfl. John Denney (6-6 270 Jr) 7 sts, 25 tkls, 3.5 tfl. Shaun Nua (6-5 270 Sr) PS#130JC. 20 tkls, 8 tfl.

NT IFO PILI SR. 6-3 310 PS#295. 14 sts, 33 tkls, 3 sks in '01. 12 sts, 41 tkls, 6 tfl, HM MWC LY. Manaia Brown 12 tkls, 4 tfl at **Neb**. Daniel Marquardt (6-2 300 So) 25 tkls, 3 tfl LY.

DE RYAN GUNDERSON SR. 6-4 280 PS#78DL. 22 tkls, 2 sks in '01. 11 sts LY, 37 tkls. Bill Wright (6-3 250 Sr) PS#255. 1 st, 34 tkls, 1 int LY. CJ Ah You 2 sks, 3 gms in '01- ACL. RS LY.

RLB COLBY BOCKWOLDT SR. 6-2 230 PS#278. 26 tkls, 1 sk in '01. 12 sts in '02, 85 tkls, 3 sks, 9 tfl, 4.4 spd. Bryant Atkinson (6-3 225 So) PS#214. 12 tkls LY. Brent Carlson (5-11 238 Sr).

MLB MIKE TANNER SR. 6-1 235 PS#192 in '97. 4 starts, 57 tkls, 2.5 tfl, HM MWC in 2002. KC Bills (6-1 220 rFr) **PS#32** in 2000. Lawrence Cowan (6-3 235 Fr) PS#32TE.

LLB PAUL WALKENHORST SR. 6-5 252 8 sts as true, 47 tkls, 9 tfl. 14 sts in '01, 70 tkls. 8 sts LY, 107 tkls, 15 tfl. Levi Madarieta (6-3 230 Sr) 19 tkls at **Wash**. 12 sts at FS in '01, 7 sts LY.

RKAT JON BURBIDGE JR. 6-1 205 11 tkls in '01. 4 sts in '02, 39 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu. Alex Farris (6-0 205 Sr) PS#284. James Allen (5-10 170 Jr) 5 tkls LY, 6 KR's (20.2).

CB CHAD BARNEY SR. 6-2 195 PS#34JC. 11 sts here in '02, 35 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu, 2 tfl. Brandon Heaney (5-11 185 Sr) 8 sts, 48 tkls in '01. 8 sts, 34 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu last year.

CB JERNARO GILFORD SR. 6-2 185 14 starts, **1st Tm MWC** in 2001, 61 tkls, 7 int, 12 pbu. 1 start, 15 tkls, 1 int LY (inj). Walt Williams (6-0 170 Jr) PS#87JC in 2002 & re-signed.

LKAT Kip Nielsen Sr. 6-0 200 4 starts, 29 tkls, 3 int in 2002. Joshua Brandon (6-0 190 Sr) 16 tkls last year. O'Neil Howell (5-10 180 So) PS#241. 2 tkls, 9 gms last year.

CGR AARON FRANCISCO JR. 6-2 210 PS#206. 2 sts here as true, 31 tkls, 2 int. 12 starts last year, 99 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu, HM MWC. Quinn Gooch (6-1 190 Fr) PS#89DB in 2000.

P MATT PAYNE JR. 6-4 240 PS#50. 1 punt in '01, 45 yds. NCAA record for most xp att's in a season (76). 51 punts here LY, super 47.6 average, 42.7 net, **1st Team MWC**.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

OL	Ofa Mohetau	6-3 320 PS#1
DL	Brian Soi	6-4 295 PS#44
OL	Dallas Reynolds	6-5 310 PS#63
OL	Jason Speredon	6-5 275 PS#72
LB	David Nixon	6-3 200 PS#62
DB	Walt Williams	6-0 170 PS#87JC
DL	Brett Denney	6-4 255 PS#144
OL	RJ Willing	6-4 290 PS#155
TE	Dan Van Sweden	6-3 210 PS#76
LB	Matt Ah You	6-0 230 PS#304
K	Mitch Payne	6-3 185 PS#73
DB	Aaron Attig	6-3 190 PS#476
TE	Philip Niu	6-5 240 PS#172

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BYU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 28	Georgia Tech (Thur)	G						BYU has scored in 350 consecutive games (27 yrs). Cougars are 14-25 ATS their last 39 home games vs conference foes. Cougars are 2-13 ATS the last 15 road openers.
Sep. 6	at USC	G						Brigham Young is 4-12 ATS in their season opener the last 16 years. BYU is 1-4 SU & 2-3 ATS L/5 gms vs ACC tms w/an avg combined score of 61.8 ppg.
Sep. 13	at New Mexico	G						BYU is 4-9 ATS vs Pac 10 foes, but are 4-2 L/6. USC's OC is former longtime BYU OC, Norm Chow.
Sep. 20	Stanford	G						Brigham Young is 12-2 SU but 5-9 ATS vs New Mexico the L/14 meetings. BYU is 11-5 ATS in the 2nd of a 2+ road trip since 1991.
Sep. 27	Air Force	G						The Cougars are 1-4 ATS the last 5 home September games. The Cougars are 5-1 ATS in the 1st of 2+ home games since 1999.
Oct. 4	at San Diego St	G						The Cougars are 4-9 ATS the last 13 Mountain West home games. BYU is 2-4 SU & 1-5 ATS the last 6 series meetings vs Air Force.
Oct. 9	Colorado St (HC) (Thur)	G						The Cougars were 2-8 ATS as an away favorite the last 3 years. BYU is 7-1 SU & 6-2 ATS the last 8 meetings with the Aztecs.
Oct. 18	at Wyoming	G						BYU is 2-8 ATS their last 10 Homecoming games. The HT is 4-0 SU & ATS in this matchup winning by an avg of 24 ppg.
Oct. 25	at UNLV	G						BYU is 1-4 ATS their last 5 trips to Laramie since 1988. Cougars are 6-1 SU but 0-7 ATS vs the Cowboys since 1992 (all as favs).
Oct. 31	Boise St (Fri)	G						BYU has outscored UNLV 300-163 their last 9 series meetings. Cougars are 5-1 SU but 1-5 ATS vs the Rebels the last 6 games.
Nov. 8								BYU is 3-10 ATS the last 13 vs current WAC teams. Brigham Young is 11-4 ATS the last 15 games prior to a bye week.
Nov. 15	at Notre Dame	G						This is the 1st meeting since BYU upset ND in South Bend in '94, 21-14. Cougars are 2-8 ATS the last 10 after a bye week.
Nov. 22	Utah	G						The last 6 games have only averaged 41 ppg. The visiting team has won 11 straight in this matchup.
Nov. 29								

GARY CROWTON (Career 38-22)
3rd Year at BYU

Crowton's records AT BYU

17-9 Straight Up	7-5 Home Favorite
11-14 Vs The Spread	0-0 Home Dog
3-3 Off A SU Loss	2-7 Away Favorite
5-9 Vs Conference	2-2 Away Dog
	6-5 Vs Non-Conf

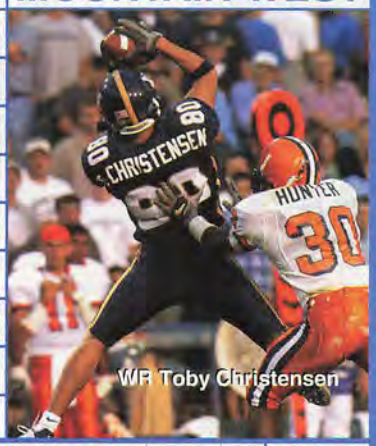
2002 RECORD: **(5-7)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (21,27,2)
Lost: 14 (11,3,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 62,176

MOUNTAIN WEST



WR Toby Christensen

STADIUM: LAVELL EDWARDS STADIUM (64,045)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	13-1	6-5	9-4	8-3	6-6	12-1	5-7	59-27
ATS	9-5	2-9	6-6	5-6	4-8	7-6	4-8	37-48
Home Fav	3-3	1-4	2-2	2-4	2-3	5-1	2-4	17-21
Home Dog	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-2
Away Fav	5-1	0-3	2-1	3-2	0-1	2-5	0-2	12-15
Away Dog	0-1	1-1	1-3	0-0	2-3	0-0	2-2	6-10
Favorite	8-4	1-7	4-3	5-6	2-4	7-6	2-6	29-36
Dog	1-1	1-2	2-3	0-0	2-4	0-0	2-2	8-12
Grass	7-3	2-7	4-4	5-6	4-7	7-5	4-7	33-39
Artificial	2-2	0-2	2-2	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	4-9
vs Conf	6-4	1-7	5-4	4-3	2-5	3-4	2-5	23-32
vs Non-Conf	3-1	1-2	1-2	1-3	2-3	4-2	2-3	14-16
Off SU Win	8-4	1-5	5-4	4-4	1-4	6-6	0-5	25-32
Off SU Loss	0-1	1-3	1-1	0-2	3-3	0-0	3-3	8-13

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Marcus Whalen	181	990	72	918	6	5.1
Curtis Brown	72	326	27	299	4	4.2
Lance Pendleton	47	189	40	149	4	3.2
Reno Mahe	15	86	22	64	1	4.3
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Bret Engemann	215	119	55.3	1334	6	8
Matt Berry	184	108	58.7	1309	7	9
Lance Pendleton	76	39	51.3	376	2	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Reno Mahe	59	771	13.1	2	46	
Spencer Nead	40	449	11.2	1	29	
Rodney Wilkerson	27	371	13.7	1	47	
Toby Christensen	30	346	11.5	2	40	
Marcus Whalen	27	203	7.5	0	20	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Matt Payne	51	2427	47.6	76	42.7	1	11
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Matt Payne	27-30	2-2	6-6	4-6	1-2	13-16	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Paul Walkenhorst	107	2	13	0	1
Aaron Francisco	99	0	3	4	1
Colby Bockwoldt	85	3	9	1	0
Mike Tanner	57	0.5	2	1	1
Brady Poppinga	49	8	6	0	0
Ifo Pili	41	2	4	0	0
Jon Burbidge	39	0	2	4	2
Ryan Gunderson	37	0.5	1	0	0
Chad Barney	35	0	2	5	1
Brandon Heaney	34	0	1	5	3
Bill Wright	34	0	1	3	1
Michael Madsen	32	0	1	2	1
Kip Nielsen	29	1	1	1	3
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Reno Mahe	15	196	13.1	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Curtis Brown	9	178	19.8	0
David Christensen	6	170	28.3	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Copper	-1'	Oklahoma	31-6	W
96	Cotton	+3'	Kansas St	19-15	W
98	Liberty	+7	Tulane	27-41	L
99	Motor City	+3	Marshall	3-21	L
01	Liberty	+3	Louisville	10-28	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

BYU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
3	22.7	21	121	3.5	261	55.3	16.8	-7	2002	6	27.8	21	178	4.1	207	52.0	13.9
7*	44.1	26	208	5.4	316	63.5	11.9	+5	2001	6	30.3	23	193	4.8	244	53.9	14.4
5	23.3	21	99	3.0	275	55.9	16.0	-9	2000	7	25.8	17	122	3.3	223	58.6	13.4
8*	27.9	23	92	2.7	316	60.8	14.6	-8	1999	4	20.9	17	106	3.0	205	51.9	14.9
4*	28.7	20	138	3.4	239	59.3	13.1	-9	1998	8	20.7	15	103	3.0	189	48.8	14.1
4	22.7	18	108	3.1	227	57.4	14.8	-10	1997	7	23.1	17	164	3.8	194	50.7	15.5

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Syracuse	31	39-218	5.6	36-55	397	1	18	42-198	4.7	8-24	128	3	0
Hawaii	25	48-168	3.5	21-48	226	1	22	30-171	5.7	22-55	284	0	+4
at Nevada	15	30-164	5.5	19-37	192	1	25	38-119	3.1	28-37	410	4	+2
at Georgia Tech	21	27-79	2.9	28-57	274	4	19	50-210	4.2	11-26	117	2	-1
at Utah St	31	55-269	4.9	28-45	312	3	21	18-129	7.2	24-57	331	0	+1
at Air Force	18	18-(-21)	-1.2	23-46	325	4	28	79-386	4.9	4-9	77	0	-5
UNLV	24	39-133	3.4	23-43	275	2	19	45-164	3.6	12-16	155	2	-1
at Colorado St	11	29-65	2.2	17-26	148	4	24	56-342	6.1	11-23	151	0	-3
San Diego St	17	36-114	3.2	20-33	289	2	18	28-18	0.6	26-46	228	5	-2
Wyoming	30	46-172	3.7	31-45	360	2	18	30-76	2.5	21-36	283	2	-1
New Mexico	10	30-94	3.1	11-32	94	2	14	49-145	3.0	11-22	155	1	+1
at Utah	13	23-(-2)	-0.1	20-34	237	5	25	53-175	3.3	18-26	164	3	-2
TOTALS	246	420-1453	3.5	277-501	3129	31	251	518-2133	4.1	196-377	2483	22	-7
AVERAGES	20.5	35-121	3.5	23-42	261	2.6	20.9	43-178	4.1	16-31	207	1.8	-0.6

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Alabama	+4'	31-38	L
Arizona St	+6'	26-6	W
at Washington	+9'	10-20	L
Murray St	NL	43-9	–
at Fresno St	-7	21-31	L
UNLV	-32	38-14	L
at Hawaii	-21'	31-9	W
San Jose St	-18	46-43	L
San Diego St	-10	13-0	W
New Mexico	-16	46-21	W
at UTEP	-10'	31-14	W
at Utah	+2	26-24	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Washington	-3'	35-28	W
Colorado St	-7	34-13	W
Virginia	-7	40-45	L
at Utah St	-17	34-31 2OT	L
California	-14	38-28	L
at New Mexico	-16'	31-7	W
at UNLV	-18'	29-0	W
Air Force	-7'	27-20	L
at San Diego St	-6'	30-7	W
at Wyoming	-7'	17-31	L
Utah	-6'	17-20	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Florida St	+25'	3-29	L
at Virginia	+6'	38-35 OT	W
at Air Force	-2	23-31	L
Mississippi St	+2	28-44	L
UNLV	-9	10-7	L
at Syracuse	+7'	14-42	L
Utah St	-20	38-14	W
San Diego St	-13'	15-16	L
Wyoming	-18	19-7	L
at Colorado St	+8	21-45	L
New Mexico	-6	37-13	W
at Utah	+6'	34-27	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulane	-11	70-35	W
Nevada	-25'	52-7	W
at California	-3'	44-16	W
at UNLV	-7'	35-31	L
Utah St	-19'	54-34	W
at New Mexico	-14	24-20	L
Air Force	-12'	63-33	W
at San Diego St	-14	59-21	W
Colorado St	-14'	56-34	W
at Wyoming	-24	41-34	L
Utah	-7	24-21	L
at Mississippi St	-4	41-38	L
at Hawaii	-3	45-72	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Syracuse	-3	42-21	W
Hawaii	-11	35-32	L
at Nevada	-14	28-31	L
at Georgia Tech	+9'	19-28	W
at Utah St	-17'	35-34	L
at Air Force	+4'	9-52	L
UNLV	-10	3-24	L
at Colorado St	+13	10-37	L
San Diego St	-1'	34-10	W
Wyoming	-11	35-31	L
New Mexico	-4'	16-20	L
at Utah	+8	6-13	W

AIR FORCE FALCONS

QB Chance Harridge

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - The Falcons keep coming up with solid QB's year in and year out. Most recently, Mike Thiessen led the MWC in pass efficiency in 2000 when he threw for 1,891 yards. In Keith Boyea's first year as a full-time starter he became only the 13th player in NCAA history to rush and pass for 1,000 yards in the same season. Chance Harridge hit 7 of 24 passes for 119 yards and rushed for 181 (6.0) net yards in 2001. Harridge QB'd the JV team in 2000 and attended AF prep in 1999. He took over as the starter last year and did a fine job rushing for 1,229 net yards (4.9). He not only broke the school record of 22 rushing TD's which was set by Brian Bream in 1970 but broke the NCAA record for rushing TD's by a QB which was held by Chris McCoy of Navy. Harridge also threw for 1,062 yards (44.4%) with a 10-7 ratio. Backup QB Brian Blew (PS#110) was moved to WR in the spring but was pulled back to QB in August. While he attempted just one pass, he did rush for 101 gross yards on 20 attempts. Harridge is back for his senior season after earning 2nd Team MWC honors last year. Brad Baca played in five games and rushed for 37 net yards (6.2), but he and Blew depart. Travis Thurmond (PS#136DB) figures to be the backup. Brad Booth (6-2 190 So) PS#138, Zach Myhra (5-11 185 Jr) and Adam Fitch (6-0 180 So) will add QB depth. This group has a lot more experience than it did heading into last season but it will be tough for Harridge to top 2002's outstanding statistics.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 the team had to replace all of their top backs with Leotis Palmer (PS#210) being the leading returning rusher with 316 yards (6.6) in 2000. Palmer led the RB's in 2001 with 516 yards (4.9). Anthony Butler was good enough to play as a true frosh that year and rushed for 375 yards (5.7). Dan Shaffer (203 yards, 5.3) was the strongest AF player pound for pound that season. Last year all three of them returned so the unit appeared to be in great shape. Shaffer benches 390 lbs and was projected to be a potential 1,000 yard rusher but was injured in the opener and missed the rest of the season. Butler also injured his shoulder early and had just one start and 349 yards (5.0). Once again Palmer led the RB's with 559 yards (5.6) and won the Mr. Intensity Award for being the most dedicated in the weight room. This year they must replace Palmer as well as Tom Heier (6 sts, 139 total yds, 3.9) and Don Clark (6 sts, 115 total yds). Not listed in the 2 deep below is Nick Bromberek (5-10 190 Jr), Matt Simpkins (5-11 190 So, PS#316), Colin Beard (5-11 175 So), Rich Davis (5-5 150 So), FB Cedric Adams (6-0 225 Jr) and FB Robert Hutsell (6-2 230 So). Basically everyone else returns and Shaffer and Butler should remain healthier. Steve Massie rushed for 467 yards (4.9) out of the FB slot last season and HB Matt Ward had 246 yards and a nifty 7.0 ypc. He was a member of the track team in HS turning down schools like GT, N Car and BC. Even with the loss of Palmer this unit could be stronger in 2003.

RECEIVERS - Naturally Air Force does not pass the ball much. Last year they had to replace their leading receiver from each of the past two years. The #2 receiver, Brian LaBasco, got suspended and would not see action, so the group was very inexperienced as they had also lost their starting TE. TE Adam Strecker got in all 13 starts and led the team with 14 receptions and an impressive 18.6 ypc. His 4 TD's are the most ever for an AF TE in the option era. JP Waller and Anthony Park filled the WR position and the two combined for 23 rec's with Park averaging 25.7 per catch thanks to an 80 yard TD. This year the only losses are WR Ricky Amezaga (11 sts, 6 rec, 19.2) and LaBasco. DeBerry says the WR's did not drop a pass all year last season and his TE is one of the best in the conference. This group is much more experienced than it was heading into last year and when your leading receiver had 14 rec, it won't be too tough to top last year's numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Falcons averaged 4.8 ypc rushing while yielding 7 sacks on 234 pass attempts (3.0%). Last year they had to replace all five starters as well a one backup but the unit produced 5.09 ypc rushing while allowing a minuscule 3 sacks on 154 pass attempts (1.9%). This could be DeBerry's best O-line in the past 20 years as four starters return as does C John Peel who started six games when Wayne Southam was out due to injury last year. I list the 2 deep below. The only losses this year are C Southam (7 sts), RT Scott Meyer (1 st) and 2nd string OT's Matt Thompson and Nathan Olsen. This is already the biggest OL in school history and perhaps the most experienced.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Falcons had an experienced defensive front in 2001 but surprisingly allowed 5.1 ypc rushing while recording just 14 sacks. Last year they had to replace all three DL starters but did move starting OLB Monty Coleman to a DE spot. The line was on the small side but showed improvement allowing 4.0 ypc rushing and the team recorded 31 sacks. Of the six players who split the three spots last year, only two depart. Gone are DE Eric Thompson (10 sts, 33 tkls, 5 tfl) and DE Jon Hicks (2 sts, 23 tkls). This unit is much more experienced than it was heading into last season and should continue to improve statistically.

LINEBACKERS - Coming into the 2002 season DeBerry said "Our LB's are potentially the best we've ever had." Five players were back with starting experience although the team did have to replace four players who combined for 17 starts. They also shifted to the 3-3-5 defense last year making two FALCON positions (left & right). The LF is a bigger player and I will discuss that position in the LB section. This year three players depart from the unit. Gone are OLB Matt McCraney who had 11 starts in 2001 but played in just three games until he was injured last year (2 sts, 9 tkls, 2 sks). Also gone is their top LB Anthony Schlegel, who led the team with 118 tackles and 10 tfl but opted to transfer to Ohio St. LF Joel Buelow had 13 starts, (74 tkls, 6 tfl) and was named HM MWC, but also departs. While those are some big time losses, when McCraney went down, last year's group was somewhat inexperienced so despite the loss of their #1 tackler, this unit could be even stronger in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 AF finished #83 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup but had seven of their top nine DB's returning. Overall AF was able to climb to its best finish ever in my pass D rankings moving up to #52 as they allowed just 198.8 ypg (56.8%) with a 10-12 ratio. This year they must replace CB Paul Mayo (8 sts, 33 tkls, 4 pbu), CB Wes Crawley (11 sts, 49 tkls, 4 int, 7 pbu, 1st Tm MWC) and RF Mark Marsh (8 sts, 38 tkls, 6 tfl) as well as backup Charles Akinyemi (1 st, 24 tkls, 1 int). Jeff Overstreet and Larry Duncan are a nice nucleus to build on, but this group is far less experienced. Despite a stronger front 7, I look for them to drop some in the pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Fisher DeBerry's special teams are just that, special. They are known for blocking kicks and have the 2nd most blocked kicks since 1990 with 79. Normally, AF is a perennial Top 25 finisher in my rankings but have not done well this decade. They were #88 in 2000 and #87 in 2001. Last year they improved a little to #70. When you add the kicker rating in with the special teams, AF moves up to #63. In 2002 they had to replace their P and K. This year they lose their top PR in Leotis Palmer (9.8) and KR Brian Blew (16.6). Watch Matt Ward on KR's, as he averaged 23.5 on just 6 returns last year and has blazing speed. Punter Robert Barkers did a fine job in his first year with a 43.6 average although John Welsh did the pooch punting and averaged 37.4 with 8 kicks inside the 20. Overall the team averaged just 33.5 net punting. Kicker Joey Ashcroft was almost perfect. He hit an outstanding 16 of 18 FG's with a long of 45 and was one of the semi-finalists for the Groza Award. It was a startling turnaround for the kicking game as in the spring game the team hit zero of five FG's and was a grave concern during the offseason. Ashcroft looks like the MWC's top kicker this year. As usual, AF blocked three more punts last year but surprisingly had 3 punts blocked. I think new returnmen will be found and this year's group has the potential to head back towards the Top 25.

COACHES - Fisher DeBerry does an amazing job year in and year out here at Air Force and now enters his 20th year at the school, which is the third longest tenure of any active head coach at the same school. He has a 149-83-1 record. His OC is Chuck Petersen and he is now in his fourth year in that role and in his 14th year at Air Force. His offenses led the MWC in scoring in both 2000 and 2002. Richard Bell enters his fifth year as DC and his 9th season at the academy. Last year he switched the defense to a 3-3-5 and after allowing 452.7 ypg in 2001, they trimmed that to 354.3 last year. Overall DeBerry and his two coordinators combine for 89 years of coaching experience, the third most of any program in the country.

PHIL'S FORECAST

AF is listing 16 starters returning which would be the most in the DeBerry era (20 years). While there are players with 5, 6 and 7 starts back from 2002, they do have to replace basically nine starters from last year as 11 players depart who had six or more starts. Therefore, my numbers show them with seven starters back on offense and six on defense. Since 1997 AF ranks 15th nationally in total wins with 51 (51-23 68.9%) and last year rose as high as #18 in the polls as they opened 6-0 prior to hosting Notre Dame. AF has now had nine straight years at .500 or better. While AF always ranks in the Top 10 in rushing offense, last year they earned their first national rushing title, averaging 307.8 ypg on the ground. This could be Fisher DeBerry's best team yet and he's had some pretty good ones. QB Chance Harridge is back on offense as are all five starters on the offensive front and some talented RB's and I rate the Falcons as the most potent offense in the MWC. The six starters returning on defense are the most they've had in six years and should improve upon last year's 23.3 ppg allowed. They do draw their three main rivals for the MWC Title (BYU, Col St, N Mex) all on the road this year, so the schedule maker was not kind, but with the soft non-conf slate, AF has a good shot at topping last year's 8 win total and as mentioned, this could be DeBerry's best team yet.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CHANCE HARRIDGE SR. 5-11 185 119 pass, 197 rush (6.6) in '01. 13 sts LY, 1062 pass (44%) 10-7 ratio, 1307 rush, NCAA QB rec 22 TD rush. Travis Thurmond (5-10 185 Jr) PS#136DB.

HB Anthony Butler Jr. 5-9 195 1 start in '01. 375 yds (5.7). 1 st in '02 (miss 4 inj), 349 yds (5.0). Matt Ward (5-11 180 So) 400m HS nat'l champ. 246 yds (7.0) as true.

HB Darnell Stephens Jr. 6-2 200 PS#323. 58 ttl yds in '01. #4 rush in 2002 w/ 431 yds (6.8). Joseph Schieffer (5-10 185 Sr) 80 yds rush, 2 yrs. Kris Holstege (5-9 175 Jr).

FB DAN SHAFFER JR. 5-11 230 390 bench. 203 (5.3) in '01. RS LY. **Steven Massie** (5-11 230 Sr) **10 sts**, 467 yds (4.9). Adam Cole (6-0 215 Jr) 2 sts, 196 yds (4.0).

WR Anthony Park Sr. 5-11 170 MWC track Fr of Yr in '01, 1 st, 40 yds. 2 sts LY, 11 rec. Alec Messerall (5-11 185 Jr) PS#283QB. 237 all-purp yds. JP Waller (6-1 175 Jr) 12 rec (13.7).

TE ADAM STRECKER SR. 6-6 240 1 rec in '01. 13 sts LY, 14 rec (18.6), 4 TD's (most by TE here in option era). HM MWC. Todd Jolly (6-4 250 Sr), Ross Weaver (6-7 260 So).

C John Peel Jr. 6-2 255 Center on JV in '01. 6 sts at C in '02 when Southam inj'd. Stephen Maddox (6-2 260 Sr) PS#435. Starter on JV tm in '01, 2nd string LY.

RG BRETT HUYSER SR. 6-4 295 Last 5 sts in '01, 97 KD's. 13 sts in '02, HM MWC. 170 KD's. Brian Jarratt (6-5 280 Jr) JV in '01. Jon Wilson (6-4 281 So) PS#370.

LG JESSE UNDERBAKKE SR. 6-3 275 2nd string in '01, 12 gms, 15 KD's. 13 sts LY. **2nd Tm MWC**, #1 w/222 KD's. Corey Crossetti (6-3 275 Sr) 2nd string LY. Abe Leigh (6-5 275 Jr).

RT BLANE NEUFELD SR. 6-5 295 12 gms as 2nd string in '01, 38 KD's. 12 sts in '02, HM MWC, 1 TD rec, 136 KD's. Tyler Terrazone (6-4 255 Sr). Brett Thornton (6-5 255 So).

LT BRETT WALLER SR. 6-7 275 JV DT. 13 sts at LT in 02, 143 KD's. Scott Diehl (6-6 270 Sr) TE in '01. 2nd string OT LY. Jacob Anderson (6-5 275 Jr) PS#401. 2nd string LY.

K JOEY ASHCROFT SR. 6-0 210 32 TB's on 67 KO's in '01. 16 of 18 FG's LY, L/45. 3-4 from 40+, **1st Tm MWC**. Michael Greenaway (5-10 175 Jr) 31 TB's LY. Zach Sasser PS#77 in '01.

DE MONTY COLEMAN SR. 6-2 245 PS#323. 7 sts at OLB in '01, 41 tkls, 1 tfl. 11 sts at DE in '02, 39 tkls, 2.5 sks, 2 tfl. Nathan Terrazone (6-3 235 So). Justin Wolcott (6-2 215 So).

NT NICHOLAS TAYLOR SR. 6-4 265 HS wrestler & recruited by Ohio St. 5 tkls in '01. 9 sts LY, 42 tkls. 1.5 sks, 3 tfl (miss 4 inj). Russ Mitscherling (6-2 250 So) 3 tkls. Brandon Conyers (6-0 250 Jr).

DE Charles Bueker Sr. 6-5 260 JV in 2000. 0 tkls in '01. 7 sts LY, 34 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl. Ryan Carter (6-2 245 Sr) ACL in '01. 23 tkls, 2 sks LY. Nelson Mitchell (6-1 220 So).

ILB Trevor Hightower Sr. 6-0 230 13 tkls, 1 tfl in 2001. 7 sts LY, led tm w/6.5 sks. 66 tkls, 1 tfl. Justin Kasmarcak (6-2 226 So) PS#360. Joe Cianciolo (6-1 210 So) PS#205.

ILB MARCHELLO GRADDY SR. 6-1 235 PS#207. 12 sts, 33 tkls, 1 sk in '01. 5 sts LY (inj). 70 tkls, 7.5 tfl. Kenny Smith (6-2 225 Jr) 8 tkls LY. Overton Spence (6-2 205 So) PS#158, 9 tkls LY.

ILB JOHN RUDZINSKI JR. 6-2 230 PS#151. 12 sts at ILB LY, 50 tkls, 4 sks, 3 tfl, 4 pbu. Cameron Hodge (6-2 225 Jr) PS#101LB. 4 tkls, 2 tfl. Brandon Bernardoni (6-1 230 Jr).

LF Adrian Wright Sr. 6-0 215 1 st, 28 tkls, 4 tfl at OLB in '01, 1 st at RF, 18 tkls, 1 sk LY. Felix Cole (6-1 210 Sr) 14 tkls, 2 yrs. Tyler Hess (5-11 186 Jr) 4 tkls LY, JV QB in '01.

CB JEFF OVERSTREET SR. 5-10 185 PS#204QB. 1 st as true, 15 tkls, 1 int. 5 sts at FS in '01, 34 tkls, 3 pbu. 7 sts LY, 31 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. Jordan Wilkie (5-11 170 Jr) 8 tkls, 1 pbu.

CB Nate Allen Jr. 5-10 180 1 blk'd punt in '01. 2 blk'd punts LY, 3 tkls. David Conley (5-11 185 Jr) JV in '01. George Moore (5-10 185 So). Alex Renshaw (5-11 185 So).

RF Sean Rodgers Jr. 5-11 195 CB on JV in '01. 4 sts at RF LY, 19 tkls. Grant Mallory (5-9 185 Jr) 11 tkls, 5 gms. Andy Braley (6-0 195 So) PS#344. Joel Kurzdorfer (6-0 190 Jr).

FS LARRY DUNCAN SR. 5-10 200 School rec 100m in HS, recruited by UCLA. L/6 sts in '01, 60 tkls, 3 int. 12 sts LY, 78 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu **HM MWC**. Baca "John" Taibi (6-2 210 So) JV in '01.

P ROBERT BARKERS JR. 6-3 212 JV punter in '01. 23 punts LY, was the pooch punter & only had a team net of only 33.5, 2 punts inside the 20. Don Heaton (6-3 180 So).

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AIR FORCE ACADEMY

2002	N/A	1997	6-1	1992	3-0-1
2001	6-2	1996	3-2	1991	7-2
2000	1-7	1995	5-1	1990	5-3
1999	2-4	1994	3-2	1989	5-2-1
1998	7-1	1993	4-2	1988	3-3

JV FOOTBALL RECORDS

We've listed the records of Air Force's JV teams for the last fourteen years. Freshmen recruits are unavailable.

AIR FORCE FALCONS

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#91

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score AF	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	Wofford	G					
Sep. 6	at Northwestern	G					
Sep. 13	N Texas (HC)	G					
Sep. 20	Wyoming	G					
Sep. 27	at BYU	G					
Oct. 4	at Navy	G					
Oct. 11	UNLV	G					
Oct. 16	at Colorado St (Thur)	G					
Oct. 25							
Nov. 1	Utah	G					
Nov. 8	Army	G					
Nov. 15	at New Mexico	G					
Nov. 22	at San Diego St	G					
Nov. 29							

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Air Force is 7-0 in non-lined games since 1990.
The Falcons are 3-7 ATS as a double digit favorite the last 3 years.
AF has swept Army & Navy SU the past 6 years.

Wofford was 9-3 & lost at Maryland 38-7 in their only Div IA game last year.
Fisher DeBerry is a 1960 graduate of Wofford.

This series features blowouts, the average margin of the 5 games, 26 ppg.
Air Force is 8-1 both SU & ATS in road openers since 1994.

This is the Falcons 1st vs N Texas & 1st vs a current Sun Belt foe S/'97.
Air Force is 6-1 ATS their last 7 in the 1st of B2B home games.

The favorite is 10-6 ATS their last 16 series meetings.
AF is 3-1 ATS in Mountain West Conf openers, only non-cover vs UW.

Counting the 1998 WAC Title game, Air Force is 4-2 SU & 5-1 ATS vs BYU.
Air Force is 9-3 ATS the last 12 conference road openers.

The Falcons have outscored Navy 292-167 when visiting their port S/'81.
Air Force is 20-3 SU their last 23 vs Navy, but 4-7 ATS the last 11.

Air Force is 4-2 SU but 2-4 ATS vs UNLV the last 6 years.
The visitor is 6-1 ATS the last 7 in this series.

Air Force is 7-11-1 ATS vs the Rams since 1984.
Falcons are 7-4 ATS since 1991 before a bye.

Bonus: AF is 79-32 SU at Falcon Stadium under HC DeBerry.

The Falcons have covered 5 of the last 6 in this series.
AF is 19-7 SU & 15-10 ATS their last 26 Nov HG's, but 0-3 ATS the L/3.

The home team is 14-5 ATS their last 19 series battles.
Air Force is 13-1 SU & 10-4 ATS since 1989 vs Army.

Air Force is 2-6 ATS vs the Lobos the last 8.
The Falcons are also 2-6 ATS their last 8 visits to Albuquerque.

Falcons are 4-2 SU but only 2-4 ATS vs the Aztecs the last 6 meetings.
AF is 9-4 SU but 5-7-1 ATS in road finales since 1990.

FISHER DeBERRY (Career 149-83-1)
20th Year at Air Force
DeBerry's records AT AIR FORCE

149-83-1 Straight Up
100-108-2 Vs The Spread
31-37 Off A SU Loss
64-76-2 Vs Conference
36-32 Vs Non-Conf
37-38-1 Home Favorite
13-13 Home Underdog
28-36-1 Away Favorite
22-21 Away Underdog

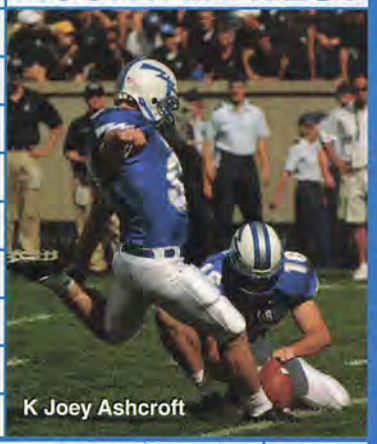
2002 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (26,22,3)
Lost: 20 (11,8,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 42,713

MOUNTAIN WEST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STADIUM: FALCON STADIUM (52,480)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	10-2	11-1	6-5	8-3	6-6	8-4	55-26
ATS	4-7	5-6	9-2-1	3-7	7-3	3-8	8-4	39-37-1
Home Fav	2-3	1-4	3-1-1	1-3	1-2	0-3	4-2	12-18-1
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-1	0-1	5-2
Away Fav	1-2	1-2	5-1	0-3	2-1	0-1	2-1	11-11
Away Dog	1-2	2-0	0-0	2-1	2-0	2-3	2-0	11-6
Favorite	3-5	2-6	8-2-1	1-6	3-3	0-4	6-3	23-29-1
Dog	1-2	3-0	1-0	2-1	4-0	3-4	2-1	16-8
Grass	3-6	4-5	5-2-1	2-7	6-3	3-7	6-4	29-34-1
Artificial	1-1	1-1	4-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	2-0	10-3
vs Conf	3-5	3-5	6-2-1	1-6	5-2	3-4	4-3	25-27-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	3-0	2-1	2-1	0-4	4-1	14-10
Off SU Win	1-5	5-3	7-2-1	1-5	5-2	2-3	6-2	27-22-1
Off SU Loss	2-2	0-2	1-0	2-2	2-1	1-4	1-2	9-13

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chance Harridge	252	1307	78	1229	22	4.9
Leotis Palmer	99	603	44	559	4	5.6
Steve Massie	95	471	4	467	4	4.9
Darnell Stephens	63	446	15	431	2	6.8
Anthony Butler	70	369	20	349	3	5.0
Matt Ward	35	250	4	246	2	7.0
Adam Cole	49	196	0	196	1	4.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chance Harridge	144	64	44.4	1062	10	7
Leotis Palmer	6	3	50.0	113	2	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Anthony Park	11	283	25.7	1	80
Adam Strecker	14	261	18.6	4	49
J.P. Waller	12	164	13.7	1	34

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Robert Barkers	23	1003	43.6	66	–	1	2

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Joey Ashcroft	47-50	6-6	7-8	3-4	0-0	16-18	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Anthony Schlegel	118	3	7	4	1
Larry Duncan	78	0	0	3	2
Joel Buelow	74	3	3	5	2
Marchello Graddy	70	1.5	6	4	0
Trevor Hightower	66	6.5	1	0	0
John Rudzinski	50	4	3	4	0
Wes Crawley	49	0	0	7	4
Nicholas Taylor	42	1.5	3	0	0
Monty Coleman	39	2.5	2	2	0
Mark Marsh	38	1	5	1	0
Charles Bueker	34	1	2	1	0
Eric Thompson	33	1	4	0	0
Paul Mayo	33	0	0	4	1
Jeff Overstreet	31	0	1	4	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Leotis Palmer	17	167	9.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bryan Blew	16	366	22.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Copper	+4	Texas Tech	41-55	L
97	Las Vegas	+4	Oregon	13-41	L
98	Oahu	-3'	Washington	45-25	W
00	Silicon Valley	+1	Fresno St	37-34	W
02	San Francisco	+11'	Virginia Tech	13-20	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

AIR FORCE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
2	33.8	22	308	5.1	90	43.5	11.8	+9	2002	6	23.3	19	156	4.0	199	56.8	15.2
2	28.1	21	273	4.8	119	47.9	14.0	+8	2001	4	32.2	23	204	5.1	249	54.9	14.1
5*	35.1	26	293	4.9	161	55.9	12.9	+10	2000	3	26.0	19	151	4.2	228	54.4	14.6
7	24.0	22	285	4.9	114	48.8	16.6	-4	1999	4	19.8	18	134	3.4	204	57.0	16.7
5*	36.0	20	264	4.9	138	57.4	11.2	+19	1998	4	14.2	17	113	2.8	190	57.2	21.3
5	21.5	18	226	4.0	84	47.2	14.5	0	1997	5	14.6	16	129	3.6	183	53.1	21.3

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Northwestern	31	74-476	6.4	5-8	47	0	12	27-41	1.5	19-36	180	2	+1
New Mexico	22	59-261	4.4	5-13	99	1	17	40-149	3.7	19-31	213	3	-1
at California	17	56-295	5.3	3-8	22	0	18	31-119	3.8	13-38	216	1	-1
at Utah	17	48-188	3.9	6-16	99	0	15	46-181	3.9	11-20	109	3	+3
Navy	27	67-429	6.4	6-7	107	1	15	52-260	5.0	5-12	87	2	+3
BYU	28	79-386	4.9	4-9	77	0	18	18-(-21)	-1.2	23-46	325	4	+5
Notre Dame	10	38-104	2.7	6-14	57	0	22	56-335	6.0	8-15	112	2	+2
at Wyoming	22	53-255	4.8	9-20	169	1	26	33-97	2.9	32-43	387	3	0
Colorado St	16	55-221	4.0	3-8	29	0	20	52-199	3.8	12-19	142	1	-2
at Army	27	65-380	5.8	6-10	151	0	16	41-149	3.6	11-23	181	1	0
at UNLV	27	64-366	5.7	4-8	102	0	22	47-303	6.4	10-22	166	4	+1
San Diego St	29	75-413	5.5	6-14	125	0	26	26-109	4.2	29-42	289	3	-1
† Virginia Tech	17	53-227	4.3	4-19	91	0	21	40-101	2.5	18-23	177	2	-1
TOTALS	290	786-4001	5.1	67-154	1175	3	248	509-2022	4.0	210-370	2584	31	+9
AVERAGES	22.3	60-308	5.1	5-12	90	0.2	19.1	39-156	4.0	16-28	199	2.4	0.7

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wake Forest	+.5	42-0	W
at UNLV	-17'	52-10	W
Colorado St	-3	30-27	T
at TCU	-9'	34-35	L
N Mexico	-16'	56-14	W
Navy	-14'	49-7	W
at Tulsa	-11	42-21	W
SMU	-20	31-7	W
at Army	-13	35-7	W
at Wyoming	-6	10-3	W
Rice	-22	22-16	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Villanova	NL	37-13	–
at Washington	+4	31-21	W
Wyoming	-9	7-10	L
at San Diego St	-1'	23-22	L
at Navy	-10	19-14	L
Utah	-4	15-21	L
at BYU	+7'	20-27	W
Army	-15	28-0	W
UNLV	-25	35-16	L
at Colorado St	+2	21-41	L
at New Mexico	-11	28-33	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
CS Northridge	NL	55-6	–
BYU	+2	31-23	W
at Utah	+2'	23-14	W
at UNLV	-5'	13-34	L
Navy	-15'	27-13	L
at Wyoming	-14'	51-26	W
New Mexico	-11'	23-29	L
at Notre Dame	+13'	31-34 OT	W
at Army	-7'	41-27	W
Colorado St	+3	44-40	W
San Diego St	-9'	45-24	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma	+17'	3-44	L
Tenn Tech	NL	42-0	–
at San Diego St	+3'	45-21	W
at Navy	-15	24-18	L
Wyoming	-14'	24-13	L
at BYU	+12'	33-63	L
at New Mexico	+2'	33-52	L
Army	-13	34-24	L
at Colorado St	+8	21-28	W
UNLV	-2'	10-34	L
at Hawaii	+9'	30-52	L
Utah	+16'	38-37	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Northwestern	E	52-3	W
New Mexico	-6'	38-31 OT	W
at California	+9'	23-21	W
at Utah	+8'	30-26	W
Navy	-22'	48-7	W
BYU	-4'	52-9	W
Notre Dame	-3	14-21	L
at Wyoming	-18	26-34	L
Colorado St	+1'	12-31	L
at Army	-17'	49-30	W
at UNLV	-5	49-32	W
San Diego St	-16'	34-38	L

UNLV REBELS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Jason Thomas (PS#5) had outstanding size (6-4 230) with 4.46 speed and a strong arm. In his first year as a starter he threw for 1,925 yards (54%) with a 17-9 ratio while rushing for 819 despite playing with a sprained foot. Stardom was expected for Thomas but his last two years were very disappointing. In fact, last year at one point Coach Robinson said, "I've never seen a player take so much abuse from the fans." Thomas was supposed to be new and improved with his own personal QB coach in Vince Alcade but began the season with 4 turnovers in the opener. Kurt Nantkes played the 4Q vs Toledo and led them to two TD drives. Thomas rebounded vs BYU hitting 10 of 13 for 139 yards and his mobility was a key in their road upset but the next week he hit just 11 of 31 for 180 yards. Thomas was under constant pressure due to an inexperienced O-line. Thomas leaves as the only UNLV QB to top 1,000 yards rushing in his career. For the season he threw for 1,936 yards (48.9%) with an 8-7 ratio while also rushing for 619 gross yards. Thomas was injured and missed the season finale and Nantkes got his second career start. His first came in 2001 vs New Mexico. In 2 years he has 634 yards (49%) with a 9-6 record. Nantkes is called a gunslinger by the QB coach. He is a 23 year old junior who signed with the Oakland A's and played in the minor league farm system and has a powerful arm. He will be the clear cut starter going into the season. Tyler Arciaga (6-3 225 rFr) was PS#110 and Norv Turner's son, Scott, (6-3 200 So) was PS#200. Terry Furlow (6-0 190) was a walk-on at Fresno St and transferred here last year but is also working at WR. Tony Paoli (6-2 215 rFr) is a walk on. Nantkes could top last year's production in his first full year as a starter.

RUNNING BACKS - Joe Haro had 1,107 (5.1) in 2001 and Dominique Dorsey who exploded down the stretch with 379 yards (6.6) both return. They also added Arizona transfer Larry Croom (PS#64) who had 257 yards for the Cats in 2000, Deon Burnett (PS#61) who was simply HM Pac 10 in 1999 with 974 yards at Wash St and Dyante Perkins (PS#59) who originally committed to Oregon St. Throw into the mix FB Steven Costa who at 225 lbs still had 4.42 speed and this was a Pac 10 caliber corps of RB's. Dorsey missed the winter quarter and did not return to the team until the summer and was also rehabbing an ankle injury. As expected 3 different players shared the spotlight during the year and 3 different RB's topped 500 yards with all 3 having outstanding ypc's. Joe Haro led the team with 841 yards (5.3) and he departs along with FB Costa (9 sts, 121 yds). Larry Croom had 605 yards and a super 7.2 ypc including his 222 yard effort in the season finale. Dorsey (PS#67) had 568 yards (7.3). Deon Burnett did not get much action with just 152 yards total offense, but should see more this year. I list the FB's below. This year they also add Alvin Marshall (PS#4JC) who rushed for 1347 yards with 2,053 all purpose yards at JUCO last year and has been compared to Marshall Faulk. Despite the loss of their leading rusher, I thought they would have gotten more production out of last year's unit and with a more experienced O-line, this is the best MWC RB corps.

RB Dominique Dorsey

LG Marcus Johnson

RECEIVERS - In 2000 Troy Mason had 30 rec's (19.4) but those numbers dropped to 19 (17.6) in 2001. They only had to replace their #3 receiver last year, so the unit looked to be in good shape and I predicted a breakout year for Earvin Johnson (PS#20) who only had 12 rec's as a true frosh. Johnson did not disappoint leading the team with 51 rec's (15.5) earning 2nd Team MWC honors despite missing one game due to injury. Michael Johnson (PS#81) had 42 rec's (12.0). This year they must replace TE DeJhown Mandley (11 sts, 17, 17.6) and Troy Mason (4 rec). I list the 2 deep below. David Relf, a JUCO who originally signed at Oregon St, and got in 2 starts last year should have a much bigger season. This has the makings of a very strong group and I look for Earvin Johnson to continue to become perhaps the top WR in the MWC.

OFFENSIVE LINE - UNLV has had some solid numbers rushing the last three years which coincides with mobile QB Jason Thomas. After averaging 5.0 ypc rushing in 2000 and 4.7 in 2001, they had just one starter back on the offensive front last year. With the inexperience the team did yield 27 sacks after giving up just 12 in 2001 but they paved the way for 5.2 ypc rushing and were the MWC's #1 offense. They must replace RG Tony Terrell (12 sts, 1st Tm MWC, 4 yr st'r), RT Keith Kincaid (9 sts), LT Eddie Freas (1 st), G Sheddrick Mitchell (7 gms) and G Joe Eddleman (12 gms). While just 5 of the top ten are back, the unit has a lot more starting experience with three full-time starters back. They also add a couple of impressive JUCO's who were in for the spring. I list the 2 deep below and fifth year OC Rob Boras says "It's the biggest O-line he's had since he's been here."

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 UNLV allowed 3.8 ypc rushing and recorded 25 sacks. Last year they had to replace five players who combined for 26 starts including #2 and #7 NFL DC's. They had four of their top eight back including two full-time starters. Robinson said prior to the year that the DL looked good, but they were not deep and hoped they would not have any injuries. They did lose projected starting DE Trevan Sorensen prior to the year with a career ending injury. The DL last year played on a rotation system coming in for three plays and out for three. Overall they allowed 3.97 ypc rushing while recording 27 sacks. This year they must replace DE Ahmad Briggs (12 sts, 32 tkls, 8 tfl), DT Garrett Brassington (3 sts, 15 tkls) and DT Phil Reed (24 tkls, 2 tfl). Once again, depth could be a problem. With three returning starters and some solid JUCO transfers added to the mix, this unit could improve upon last year's numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Rebels had to replace six players from this unit who combined for 16 starts in 2001 but returned their #2 and #4 tacklers. Unfortunately the lone full-time returning starter and star of the group, Ryan Claridge missed the season due to injury, so the unit was rather inexperienced. They did get a big-time transfer from Iowa St in Tyrone Tucker who was very productive with 108 tackles and Adam Seward in his first full year as a starter simply led the MWC in tackles with 133. This year they lose SLB Tucker (12 sts, 13.5 tfl, Def MVP) and MLB Bill Cofer (5 tkls). Three players return who started last year and they get two additions in Claridge and John Andrews (PS#18JC) who had 24 sacks in two years at JC and was in for the spring, plus Penn transfer Reggie Butler (PS#150). Not listed below is Kristopher Brown (6-1 250 Jr), Ryan Tolan (6-1 220 Jr, PS#380JC) and George Morris (6-3 215 rFr) who all redshirted in 2002. All three projected starters are All-MWC candidates and this looks like the conference's best LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UNLV finished #29 in my pass D rankings in 2001 but had to replace super CB Kevin Thomas and their outstanding FS who led the team in tackles. Both were NFL DC's. Despite only losing two starters, I projected a large drop in the pass D rankings last year as is usually the case when losing a top-notch cover CB like Thomas. The Rebels did plummet to #81 allowing 56.3% with 22 TD's and just 9 int's. SS Jamaal Brimmer had a tremendous season with 100 tackles, 5.5 sks, 11 tfl and 6 pbu and was named MWC Defensive POY. They do have to replace three full-time starters. Gone are CB Jamal Wynn (10 sts, 47 tkls, 2 int's, 6 pbu), FS Connie Brown (12 sts, 104, HM MWC, Alabama transfer), CB Chameion Sutton (8 sts, 29 tkls, 1 int) and FS Ross Dalton (17 tkls). Three players return with starting experience and there is talent in the 2 deep I list below. Despite the loss of 3 starters, I can see UNLV moving up in the pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2001 UNLV finished #45 in my special teams rankings led by their dominant returnmen including KR Dominique Dorsey (34.6). Surprisingly last year despite having a plethora of top-notch KR candidates available, they went from averaging 26.4 on KR's down to 19.0. Their PR's also dropped from 12.6 to 7.1, but with most of those key players back with the exception of their top guy Troy Mason, I expect improvement. K Dillon Pieffer returns for his 3rd season. Hubi Schulze Zumkley handled the KO's in 2001 and had to spend six months in the German Military last year, but returns. P Gary Cook had a net of 34.0 in 2001 and it dropped to 32.4 last year despite him increasing his gross punting average. The return game underperformed last year and I think this will be the most improved special teams unit in the MWC.

COACHES - John Robinson enters his fifth year at UNLV and has recorded one winning season in the first four and has an overall college record of 124-62-4 including guiding USC to four Rose Bowl berths. He was also the LA Rams head coach for eight years, topping nine wins in five of those and is the 11th all-time winningest active coach. His OC is Rob Boras who enters his third year in that role and the DC is Mike Bradeson who is in his fourth year. Robinson also added Bruce Snyder who was the head coach at Cal and Ariz St as an offensive assistant this year to coach TE's and H-backs.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Not much went right for UNLV last year as they struggled to a 5-7 season that ended on an upbeat note with an upset of Colorado St, just their second win over a ranked team in school history with their last being in 1981. UNLV actually led the MWC in offense (yes, BYU is still a member). The Rebels played more bowl teams in the regular season (6) than any year in their history. Last year, thanks to a crowd of 42,075 vs Wisconsin they set a school home attendance record averaging 27,582. In 2001 UNLV was 4-7 but outscored their foes by a 284-270 margin. Last year they faced a killer schedule having to face their 3 main contenders for the MWC Title all on the road and for the second consecutive year finished just 3-4 in league play. They do have big losses this year as their 11 starters returning are the lowest in the league and the 25 lettermen lost are the highest. UNLV still has one of the top RB corps in the country, some explosive receivers and a top-notch O-line and still figure to be among the league's best offensively. Defensively they have just six starters back and lose both of their CB's, but still should be decent. While last year's team clearly under achieved, last year's upset of CSU in the finale has given them a lot of enthusiasm in the offseason and the Rebels have an excellent shot a achieving a winning record in 2003.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Kurt Nantkes Jr. 6-4 220 Baseball from '99-2000. 1 st in '01, 229 yds (47%), 3-1 ratio. 1 st in '02 (beat CSU). 405 yds (49.3%) 6-5 ratio. Tyler Arciaga (6-3 225 rFr) PS#110.
RB Larry Croom Sr. 5-10 205 PS#64. 4 sts, 642 yds, 2Y @ Ariz. 3 sts, 605 yds (7.2), 20 rec (13.4) LY. Dominique Dorsey (5-6 165 Jr) PS#67. 947 yds (7.0) 2Y. Alvin Marshall **PS#4JC**.
FB Andrew Faga Sr. 6-0 240 PS#212LB. 1 st, 21 yds, 2Y. Dyante Perkins (6-1 220 So) PS#59, 61 yds LY. Mike Freund (6-2 225 So) 1 st LY. Royce Boone (5-10 210 Sr).
WR MICHAEL JOHNSON SR. 5-11 190 PS#81. 3 sts, 25 rec (17.4) in '01. 8 sts LY, 42 rec (12.0). Terry Furlow (6-0 190 So). Fresno St trans QB. Tremayne Kirkland (6-0 150 rFr) PS#154QB.
WR EARVIN JOHNSON JR. 6-3 200 **PS#20**. 3 sts as true, 12 rec (15.2). 9 sts LY, 51 rec (15.5). **2nd Tm MWC**. David Relf (6-1 190 Sr) PS#139 in '98. 65 rec at JC in '01. 6 rec LY.
TE Greg Estandia Jr. 6-8 240 PS#140JC. 10 TD's at JC in '02. In for spring. Ryan Clifford (6-2 250 Sr) 1 st LY. Joe Del Castillo (6-5 240 rFr). Kevin Baird PS#412JC LY.
C DOMINIC FURIO SR. 6-3 295 2nd string in both 2000 & '01. 3 letters. 12 sts at C in '02. Can play all OL positions. Aaron Mueller (6-2 280 rFr), Sam Yeganeh (6-1 265 rFr).
RG Joe Critchfield Jr. 6-4 315 PS#112JUCO. LDS mission in '99 & 2000. In for spring. 1st Tm Conf at JC LY. Marco Guerra (6-5 330 rFr) PS#192OL & has good size.
LG MARCUS JOHNSON JR. 6-1 300 PS#114DL. 1 st as rFr, 9 gms. 12 sts LY, 2 letters. Harvey Robinson (6-0 285 So). Marcus Bryan (6-4 280 rFr) is PS#459OL.
RT Zach Gorham So. 6-5 310 PS#531OL. 2 starts as rFr, 8 games in 2002.
Tyler Crandal (6-7 285 Jr) **PS#97JUCO**. In for spring. Dustin Forshee is PS#434.
LT MATT WILLIAMS SR. 6-6 300 PS#189JC. RS here in '01. 12 sts in '02 here (11 at LT, 1 at RT) 1 letter. Brandon Gray (6-4 305 rFr) PS#237OL. Added 20 lbs.
K DILLON PIEFFER SR. 5-11 180 Hit 7 of 9 FG's, L/38 as true. Hit 7 of 12 FG's, L/49 in '01. Hit 7 of 13 FG's, L/44. 5 of 9 from 40+ last 2 years. Sergio Aguayo is PS#15.

DE CHRIS EAGEN SR. 6-4 265 PS#116JC. 15 sks at JC in '01. 12 starts here LY, 45 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl, 2 pbu, HM MWC. Ryan Heise (6-3 250 rFr) Navy prep in 2001.
DT DIETRICH CANTERBERRY SR. 6-4 300 Strong. 19 tkls, 2 sks in 2000. 10 sts in '01, 22 tkls. 12 sts LY, HM MWC, 38 tkls, 8 tfl. Steve Lawless (6-0 275 Jr) PS#341. Josh Mareko (5-10 270 Jr).
DT JOSEPH ONIWOR SR. 6-1 300 PS#269JC. 81 tkls, 3 sks at JC in '01. 9 sts LY, 20 tkls, 1 sk here. Brian Nicholson (6-5 275 Jr) JC, 10 blk'd FG's. Stephen Hall (6-2 290 rFr) PS#427.
DE Leon Moore So. 6-5 255 PS#231. 39 tkls, 3 sks, 8 tfl, 1 pbu as rFr. Pete Dunbar (6-4 250 Sr) PS#412JC. 4 sks at JC in '01. 7 tkls here LY. Isiah Tafua is PS#214JC.
SLB RYAN CLARIDGE JR. 6-3 250 PS#278. 7 sts as **true**, 65 tkls, 4 tfl. 11 sts in '01, 71 tkls, 8 tfl, HM MWC. Zach Bell (6-0 220 Jr) 5 sts LY, 21 tkls, 1 sk. Joey Schmidt (6-2 220 rFr) PS#419.
MLB ADAM SEWARD JR. 6-2 250 PS#106DL. HS wrestling. 4 sts, 60 tkls, 6 tfl in '01. 12 sts, #1 in MWC w/133 tkls, 8 tfl, **2nd Tm MWC**. Terrence Young (5-9 235 Jr) 4 sts, 42 tkls LY.
WLB John Andrews Jr. 6-0 210 **PS#18JUCO**. 24 sks in 2Y at JC, 138 tkls LY. Reggie Butler (6-0 215 Jr) PS#150, Penn transfer. Derek Olsen (6-3 215 Sr) 33 tkls, 3 years.
CB Ruschard Dodd-Masters Jr. 5-11 175 PS#213. 16 tkls in '01. 6 sts LY, 48 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu, speedy. David Olsen (5-11 180 So) PS#397. 6 tkls LY. Jesus Wright (5-8 180 Jr) PS#380JC LY.
CB Daniel Jones Sr. 5-10 180 PS#457JC. 4.55 spd. 3 sts here LY, 35 tkls, 4 pbu. Jason Rogers (5-11 190 rFr) PS#138WR. Allan Fanucchi (6-1 195 So) Boise St transfer.
SS JAMAAL BRIMMER JR. 6-1 205 **MWC Def POY**. 12 sts LY, 100 tkls, 5.5 sks, 11 tfl, 6 pbu. Mike Clancey (5-10 170 Sr) Idaho St trans. Trent Williams (6-1 200 So) Marshall trans.
FS Will Tagoai Jr. 6-1 205 PS#175JC. 6 int at JC in '02. Joe Miklos (6-1 205 So) PS#288LB, 1 tkl as rFr. Sean Mackey (6-1 195 Sr) PS#314. 17 tkls in 3 years.
P GARY COOK JR. 5-11 195 64 punts in '01, 38.4 avg, net of 34.0. 70 punts in '02, 38.3 avg, net of 32.4, 26 inside the 20. Bryan Cortney (6-4 190 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

RB	Alvin Marshall	5-10 185 PS#4JC
LB	John Andrews	6-0 210 PS#18JC
OL	Charles Owens	6-5 275 PS#135
K	Sergio Aguayo	6-1 185 PS#15
QB	Marcus Johnson	6-4 220 PS#99
DB	Solomon Smart	6-0 185 PS#141
OL	Tyler Crandal	6-7 295 PS#97JC
OL	Joe Critchfield	6-4 315 PS#112JC
DL	Brian Nicholson	6-5 275 PS#137JC
TE	Greg Estandia	6-8 240 PS#140JC
WR	Nate Wederquist	6-2 205 PS#203
DB	Will Tagoai	6-1 205 PS#175JC
LB	Ryan Welter	6-4 220 PS#239
DL	Isaiah Tafua	6-2 265 PS#214JC

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UNLV	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	Toledo	G						UNLV is 14-4 ATS as a 20 point or more dog. The Rebels are 0-7 SU & 3-4 ATS in their conference opener since 1996. UNLV is 1-3 the last 4 Homecoming games.
Sep. 6	at Kansas	A						The Rebels are 1-6 SU & 2-4 ATS in their season openers since 1996. UNLV had a 2-1 FD edge w/a 472-257 yd edge & still lost SU & ATS to UT LY.
Sep. 13	at Wisconsin	A						Rebels are 4-13 ATS on artificial turf the last 6 years. UNLV is 2-6 SU & 1-3 ATS vs Big 12 foes, being outscored 36-17 ppg.
Sep. 19	Hawaii (Fri)	G						Rebels are 0-5 SU & 1-3 ATS vs the Big 10 foes since 1996. UNLV is 1-4 SU & 1-2 ATS their last 5 series meetings.
Sep. 27								UNLV is 1-5 ATS since 1998 in games before a bye. The Rebels are 2-5-2 SU & 1-3-1 ATS their last 9 lined games vs Hawaii. Bonus: UNLV is 3-20 SU & 9-14 ATS as a home dog since 1995.
Oct. 4	at Nevada	A						This is the battle for the Fremont Cannon. Rebels are 3-0 SU & ATS the last 3 years vs Nevada.
Oct. 11	at Air Force	G						UNLV is 23-11 ATS away on grass since 1996. The home team is 1-6 ATS the last 7 years.
Oct. 18	Utah (HC)	G						UNLV is 0-7 SU & 0-4 ATS in this series. Utes have outscored UNLV 163-56 their last 3 visits to Las Vegas.
Oct. 25	BYU	G						UNLV is 2-4 ATS in their 2nd straight home game since 1999. Rebels are 1-5 SU, but 5-1 ATS vs the Cougars their last 6 meetings.
Nov. 1	at New Mexico	G						UNLV has covered just 6 of 18 November games since 1997. The Rebels are 0-4 ATS the last 4 years vs New Mexico.
Nov. 8	San Diego St	G						UNLV is 4-2 ATS vs the Aztecs. Rebels are 1-5 ATS under Robinson in November home games.
Nov. 15								
Nov. 22	Colorado St	G						The dog is 6-1 ATS in this series. The Rebels are 1-6 SU but 5-2 ATS vs the Rams their last 7 meetings.
Nov. 29	at Wyoming	G						UNLV is 5-2 ATS the last 7 years in their final road game. Rebels are 5-2 ATS the last 7 vs Wyoming.

JOHN ROBINSON (Career 124-62-4)
5th Year at UNLV

Robinson's records AT UNLV

20-27	Straight Up	3-6	Home Favorite
21-24	Vs The Spread	4-7	Home Dog
12-14	Off A SU Loss	4-2	Away Favorite
13-15	Vs Conference	10-9	Away Dog
		8-9	Vs Non-Conf

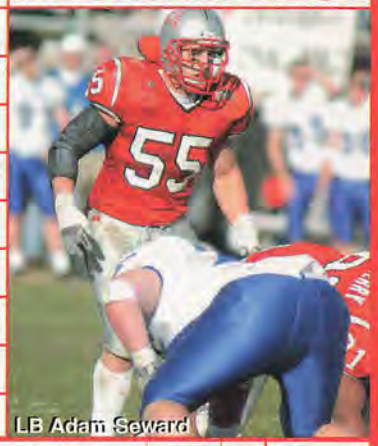
2002 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (17,17,3)
Lost: 25 (14,10,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 27,582

MOUNTAIN WEST


LB Adam Seward

STADIUM: SAM BOYD STADIUM (36,800)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-11	3-8	0-11	3-8	7-5	4-7	5-7	23-57
ATS	8-2-1	5-5	4-7	5-6	7-5	6-5	3-8	38-38-1
Home Fav	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-1	0-3	4-8
Home Dog	4-1	0-1	1-4	1-4	1-0	1-2	1-1	9-13
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-2	2-0	0-0	4-2
Away Dog	4-1-1	4-2	3-3	3-2	3-1	2-2	2-4	21-15-1
Favorite	0-0	1-2	0-0	1-0	3-4	3-1	0-3	8-10
Dog	8-2-1	4-3	4-7	4-6	4-1	3-4	3-5	30-28-1
Grass	4-1	4-2	3-1	4-6	7-4	5-5	3-5	30-24
Artificial	4-1-1	1-3	1-6	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-3	8-14-1
vs Conf	7-1-1	4-4	4-4	3-4	4-3	4-3	2-5	28-24-1
vs Non-Conf	1-1	1-1	0-3	2-2	3-2	2-2	1-3	10-14
Off SU Win	1-0	2-0	0-0	1-2	5-1	1-2	0-4	10-9
Off SU Loss	7-1-1	3-4	4-6	3-4	2-3	4-3	3-4	26-25-1

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joe Haro	159	884	43	841	5	5.3
Larry Croom	**84**	**647**	**42**	**605**	**4**	**7.2**
Dominique Dorsey	**78**	**584**	**16**	**568**	**3**	**7.3**
Jason Thomas	124	619	171	448	9	3.6
Steven Costa	23	121	0	121	0	5.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jason Thomas	274	134	48.9	1936	8	7
Kurt Nantkes	**71**	**35**	**49.3**	**405**	**6**	**5**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Earvin Johnson	**51**	**793**	**15.5**	**4**	**45**
Michael Johnson	**42**	**502**	**12.0**	**2**	**34**
DeJhown Mandley	17	299	17.6	2	30
Larry Croom	**20**	**267**	**13.4**	**2**	**45**
Steven Costa	15	221	14.7	2	55

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Gary Cook	**70**	**2680**	**38.3**	**63**	**32.4**	**0**	**26**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Dillon Pieffer	**33-34**	**3-4**	**1-3**	**3-6**	**0-0**	**7-13**	**44**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Adam Seward	**133**	**1.5**	**6**	**2**	**0**
Tyrone Tucker	108	4.5	9	2	1
Connie Brown	104	0	5	5	2
Jamaal Brimmer	**100**	**5.5**	**11**	**6**	**0**
Ruschard Dodd-Masters	**48**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**2**
Jamal Wynn	47	0	1	6	2
Chris Eagen	**45**	**4**	**5**	**2**	**0**
Terrence Young	**42**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**0**
Leon Moore	**39**	**3**	**8**	**1**	**0**
Dietrich Canterberry	**38**	**2.5**	**5**	**1**	**0**
Daniel Jones	**35**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**0**
Ahmad Briggs	32	3	5	0	1
Chameion Sutton	29	0	0	1	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Troy Mason	18	134	7.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Troy Mason	13	279	21.5	0
Dominique Dorsey	**12**	**260**	**21.7**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
84	California	NL	Toledo	30-13	–
94	Las Vegas	-5	C Michigan	52-24	W
00	Las Vegas	-1	Arkansas	31-14	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UNLV'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	24.3	21	214	5.2	195	49.0	16.8	-7	2002	5	30.5	21	159	4.0	235	56.3	12.9
7*	25.8	17	215	4.7	144	43.3	13.9	-2	2001	7	24.5	21	158	3.8	189	50.1	14.2
8*	28.5	19	230	5.0	164	53.8	13.8	-5	2000	7	21.2	18	139	3.6	208	52.9	16.4
5	14.5	15	112	3.0	146	53.0	17.7	+5	1999	5	29.5	23	234	5.0	171	53.3	13.7
8	14.2	14	115	3.1	141	45.4	18.0	-8	1998	8	35.4	22	234	4.6	195	58.2	12.1
9*	25.6	23	129	3.8	285	52.9	16.2	-17	1997	8	30.2	22	185	4.3	196	59.6	12.6

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Wisconsin	11	31-167	5.4	12-26	138	1	20	37-158	4.3	14-26	191	2	-5
Kansas	23	47-291	6.2	12-24	144	0	21	34-69	2.0	22-42	225	6	0
at Oregon St	15	43-160	3.7	7-16	76	3	23	42-65	1.5	23-30	396	3	-1
at Toledo	26	43-202	4.7	19-38	270	6	13	36-135	3.8	12-22	122	2	-2
Nevada	26	49-206	4.2	16-35	262	1	22	22-68	3.1	23-50	323	1	+1
New Mexico	13	31-102	3.3	17-44	232	1	8	49-257	5.2	2-8	20	2	-1
at BYU	19	45-164	3.6	12-16	155	2	24	39-133	3.4	23-43	275	2	+1
at San Diego St	20	36-178	4.9	13-37	196	5	27	43-156	3.6	28-46	319	1	+3
Wyoming	27	47-313	6.7	21-27	331	0	28	29-59	2.0	33-55	453	4	0
at Utah	21	36-97	2.7	14-34	186	4	18	42-211	5.0	18-30	172	1	-2
Air Force	22	47-303	6.4	10-22	166	4	27	64-366	5.7	4-8	102	0	-1
at Colorado St	24	43-390	9.1	16-26	185	0	25	44-232	5.3	17-29	218	1	0
TOTALS	247	498-2573	5.2	169-345	2341	27	256	481-1909	4.0	219-389	2816	25	-7
AVERAGES	20.6	42-214	5.2	14-29	195	2.3	21.3	40-159	4.0	18-32	235	2.1	-0.6

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Northwestern	+17'	7-41	L
Air Force	+18	10-52	L
at Wisconsin	+38	7-52	L
at Colorado St	+36	16-38	W
Nevada	+10'	20-31	L
at BYU	+32	14-38	W
Wyoming	+21	25-28 OT	W
at SMU	+21	7-10	W
Tulsa	+3'	16-20	L
at Rice	+15'	16-38	L
TCU	+7	18-41	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Texas	-2	26-3	W
at Baylor	+10	27-24	W
Iowa St	+3'	0-24	L
Utah	+15	14-52	L
at Nevada	+8	12-26	L
at Wyoming	+24'	35-32	W
BYU	+18'	0-29	L
at New Mexico	+8'	6-27	L
at Air Force	+25	16-35	W
San Diego St	+13'	7-37	L
Colorado St	+22	17-35	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa St	+11'	22-37	L
N Texas	-16'	38-0	W
at BYU	+9	7-10	W
Air Force	+5'	34-13	W
Nevada	-21	38-7	W
at Colorado St	+7	19-20	W
Wyoming	-20'	42-23	L
at Mississippi	+9'	40-43 OT	W
at Utah	-2	16-38	L
New Mexico	-8	18-14	L
at San Diego St	-5'	31-24	W
at Hawaii	-7	34-32	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arkansas	+5	10-14	W
Northwestern	+3'	28-37	L
at Arizona	+2'	21-38	L
BYU	+7'	31-35	W
at Nevada	-11	27-12	W
San Diego St	-4	31-3	W
Colorado St	-4'	24-26	L
at Wyoming	-9'	47-26	W
Utah	+1	14-42	L
at New Mexico	+2'	17-27	L
at Air Force	+2'	34-10	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wisconsin	+5'	7-27	N/A
Kansas	-14	31-20	L
at Oregon St	+16	17-47	L
at Toledo	+7'	21-38	L
Nevada	+1	21-17	W
New Mexico	-8	16-25	L
at BYU	+10	24-3	W
at San Diego St	+3	21-31	L
Wyoming	-8	49-48 OT	L
at Utah	+10'	17-28	L
Air Force	+5	32-49	L
at Colorado St	+17	36-33	W

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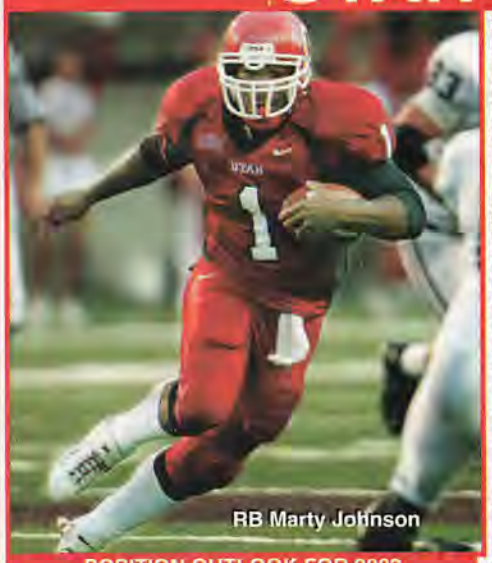
RB Marty Johnson

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 Lance Rice started the final 3 games throwing for 625 yards (48.8%) with a 4-3 ratio. The stadium is named after his grandfather and Rice originally signed with the program in 1996 and went on a mission. He started all 12 in 2001 throwing for 2,222 yards (56.0%) with a 16-11 ratio. Rice is the strongest (275 bench) and fastest of the QB's. After five starts last year he had thrown for 758 yards (54.2%) with a 6-4 ratio but against Air Force, lost four fumbles and had two passes intercepted and lost his starting job. Brett Elliott (PS#44), who was originally supposed to contend for the starting job in 2001 before injuring his thumb, would start the final six games in 2002. He had a huge game against New Mexico in which he hit 26 of 39 for 440 yards and 4 TD's and finished the year with 1,529 yards (58.8%) with a 10-8 ratio. They took the redshirt off of Alex Smith (6-4 205 So) who was PS#146QB and surprisingly only played him in two games and he only threw four passes. Smith had a rough debut against San Diego St in which he was sacked twice and threw an interception that was returned for a TD. Smith may have the strongest arm of the trio and threw 3 TD passes in the spring game, while Elliott has the most mobility. The QB in this new offense has to be adept at both passing and running and Elliott and Rice have that capability so I look for improved numbers from this position in 2003.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the team had to replace their top two rushers who combined for 2,412 yards (5.3) in 2001. Marty Johnson (PS#20JC) had 95 yards in the opener in 2001 but was injured and lost for the year. He returned last season and appeared on his way to a spectacular year with 405 yards (7.0) in the first two games and was leading the NCAA in rushing. Unfortunately McBride left him in the Indiana game late and in the 4Q he was injured and lost for the season. For the next three games JR Peroulis started and finished with 18, (-6), and 23 yards in those three starts. He did have 393 yards (4.5) for the season. Brandon Warfield (PS#27JC) rushed for 1,460 yards and 22 TD's in 2001 at JUCO. He reported a week late and was not cleared to practice until August 13th, putting him well behind. Against Air Force, Warfield fumbled the ball three times, but rushed for 193 yards and took over the starting job. In seven MWC games, Warfield rushed for 889 yards (127 ypg). This year they are doing away with the FB and all 3 from last year left the team in Mark Palmer (3 sts, 32 yds), Mike Austin (4 sts, 23 yds) and Brandon Bliss (1 st, 19 yds). Also in the mix at TB is Edwin Benton (5-10 209 Sr) who was PS#182 and had 113 yards rushing, Rob Sirstins (6-1 216 Jr, PS#290) who had 1 start and 55 total yards and true frosh Mike Liti (PS#137) who is the fastest of the backs. Both Warfield and Johnson are back giving them the best RB tandem in the MWC.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had only one starter returning having to replace 3 of their top 4 receivers. Paris Jackson had just 11 rec's in the first five games but then put together three straight 100 yard efforts to finish with 43 rec's (12.9). The only returning starter from 2001, Josh Lyman, led the team with 44 rec's (13.4) despite missing 1.5 games with injury. Devon Houston had two starts and 22 rec's (10.7) finishing 3rd on the team. Unfortunately all three depart as does backup TE Al Johnson (10 games). I list the 2 deep below and they are adding an extra WR position this year. I look for Oregon transfer, Paris Warren (PS#92), to have a big impact and I am surprised that Lynzell Jackson (PS#16) was not a bigger factor last year (6 rec). This group does have some talent and including TE's, has four players back with starting experience, but with the loss of their top three guys I'll call the unit weaker in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - A veteran offensive front allowed just six sacks in 2001 while paving the way for 4.7 ypc rushing. Last year they had to replace two starters, one of which was a fourth round DC while the other was 1st Tm MWC as well as one backup. The Utes put up solid numbers but they did drop off some as the team averaged 4.1 ypc rushing and yielded 17 sacks. This year they must replace C Dustin McQuivey (8 sts, HM MWC, 3 yr st'r), RG Tevita Vakalahi (11 sts) and LT Jordan Gross (11 sts, 1st Tm MWC, 4 yr st'r, #1DC of CAR). Four players do return with starting experience but overall the unit is a little less experienced and must replace its top two OL's.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Utes always have a top-notch DL sending many players to the NFL. In 2001 they allowed just 3.3 ypc rushing but surprisingly had only 25 sacks. Last year three starters returned including their star, DE Jason Kaufusi and seven of the top eight were back. The Utes allowed just 2.95 ypc rushing, their best mark since 1994 but surprisingly had just 25 sacks again. This year the losses are a little heavier. Gone are NG Lauvale Sape (10 sts, 2nd Tm MWC, 23 tkls, 4.5 tfl), DT Garrett Smith (11 sts, 1st Tm MWC, 38 tkls, 4.5 tfl, #6DC of BUF) and DE Marcus Jones (1 st, 26 tkls, 3 tfl). While this group is a little less experienced than last year, it should still be one of the MWC's best.

LINEBACKERS - Five of the top six LB's returned last year as they had to replace just one starter. Starting LB Zach Tune separated his shoulder and missed three games and Ray Holdcraft took off his redshirt after four games and was very productive down the stretch starting six of the last seven (31 tkls). This year they must replace SLB Brooks Bahr (11 sts, 59 tkls, 5 tfl, HM MWC), ROV Sheldon Deckart (11 sts, 69 tkls, 8 tfl, 2nd Tm MWC) and ROV Jeremy Lyman (24 tkls). I list the 3 deep below and while there are some quality players here, the group overall is less experienced last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Utah has always finished strong in my pass D ratings under DC Kyle Whittingham with their lowest finish being #41. They were #34 in 2001 and last year had three starters returning including both CB's. The unit climbed in the rankings to #28 allowing 52.4% with a 16-12 ratio. This year they must replace CB D'Shaun Crockett (7 sts, 37 tkls, 4 pbu), CB Cody Weight (6 sts, 41 tkls, 3 int, 8 pbu) and FS Antwoine Sanders (11 sts, 65 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu, #7DC of BAL) who left early for the NFL. Arnold Parker is one of the best CB's in the country with 6-2 size and 4.39 speed and SS Dave Revill simply led the team in tackles in his first full year as a starter. This group is not quite as experienced as it was heading into last season, but should remain near the top of the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - McBride always did an excellent job in the special teams area with a couple of Top 40 finishes in 1999 and 2000. After a drop to #64 in 2001 they improved last year back up to #40. Ford Hall was slated to be the kicker and he hit three FG's of 50+ at JUCO in 2001. Unfortunately he suffered a quad injury last August and missed the season. Bryan Borreson started out well at one point hitting eight straight FG's but then he missed three in a row including an OT miss against New Mexico and struggled down the stretch hitting just 11 of 21 with a long of 53. Part of the reason for his inaccuracy was the fact that he pulled a groin muscle and was not able to practice for three weeks. They almost took the redshirt off of Hall but they stuck with Borreson to preserve it. Punter Brian Lewis (PS#32) averaged a solid 42.6 but surprisingly the team net was just 34.9. FS Morgan Scalley also booted 8 punts (30.8). Scalley was also the top PR (11.2) and the #2 KR (21.3). Bo Nagahi was the top KR (24.8). All but Lewis are back, but they add Hall so this unit is clearly a Top 40 contender.

COACHES - Utah had the talent to win the MWC last year but did not get it done and longtime coach Ron McBride was let go. He was here for 13 years and compiled an 88-63 record with six bowl trips. The new head coach is Urban Meyer who got his first head coaching job at Bowling Green in 2001 and led the team to the biggest turnaround in the NCAA that year with a 6 win improvement. He compiled a 17-6 record including 5-0 vs teams from BCS conferences in two years. He had been a WR coach at Colo St and Notre Dame the previous eleven years. The new OC is Mike Sanford who was at Stanford last year as the OC and was with the San Diego Chargers from 1999 to 2001. Meyer's offense at BG last year was the only one in the nation to average over 215 yards rushing and passing per game and will operate out of the shotgun and in the no-huddle. The DC, Kyle Whittingham, is in his ninth year in that position at Utah. His units have led the MWC in scoring defense the past four years and 3 straight years have led the league in total defense.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Utes had just their third losing season in thirteen years and always seemed to perform poorly under McBride when expectations were the highest. In 2000, Utah finished 4-7 but actually outscored foes by an average of 21.3-18.8 which left them undervalued in 2001. They were also among the best in the conference in 2001 despite a 4-3 record as they outscored league foes by an average of 29.4-16.3 and their three league losses were by a grand total of six points. They appeared well on their way to winning the MWC last year but Marty Johnson, who had 229 yards vs Indiana was left in the 4Q to try to set the school record for rushing yards in a game and suffered a knee injury and was lost for the season. Once again Utah suffered a lot of close losses. They lost to Arizona on a disputed TD call, lost to Michigan in the Big House 10-7, and led Air Force 26-6 at half before a 20 yard TD pass by Chance Harridge with :17 left sealed the deal. Four of their six losses were decided in the final minute. One of their losses was in double OT to New Mexico. Utah, despite their 3-4 league record, actually outgained MWC foes by 59.4 ypg which was the best mark in the league. Urban Meyer turned Bowling Green around in his first season there and is in almost the same situation taking over for a longtime coach with a team that underachieved. He could pull that feat off again this year, despite having just 10 starters back (lowest in MWC) and they must replace 24 lettermen (2nd highest). They also have just three home games in league play. The non-conf schedule is not favorable with Texas A&M, Cal and Oregon. Despite last year's 5-6 record, Utah outscored foes by a 22.6-20.5 margin, and could be a surprise team this year.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB BRETT ELLIOTT JR. 6-3 205 PS#44. 6 sts, 1529 yds (59%) 10-8 ratio, 59 yds rush. Lance Rice (6-2 208 Sr) 20 career sts, 3605 yds (54.4%) 26-18 ratio, 121 yds rush.

RB MARTY JOHNSON SR. 5-11 230 PS#20JC. 2 sts in '02, 202.5 ypg (#1 in NCAA) then inj'd. **Brandon Warfield** (6-0 212 Sr) PS#27JC. 5 sts, **2nd Tm WAC**, 919 yds (4.6).

WR Paris Warren Jr. 6-2 212 PS#92. 1 pass at **Oregon** in '01. Jerome Wright (6-0 175 Jr) 76 rec (13.3) at JUCO LY. PS#224JC. Kylee Brown (6-2 199 rFr) PS#375.

WR Lynzell Jackson Jr. 6-2 190 **PS#16**. 4.5 spd. 6 rec (13.2) as So. Steven Savoy (5-11 187 rFr) & inj'd in '02. Rob Gueck (5-9 173 rFr) PS#348. Ryan Honea (5-8 183 Jr).

WR Larry Miles Sr. 6-0 181 10.4 in 100m. PS#273JC. 2410 total yds at JC in 2001. 5 rec (14.6) here LY. Travis LaTendresse (6-1 198 Jr) 5 sts in '02, 21 rec (9.3).

TE BEN MOA SR. 6-3 265 45 rec (17.6) at JC in '01. 3 sts here LY, 14 rec (9.0). Matt Hansen (6-5 249 Sr) solid blk'r. 10 sts, 6 rec (10.8) LY. JD Jorgensen (6-4 255 Jr) 3 sts, 8 rec LY.

C Max Peterson Jr. 6-3 298 Mission from '97-'99. 4 gms as rFr in '01. 3 sts at C in '02, 400 bench, +22 lbs. Andrew Johnson (6-1 300 So). Mitch Arquette (6-5 308 rFr).

RG Siuaki Livai So. 6-1 296 PS#155OL in '99. Mission in 2000-'01. 2 games, 2nd string as rFr. Jesse Boone (6-5 291 So). Quick. 4.6 in pro agility. 6 gms as rFr.

LG CHRIS KEMOEATU JR. 6-4 339 PS#133DL. 3 games as **true**. 11 sts at LG in 2002, HM WAC, 340 bench. Eric Pettit (6-4 280) PS#484. Steve Dahl (6-5 317 Fr) PS#200.

RT SEAN SOUZA SR. 6-5 293 PS#222. 6 gms as rFr. 12 sts at RG, HM MWC in '01. 8 sts at RT in '02. 305 bench. Makai Aalona (6-4 291 Jr) 5 games in 2 years.

LT Thomas Herrion Sr. 6-3 320 PS#173JC. 10 games here LY & started the last 3 games at RT. Tavo Tupola (6-4 281 rFr) PS#303. David Dirkmaat (6-7 260 Jr) PS#144JC.

K FORD HALL JR. 5-10 206 PS#259JC. Three 50 yd FG's at JUCO in '01. RS here LY. **Bryan Borreson** (5-10 196 So) 11 of 21 FG's in '02, long of 53. 2 of 3 from 50+.

DE JOSH SAVAGE SR. 6-4 277 PS#295. 11 sts in '01, 36 tkls, 4 sks, 3 tfl. 10 sts in '02, 29 tkls, 6 sks, 3 pbu, HM MWC. 525 squat. Jason Voss (6-3 261 rFr) PS#393DL.

DT Steve Fifita So. 6-0 302 405 bench. 1 st, 16 tkls, 1 int, 1.5 tfl. Tevita Kemoeatu (6-2 300 Jr) 320 bench. Paueli Tamasoa (6-1 295 Jr) PS#359JUCO, 12 tfl at JC LY.

DT Sione Pouha Jr. 6-3 303 PS#326OL. 370 bench. 1 st LY, 15 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl. Lewis Powell (6-3 297 Sr) PS#240. 27 tkls, 3 sks 2 yrs. Elia Laeli (6-2 260 Sr) PS#157JC in '01.

DE JASON KAUFUSI SR. 6-3 250 **1st Tm MWC, 2Y**. 36 tkls, 5 sks, 7 tfl in '01. 38 tkls, 6 sks LY. Jonathan Fanene (6-4 300 Jr) 14 sks at JC LY. Marquess Ledbetter (6-2 238 So).

SLB Corey Dodds Jr. 6-3 224 PS#145TE. 21 tkls in 2Y, 4.8 spd. Reza Williams (6-3 240 Jr) PS#327JC. #2 tkl'r at Sac St in 2001. Aaron Bryant (6-2 220 Sr) 5 tkls LY.

MLB RAY HOLDCRAFT SR. 5-11 243 PS#287JUCO. Took off RS in 4th game. 6 sts LY, 31 tkls, 1 sk. **Zach Tune** (6-3 241 Jr) 8 tkls in '01. 4 sts LY, 14 tkls, 2 tfl, 4.7 spd, 355 bench.

ROV Spencer Toone So. 6-2 234 Led Ricks JC in tkls in '99. Mission and RS. Steven Thompson (5-10 224 So) PS#119LB. Tommy Hackenbruck (6-1 227 Jr) PS#271RB.

CB Bo Nagahi Jr. 5-10 189 PS#163. 4 sts as rFr, 15 tkls, 1 sk, 5 pbu. 4.43 spd. 21 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu LY. Antonio Young (5-11 190 So) PS#158. Braden Cooper (6-0 217 Jr) PS#324QB.

CB ARNOLD PARKER SR. 6-2 215 **PS#63LB. 4.39 spd**. 12 sts in '01, HM MWC. 55 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. 9 sts LY, 40 tkls, 7 pbu. Shawn Harper (5-9 181 rFr). Shayne Scruggs (5-9 194 Sr).

SS DAVE REVILL SR. 5-11 205 5 sts in '01, 31 tkls, 2 int. 11 sts LY. #1 w/89 tkls, 3 sks, 6 tfl. **2nd Tm MWC**. Anthony White (5-10 187 Sr) 32 tkls, 3Y. Kawika Casco (5-11 187 Jr).

FS Morgan Scalley Jr. 5-10 197 PS#245RB. 1 st in '02, 8 tkls, 398 return yards. 4.44 spd. Vic Smith (6-0 190 Jr) **10 sts at Oregon** in 2000, 38 tkls, 2 int, 22 pbu, **HM Pac 10.**

P Matt Kovacevich Jr. 6-1 195 PS#517JC. Avg 40.1 at JC. In for spring. Bryan Borreson (5-10 196 So) almost beat out Lewis in 2002. Morgan Scalley 8 punts, 30.8 avg LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

OL	Kyle Gunther 6-4 265 PS#124
LB	Joe Jiannoni 6-1 220 PS#128
RB	Mike Liti 5-10 205 PS#137
WR	Martail Burnett 6-3 218 PS#147
WR	Thomas Huff 6-4 200 PS#149
WR	Joseph Johnson 5-8 175 PS#151
DB	Kyle Brady 6-2 210 PS#185
OL	David Dirkmaat 6-7 260 PS#144JC
DB	Eric Weddle 5-11 185 PS#227
LB	Alex Puccinelli 6-2 225 PS#259
LB	Tony Castaldi 6-2 235 PS#261
WR	Jerome Wright 6-0 175 PS#224JC
DB	Ryan Smith 5-10 165 PS#299
DB	Steve Gordon 6-0 190 PS#270JC

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UTAH	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 28	Utah St (Thur)	A						Utah is 14-3 ATS as an away dog since 1995. Utes are 4-8 ATS at home in November since 1994. Utah is 6-1 ATS in the 2nd of back-to-back road games.
Sep. 6	at Texas A&M	G						The road team is 8-3 ATS the last 11 in this series. Utes lead the all-time SU series 70-28-4 & are 10-4 ATS the last 14.
Sep. 11	California (Thur)	A						The Utes are 28-17 ATS in September the last 12 seasons. Utah is 7-2 ATS in their last 9 road openers.
Sep. 20								The Utes are 13-4 ATS their last 17 prior to a bye. Utah is 2-8 SU & 3-7 ATS vs the Pac 10 the last 8 years.
Sep. 27	at Colorado St	G						Utah is 0-5 SU & ATS their last 5 meetings with the Rams. The road team is 8-3 ATS in this series since 1989.
Oct. 3	Oregon (Fri)	A						The Utes are 27-16 ATS in their last 43 non-conference games. Utah has only been a home dog 4 times in 7 years, 3-1 ATS.
Oct. 11	San Diego St	A						The favorite is just 3-6 ATS the last 9 in this series. The SU winner is 13-1 ATS the last 14 meetings in this series.
Oct. 18	at UNLV	G						May apply: The Utes are 3-0 ATS as a favorite in this series. Utah is 7-0 SU in this series & have posted covers in each of the L4Y.
Oct. 25	New Mexico	A						The Utes are 6-2 SU & ATS vs the Lobos since 1995. Utah has won & covered their last 5 out of 6 as chalk in this series.
Nov. 1	at Air Force	G						The Utes are 1-5 ATS vs the Falcons the last 6 games. Utah is 9-3 ATS the last 12 on the road in November.
Nov. 8								
Nov. 15	Wyoming	A						The Utes are 6-3 SU, but 3-6 ATS in their last 9 home finales. Utah is 7-3 ATS vs Wyoming in the last 10 series meetings.
Nov. 22	at BYU	G						Utah is 6-2 ATS in road finales. The visitor is a perfect 11-0 ATS in this instate battle.
Nov. 29								

URBAN MEYER (Career 17-6)
1st Year at Utah

Meyer's records AT UTAH

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
		0-0	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: **(5-6)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (18,19,1)
Lost: 24 (12,10,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 35,429

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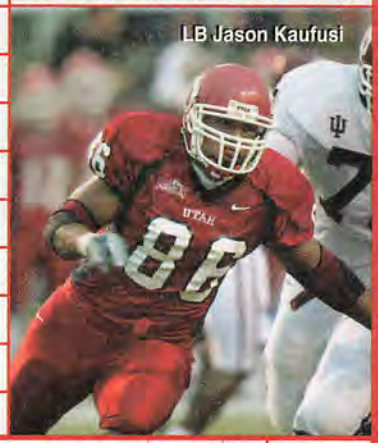
LB Jason Kaufusi

STADIUM: RICE-ECCLES STADIUM (45,017)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	6-5	7-4	8-3	4-7	7-4	5-6	45-32
ATS	5-6	6-5	6-5	8-3	4-7	7-4	4-7	40-37
Home Fav	2-1	2-2	2-4	4-1	0-5	3-2	2-3	15-18
Home Dog	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	3-1
Away Fav	1-4	1-2	3-1	1-1	3-1	1-2	1-4	11-15
Away Dog	1-0	2-1	1-0	3-1	0-1	3-0	1-0	11-3
Favorite	3-5	3-4	5-5	5-2	3-6	4-4	3-7	26-33
Dog	2-1	3-1	1-0	3-1	1-1	3-0	1-0	14-4
Grass	5-4	5-3	6-5	7-2	4-7	6-4	2-4	35-29
Artificial	0-2	1-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	2-3	5-8
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	4-4	5-2	3-4	4-3	1-6	25-27
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	2-1	3-1	1-3	3-1	3-1	15-10
Off SU Win	3-5	3-2	2-5	5-2	2-2	5-2	1-3	21-21
Off SU Loss	2-0	3-2	3-0	2-1	2-4	2-1	2-4	16-12

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brandon Warfield	**201**	**985**	**66**	**919**	**9**	**4.6**
Marty Johnson	**58**	**419**	**14**	**405**	**3**	**7.0**
J.R. Peroulis	87	414	21	393	1	4.5
Edwin Benton	**24**	**114**	**1**	**113**	**0**	**4.7**
Brett Elliott	**28**	**59**	**90**	**-31**	**2**	**-1.1**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brett Elliott	**221**	**130**	**58.8**	**1529**	**10**	**8**
Lance Rice	**153**	**83**	**54.2**	**758**	**6**	**4**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Josh Lyman	44	590	13.4	3	73
Paris Jackson	43	553	12.9	6	53
Devin Houston	22	235	10.7	2	29
Travis LaTendresse	**21**	**195**	**9.3**	**1**	**29**
Ben Moa	**14**	**126**	**9.0**	**0**	**21**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Brian Lewis	58	2471	42.6	62	34.9	1	12

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Bryan Borreson	**26-30**	**4-6**	**5-8**	**0-4**	**2-3**	**11-21**	**53**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dave Revill	**89**	**3**	**6**	**1**	**0**
Sheldon Deckart	69	1	7	3	2
Antwoine Sanders	65	0	2	4	2
Brooks Bahr	59	3	2	4	0
Cody Weight	41	0	1	8	3
Arnold Parker	**40**	**2**	**1**	**7**	**0**
Jason Kaufusi	**38**	**6**	**4**	**2**	**0**
Garrett Smith	38	0	4	3	0
D'Shaun Crockett	37	0	0	4	1
Ray Holdcraft	**31**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**1**
Josh Savage	**29**	**6**	**0**	**3**	**0**
Marcus Jones	26	0	3	0	0
Jeremy Lyman	24	1	0	0	0
Lauvale Sape	23	1	3	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Morgan Scalley	**24**	**270**	**11.2**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bo Nagahi	**13**	**322**	**24.8**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
93	Freedom	+17	USC	21-28	W
94	Freedom	+3'	Arizona	16-13	W
96	Copper	+8	Wisconsin	10-38	L
99	Las Vegas	-4'	Fresno St	17-16	L
01	Las Vegas	+3'	USC	10-6	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UTAH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	22.6	20	164	4.1	208	56.4	16.4	-1	2002	8	20.5	18	105	2.9	227	52.4	16.2
7	27.4	22	219	4.7	204	55.0	15.4	-1	2001	4	17.5	16	108	3.3	187	49.9	16.9
7*	21.3	17	133	3.5	204	48.4	15.8	-11	2000	7	18.8	17	128	3.2	160	47.6	15.3
8*	31.7	19	163	4.0	230	53.0	12.4	+9	1999	5	17.5	18	143	3.9	188	49.9	18.9
6*	30.8	22	206	4.3	209	57.0	13.5	-7	1998	8	20.6	18	97	3.1	246	50.9	16.7
6	23.0	20	178	4.2	200	58.3	16.5	-4	1997	5	18.2	18	131	3.3	177	50.3	17.0

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Utah St	26	53-282	5.3	16-30	165	2	9	16-(-9)	-0.6	19-42	171	3	+2
Indiana	29	57-386	6.8	15-28	104	0	17	19-79	4.2	21-47	276	1	+2
at Arizona	11	22-32	1.5	18-38	172	2	23	44-43	1.0	24-35	416	3	+2
at Michigan	9	20-13	0.7	23-39	208	1	22	48-175	3.6	19-36	186	2	-1
Air Force	15	46-181	3.9	11-20	109	3	17	48-188	3.9	6-16	99	0	-3
at San Diego St	26	28-32	1.1	30-53	276	3	23	39-116	3.0	26-39	294	3	-4
Colorado St	24	41-216	5.3	21-41	265	0	16	38-112	2.9	13-23	140	1	-1
at New Mexico	19	39-89	2.3	26-41	440	2	17	50-268	5.4	11-24	134	0	-2
UNLV	18	42-211	5.0	18-30	172	1	21	36-97	2.7	14-34	186	4	+2
at Wyoming	19	41-186	4.5	19-35	216	0	24	30-86	2.9	25-48	361	3	0
BYU	25	53-175	3.3	18-26	164	3	13	23-(-2)	-0.1	20-34	237	5	+2
TOTALS	221	442-1803	4.1	215-381	2291	17	202	391-1153	2.9	198-378	2500	25	-1
AVERAGES	20.1	40-164	4.1	20-35	208	1.5	18.4	36-105	2.9	18-34	227	2.3	-0.1

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Utah St	-7	20-12	W
Louisville	-16	45-22	W
Hawaii	-24	30-21	L
Boise St	-17	28-31	L
at Wyoming	+8'	24-27	W
Fresno St	-7'	24-16	W
at San Diego St	-2'	20-21	OT L
at San Jose St	-7	49-17	W
UTEP	-18	34-27	OT L
at New Mexico	-11	41-7	W
BYU	-2	24-26	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wash St	+2	27-7	W
Utah St	-16'	38-18	W
at UNLV	-15	52-14	W
at Boise St	-16	20-26	L
UL Monroe	-28	42-0	W
at Air Force	+4	21-15	W
San Diego St	-6'	38-16	W
at Colorado St	+1'	24-31	L
Wyoming	-8	29-43	L
New Mexico	-12	52-7	W
at BYU	+6'	20-17	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona	-3	3-17	L
at California	-3	21-24	L
Wash St	-11	21-38	L
Air Force	-2'	14-23	L
at Utah St	-12	35-14	W
at San Diego St	-5	21-7	W
Colorado St	-2	17-24	L
at New Mexico	+1'	3-10	L
UNLV	+2	38-16	W
at Wyoming	-14'	34-0	W
BYU	-6'	27-34	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah St	-9	23-19	L
at Oregon	+17'	10-24	W
at Indiana	+3	28-26	W
New Mexico	-8	37-16	W
S Florida	-13'	52-21	W
Wyoming	-17'	35-0	W
at Colorado St	-2'	17-19	L
at UNLV	-1	42-14	W
San Diego St	-17'	17-3	L
at BYU	+7	21-24	W
at Air Force	-16'	37-38	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Utah St	-11	23-3	W
Indiana	-14	40-13	W
at Arizona	-3	17-23	L
at Michigan	+10'	7-10	W
Air Force	-8'	26-30	L
at San Diego St	-10'	17-36	L
Colorado St	-1	20-28	L
at New Mexico	-6'	35-42	2OT L
UNLV	-10'	28-17	W
at Wyoming	-11'	23-18	L
BYU	-8	13-6	L

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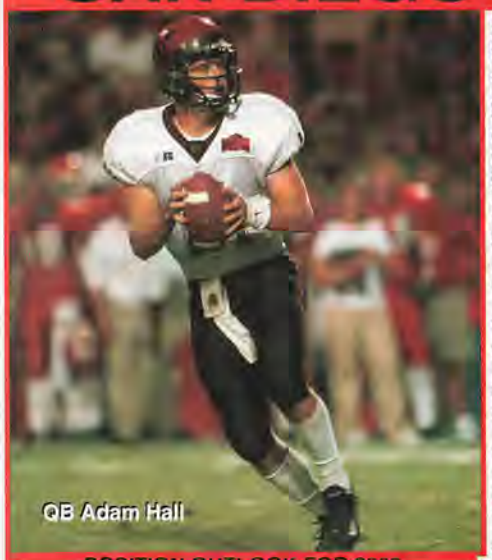
QB Adam Hall

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 San Diego St lost their starting QB in the third game of the season and Lon Sheriff (PS#129) threw for 2,163 yards (53.4%) with a 6-11 ratio. In 2001 he had some stiff competition from Adam Hall (PS#53) who originally signed with Texas. Sheriff lost his starting job to Hall for one game and finished with 1,295 yards (47%) with a poor 3-12 ratio. Hall had 600 yards passing (48.9%) with a 2-3 ratio. Those two battled for the starting QB job last year and Adam Hall won and had a remarkable season. In the third game against Ariz St he set a MWC record with 516 yards passing and the next week against Idaho added 506 more with 8 TD's and 1 int in the two games. Hall would not top 335 in any game the rest of the season but threw for 3,253 yards (60.2%) with a 17-9 ratio. He suffered a concussion against Colo St and missed the last 2.5 games. Sheriff led the team to the upset of Air Force and their near upset of Hawaii. He threw for 962 yards (62.2%) and his ratio went from 3-12 in 2001 to 7-1 last year. He will be missed. Hall is back but missed spring due to offseason surgery to clear out some cartilage in his shoulder. Matt Dlugolecki (6-4 210 So) was PS#56 and originally signed at Illinois. He will give Hall a battle. Also competing is Kevin Pierce (6-2 195 So) who was PS#150. Despite the loss of Sheriff, I like the depth and this is the second year of the Craft system. I look for even stronger numbers this year.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 Larry Ned led the team with 1,549 yards (5.0) and was the #6 DC of Oakland. Last year the RB corps appeared pretty deep but suffered major losses during the spring and summer. Projected starter Justin Green (PS#34) opted to quit the team. Darryl Conyer (PS#47) gave up football, Jason Van (PS#122), DeAngleo Nedd (PS#227) and Fale Poumele (PS#208) were all academic casualties. True frosh Frederick Collins (PS#34) suffered hamstring problems and struggled to grasp the offense at the beginning of the year. James Truvillion led the team with 392 yards (3.3) but was banged up all year getting in just six starts and Garric Simmons played in just eight games due to injuries and had 24 yards. Those two both depart. Michael Franklin had 3 starts and 346 yards rushing plus 407 return yards and 83 yards receiving. The star figures to be Collins who did not play until the UNLV game (Oct. 26th) and in four starts had 333 yards (3.7). Van (5-10 205), Nedd (5-11 205 Sr) and Poumele (6-0 235 So) all return. This year they also add VHT Lynell Hamilton (PS#21) and Reggie Ross (PS#100). With the added talent and the health of Collins for an entire year, I look for the RB corps to be vastly improved in 2003.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace two of their top three receivers but did have the top man, JR Tolver, returning after he snagged 63 rec's (13.9) in 2001. They also brought in transfer Kassim Osgood who had 83 receptions at JUCO in 2001. Those two WR's adapted well to the new offense and set an all-time NCAA record combining for 236 rec's (old record 212) and an amazing 3,337 yards, shattering the old record by 563 yards. Unfortunately those two both depart (Tolver was #5DC of MIA) as does Cal transfer WR Ronnie Davenport (7 sts, 56 rec's, 7.7) and TE Tyson Thompson (6 sts, 7 rec). I list the 2 deep below and this figures to be a unit dominated by JUCO transfers and true frosh as the leading returning receiver, Robert Ortiz, had just 13 (10.8). Their head coach did a fine job crafting this unit last year, but they appear to be much weaker in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Aztecs had a veteran offensive front in 2001 that paved the way for 3.8 ypc rushing while allowing just 31 sacks. Last year they had to replace three starters including 2nd and 6th round DC's and a pair of backups. Two projected starters played very little last year due to injuries so basically just two starters were back. The Aztecs had trouble running the ball averaging just 2.6 ypc rushing allowing 43 sacks which was similar to their performance in 2000 when they had to replace four starters. The Aztecs' OL coach did a training tape of summer practices which got the school in hot water and him suspended for five practices last fall. This year the group is in much better shape as the only losses are C Johnathan Ingram (13 sts, 3 yr st'r, 2nd Tm MWC) and G Raul Gomez (4 sts). Six different players who earned starts are back and they also move in DT Anthony Foli (10 starts D the last 3 years). SDSt will also add some solid freshmen. This unit is much more experienced and should put up much better numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Aztecs allowed 3.5 ypc rushing while recording 26 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters but did have six of their top eight back. They then lost one returning starter, Ryan Iata, to a torn ACL in the third game and another projected starter as well as four backups prior to the year. The inexperienced front surprisingly only allowed 3.9 ypc rushing, and the team recorded 28 sacks. This year the losses are heavy once again. Gone are DE Akbar Gbaja-Biamila (13 sts, 45 tkls, 5 sks, HM MWC), DT Jared Ritter (12 sts, 41 tkls, 5 tfl, HM MWC) and DE Amon Arnold (11 sts, 37 tkls, 11 tfl, 2nd Tm MWC). They do get back Iata and VHT DT Brook Miller (PS#59JC) along with four players with starting experience. Despite all of the losses prior to last season the 2002 version was probably a lot deeper and this year's will rely on more true frosh, but this group should come close to last year's production.

LINEBACKERS - Last season the Aztecs had to replace two full-time starters and one backup and while three players returned with starting experience they combined for just 12 starts in 2001. This year the group is much more experienced. The only loss is backup WLB Rodney Allen (20 tkls). Three full-time starters return as does Beau Trickey who has ten starts in three years and Heath Farwell who had 59 tackles and 10 tfl as a backup last season. This should be one of the MWC's most experienced LB corps, and it looks much stronger in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Aztecs' best finish in my pass D rankings was #65 in 1998. They finished #67 in 2000 as they had seven of their top eight back. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups due to graduation. Overall they slipped some in the rankings dropping to #83 allowing 55.9% with a 31-14 ratio. This year the only loss is CB Ricky Sharpe (13 sts, 67 tkls, 16 pbu). The unit gets some solid additions and five players return with starting experience in the 2 deep I list below. Not listed is Shane Russell (5-10 200 So), Jacob Elimimian (5-11 170 So), Terrell Maze (5-11 160 rFr), Donny Baker (5-9 160 rFr), Jared Cleaver (6-0 190 rFr) and Randon Jorgensen (6-0 170 rFr). As you can see, this unit is pretty deep and with seven of the top eight back. This year could be their best finish ever in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ted Tollner did a fine job with the special teams, in fact in 1996 the unit finished #2 in my rankings. They had #26 and #55 finishes the next two years but then shockingly dropped to #100, #104 and #83 in his final three seasons. Last year they returned both their kicker and punter but had to find new returnmen. HC Tom Craft was going to use JUCO Clint Bingham to handle the returns but he was ruled academically ineligible. He almost went to true frosh Donny Baker who has a good shot at winning the job this year. Overall the Aztecs finished #78 and a lot of things happen when they are on the field. They blocked three punts but also had five punts blocked and while scoring two TD's, they also yielded two. This year they lose their kicker and punter and I list their potential replacements below. The return game appears to be in good hands but with the loss of both kickers, this unit will probably take a step back in 2003.

COACHES - Tom Craft was a QB here in 1976, leading the team to a 10-1 record, and was also the OC here from '94-'96 when his team averaged an amazing 38.9 ppg in his final season. He was the head coach at Palomar JC guiding the team to a 115-56-1 record with many potent offenses. Craft acts as his own OC. He did originally withdraw his name from the Aztec coaching job consideration saying he was not 100% excited about the commitment it would take to be the head man here, but then two days later he was hired. The DC is Thom Kaumeyer who was an assistant with the Atlanta Falcons from '99-'00 and he was with Craft at Palomar as the DC and special teams coach.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

I thought Tom Craft did an excellent job here last year. He inherited an underachieving 3-8 team that had just nine starters back and had to replace 22 lettermen and was forced to play four MWC games on the road. He somehow guided the team to a 4-3 league record tying them for third despite implementing new systems on both sides of the ball. Things did not start off well for Craft and the Aztecs as they had a 31 yard FG blocked on the last play against Fresno St and dropped their first five games, the worst start in school history. Interestingly, against their non-conf foes, SDSt opened up 0-4 but outgained three of their first four opponents (yards were even vs Colorado). Later in conference play they were much more fortunate. They had three 4Q TD's to beat Air Force and despite being outgained in league play by an average of 38.9 ypg, the second worst in the conference, and outscored by an average of 3.14 ppg, they still managed the four wins. This year's Aztec team is much more experienced with 13 starters back and just 16 lettermen lost. They also benefit from having four MWC games at home. If they can find replacements at WR, the offense should be even more potent than last year's group which averaged 23.8 ppg. They do have some talent on the defensive side of the ball and should also improve upon last year's 31.6 ppg allowed. The non-conf schedule is much more manageable this year with a couple of IAA opponents. The Aztecs look much stronger in Tom Craft's second year.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB ADAM HALL SR. 6-3 220 PS#53 & orig at Texas. 1 st, 600 yds (49%) in '01. 11 sts LY, 3253 yds (60%), 17-9 ratio, 128 rush. Matt Dlugolecki (6-4 210 So) PS#56.

RB Frederick Collins So. 5-11 195 **PS#34.** 4 sts as true, 333 yds (3.7). **Michael Franklin** (5-7 175 So) PS#163. 3 sts as rFr, 346 yds (5.6), 12 rec. **Lynell Hamilton is PS#21.**

WR Willie Dixon Jr. 6-0 190 PS#81JC. 41 rec (19.8) at JC LY. Jermaine Moore (6-0 195 Sr) PS#271. 55 rec (18.3) at JC in '01. 15 KR's (20.9) here LY. Jose Perez is PS#105.

WR Lonnel Penman Jr. 6-2 205 PS#280. 3 sts in '02, 5 rec (9.0). Wesley Williams (6-3 225 Jr) PS#241 JC. 53 rec (14.8) at JC in '01. Kyle Conerly (5-11 190 Jr) PS#259.

WR Devin Pitts Jr. 6-3 195 68 rec (17.0) at JC. 18 rec (7.1) at **USC** in '01. Robert Ortiz (6-1 175 So) 2 sts, 13 rec (10.8) in 2002. Jeff Webb (6-2 195 So) PS#165.

TE RALEIGH FLETCHER SR. 6-4 270 PS#92. 1 st, 4 rec in 2000. 1 st, 3 rec in '01. 4 sts, 1 rec LY. David Gorman (6-5 260 Sr). 4 sts, 1 rec LY. Jeremy Justice (6-2 235 Jr) PS#141JC.

C Danny Negrete So. 6-1 310 PS#200. 420 bench. 625 lb squat. Nephi Penerosa (6-2 300 rFr) PS#199. Bench 325, 495 squat in HS. Steve Nevarez (6-3 280 Jr) **PS#36** in '00.

RG GERALD SYKES SR. 6-1 310 PS#186JC. Last 6 starts @RG LY here. Zach Barnes (6-1 320 Sr) **PS#71JC.** JCAA in '01. Missed '02 with ankle inj. Patrick Justman (6-5 310 rFr).

LG JASPER HARVEY SO. 6-3 295 PS#324. 10 sts as rFr at LG. Most athletic OL here. Shawn Dickie (6-5 315 Sr) 3 games in 2000. 39 snaps in 2001. 3 sts at LG in 2002.

RT MIKE KRACALIK JR. 6-9 340 PS#253OL. 59 snaps as rFr. 8 starts (5 at RG, 3 at RT) in 2002. Damien Holman (6-3 315 Sr) **PS#33JUCO.** 8 sts at RT here in 2002.

LT BRENDAN DARBY SR. 6-7 300 6 sts as rFr. 11 sts in 2001, 700+ snaps. 13 sts in '02, HM MWC. Anthony Foli (6-5 280 Sr), 8 sts at DT in 2000. 2 sts in '01. 81 tkls in 3 years.

K Clinton Arial-Ryan Jr. 5-8 175 Hit 17 of 21 FG's with long of 46 at JUCO in 2002. Mike Hughes (5-10 170 Fr) is PS#64. Hit 4 of 4 FG's and 32 of 34 xp's in HS last year.

DE Brandon Rager Sr. 6-3 245 PS#145TE & orig at Ark St. 3 sts, 45 tkls, 2 sks in 2000. JUCO in '01. 1 st in 2002, 18 tkls, 3 sks, 1 tfl. Va'ati Maka (6-5 260 Jr) PS#206JUCO.

DT Blake Lobel Jr. 6-3 255 PS#300LB. 3 tkls as rFr. 1 start at DT in '02, 34 tkls, 3 tfl. 12 gms. Freddie McCutcheon (6-0 290 So) 6 tkls as rFr. Johnathan Bailes is PS#120.

DT BROOK MILLER SR. 6-4 270 PS#59JUCO. RS in 2001. 13 sts at DT in '02, 28 tkls, 4 sks, 2 tfl, 1 pbu. Kurt Kahui (6-1 230 So) 3 tkls, 1 tfl. Nicholas Osborn (6-4 240 Fr) PS#330.

DE Ryan Iata Sr. 6-5 275 PS#249. 10 sts in '01, 24 tkls, 3.5 tfl. 2 starts LY, Inj'd & out the year. LeAndrew Stewart (6-7 215 rFr) 4.6 speed. Ben Klamm is PS#251.

SLB STEPHEN LARSEN JR. 6-1 230 PS#176. 1 st as rFr, 21 tkls. 10 sts LY, 51 tkls, 3 sks, 6 pbu. Heath Farwell (6-0 225 Jr) PS#251. 10 tkls as true at San Jose St. 1 st here LY, 59 tkls, 10 tfl.

MLB KIRK MORRISON JR. 6-2 240 **1st Tm MWC.** Last 7 sts in '01, 69 tkls, 3 sks, 3 pbu. 13 sts LY, 97 tkls, 3 sks, 6 tfl, 3 int. Freddie Keiaho (6-0 220 So) PS#225RB. 15 KR (22.3).

WLB MATTHEW McCOY SO. 6-0 210 PS#309. 9 sts as rFr, 55 tkls, 4 tfl. Beau Trickey (6-1 240 Sr) 6 sts in 2000 & '01, 50 tkls. 4 sts LY, 60 tkls, 4 tfl. Kwan Howard (6-0 225 rFr) PS#256.

CB LaVance Ray Sr. 5-11 170 PS#172DB in '99. JUCO. 12 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu. Shane Johnson (6-0 190 Sr) 21 tkls in 2000, 1 tfl. Carl McCullough (5-11 190 rFr) PS#278.

CB JEFF SHOATE SR. 5-11 175 Orig at Montana. 13 tkls as Fr & trans. 10 sts, 48 tkls, 3 int, 4 pbu in '01. 13 sts LY, 57 tkls, 2 int, 11 pbu. **2nd Tm MWC.** Hubert Caliste (6-2 190 Jr) PS#188.

SS JOSHUA DEAN JR. 6-1 215 PS#124WR. 1 start as rFr, 4 tkls. 11 sts in '02, 56 tkls, 5 tfl, 4 pbu. Keith Ellison (6-1 210 So) PS#174. 3 sts as **true**, 34 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu.

FS MARVIEL UNDERWOOD JR. 5-11 195 PS#213RB. 1 st, 13 tkls as rFr. 12 sts in '02, 83 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu. Marcus Demps (6-0 195 So) PS#230. 1 st, 24 tkls LY. Reggie Grigsby PS#100DB LY.

P Seth Santoro Sr. 6-1 200 PS#180JC. Was 2nd Tm All Conf at JC in 2000. RS in '01. 2nd string LY. Michael Hughes (5-10 170 Fr) avg super 48.1 per punt in HS LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

RB	Lynell Hamilton 6-1 215 PS#21
LB	Lee Martin 6-1 200 PS#53
LB	Brett Martin 6-0 215 PS#68
DL	Johnathan Bailes 6-1 325 PS#120
LB	Marc Hull 6-2 185 PS#92
WR	Jose Perez 6-1 170 PS#105
RB	Reggie Ross 5-11 215 PS#100
WR	Willie Dixon 6-0 190 PS#81JC
DB	Brett Swain 6-1 195 PS#155
QB	Kevin O'Connell 6-6 200 PS#130
DL	Antwan Applewhite 6-3 210 PS#190
TE	Jeremy Justice 6-2 235 PS#141JC
OL	Aleks Blagojevich 6-2 285 PS#266
OL	Mike Kravetz 6-5 285 PS#303

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SDSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	E Washington	G						Aztecs are 9-1 ATS the last 4 years as a double digit away dog. SDSU is 7-2 SU & 5-3 ATS their last 9 Homecoming games. The Aztecs are 5-13 ATS the last 18 September non-conference games.
Sep. 6	at Ohio St	G						San Diego St is 1-4 SU in their season opener the last 5 years. SDSU is 4-0 since 1987 in non-lined games.
Sep. 13	at UTEP	A						San Diego St is 6-2 SU & 5-3 ATS vs UTEP since 1987. SDSU used to play in the WAC until '99 when the Mt West was formed.
Sep. 20	Samford	G						Samford was 4-7 last year in Div IAA Ohio Valley Conference. San Diego St is 1-6 SU the last 5 years in September home games.
Sep. 27	at UCLA	G						SDSU is 0-10 SU & 1-9 ATS vs UCLA S/'85 & have been outscored 43-15 ppg. SDSU is 8-18 ATS their last 26 tries vs Pac 10 teams.
Oct. 4	BYU	G						SDSU is 1-7 SU & 2-6 ATS vs BYU since 1993. The Aztecs are 11-1 ATS in their conference opener since 1991.
Oct. 11	at Utah	A						SDSU is 9-5 ATS vs Utah since 1986. San Diego St is 9-2-1 ATS in their 1st conference AG of the season.
Oct. 18	New Mexico (HC)	G						SDSU is 2-8 ATS the last 10 years vs the Lobos. The visitor & the dog are 9-3 ATS the last 12 in this series.
Oct. 25	Wyoming	G						San Diego St is 4-1-1 ATS the last 6 games vs Wyoming. Aztecs are 3-6 ATS prior to a bye since 1995.
Nov. 1								
Nov. 8	at UNLV	G						The Aztecs are 2-4 ATS the last 6 vs the Rebels. SDSU is 9-5 ATS away in November since 1994.
Nov. 15	at Colorado St	G						San Diego St is 2-5 ATS the last 7 games vs Colorado St. SDSU is 7-2 ATS in their last 9 road finales.
Nov. 22	Air Force	G						The dog is 7-3 ATS the last 10 in this series. Aztecs are 3-8 ATS since 1992 in home finales.
Nov. 29								

TOM CRAFT (Career 4-9)

2nd Year at San Diego St

Craft's records AT SAN DIEGO ST

4-9	Straight Up	1-0	Home Favorite
6-6-1	Vs The Spread	1-3	Home Dog
3-5	Off A SU Loss	0-1-1	Away Favorite
3-3-1	Vs Conference	4-2	Away Dog
		3-3	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (4-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (21,22,2)
Lost: 16 (9,5,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 25,263

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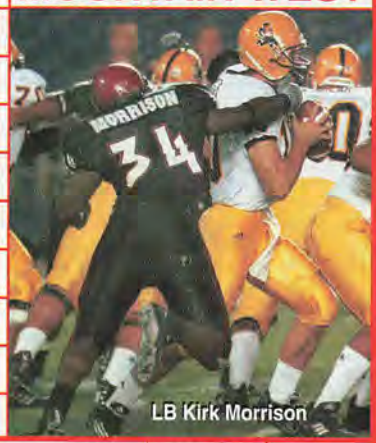
LB Kirk Morrison

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PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	5-7	7-4	5-6	3-8	3-8	4-9	35-45
ATS	6-5	6-6	4-6-1	6-4	5-6	4-6	6-6-1	37-39-2
Home Fav	5-1	2-2	1-1-1	0-1	0-0	1-2	1-0	10-7-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	1-2	2-1	1-4	0-2	1-3	5-13
Away Fav	1-3	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	4-6-1
Away Dog	0-1	3-3	1-2	3-1	4-2	3-2	4-2	18-13
Favorite	6-4	3-2	2-2-1	1-2	0-0	1-2	1-1-1	14-13-2
Dog	0-1	3-4	2-4	5-2	5-6	3-4	5-5	23-26
Grass	6-4	5-4	3-6-1	5-3	5-5	4-6	5-5-1	33-33-2
Artificial	0-1	1-2	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	4-6
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	4-3-1	4-3	3-4	3-4	3-3-1	25-25-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-2	0-3	2-1	2-2	1-2	3-3	12-14
Off SU Win	3-4	2-3	2-3-1	2-2	0-3	0-2	2-1-1	11-18-2
Off SU Loss	2-1	3-3	2-2	4-2	4-3	4-3	3-5	22-19

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
James Truvillion	120	442	50	392	3	3.3
Michael Franklin	**62**	**368**	**22**	**346**	**1**	**5.6**
Fred Collins	**90**	**359**	**26**	**333**	**2**	**3.7**
Adam Hall	**64**	**128**	**238**	**-110**	**0**	**-1.7**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Adam Hall	**452**	**272**	**60.2**	**3253**	**17**	**9**
Lon Sheriff	127	79	62.2	962	7	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
J.R. Tolver	128	1785	13.9	13	69
Kassim Osgood	108	1552	14.4	8	87
Ronnie Davenport	56	431	7.7	2	26
Robert Ortiz	**13**	**141**	**10.8**	**1**	**33**
Tyson Thompson	7	120	17.1	0	50
Michael Franklin	**12**	**83**	**6.9**	**0**	**22**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Brian Simnjanovski	60	2524	42.1	61	34.2	5	9

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Tommy Kirovski	32-35	7-7	6-10	4-8	0-2	17-27	48

TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kirk Morrison	**97**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**3**
Marviel Underwood	**83**	**0**	**2**	**5**	**3**
Ricky Sharpe	67	0	0	16	3
Beau Trickey	**60**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**1**
Heath Farwell	**59**	**3**	**7**	**0**	**0**
Jeff Shoate	**57**	**0**	**3**	**11**	**2**
Josh Dean	**56**	**0**	**5**	**4**	**0**
Matthew McCoy	**55**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Stephen Larsen	**51**	**3**	**1**	**6**	**0**
Akbar Gbaja-Biamila	45	5	8	0	0
Jared Ritter	41	2	3	0	0
Amon Arnold	37	3	8	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Michael Franklin	**20**	**161**	**8.1**	**0**
Kyle Conerly	**11**	**173**	**15.7**	**1**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Freddie Keiaho	**15**	**334**	**22.3**	**0**
Jermaine Moore	**15**	**314**	**20.9**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
67	Camellia	NL	San Francisco St	28-6	–
69	Pasadena	NL	Boston University	28-7	–
86	Holiday	+7'	Iowa	38-39	W
91	Freedom	-2'	Tulsa	17-28	L
98	Las Vegas	+7	N Carolina	13-20	T

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

SAN DIEGO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	23.8	22	73	2.6	331	60.3	17.0	0	2002	5	31.6	23	171	3.9	240	55.9	13.0
10*	16.7	17	148	3.8	175	48.0	19.3	-9	2001	8	26.4	17	141	3.5	198	55.0	12.8
5*	15.5	17	78	2.3	227	51.6	19.7	-5	2000	2	24.8	19	146	3.5	205	57.9	14.1
9*	24.7	20	176	4.4	206	52.9	15.5	-4	1999	6	20.5	16	108	2.8	197	57.5	14.8
5*	20.3	18	192	4.4	146	52.9	16.7	0	1998	5	20.3	18	137	3.5	188	56.4	16.0
6	21.4	17	113	3.1	220	51.8	15.5	-4	1997	8	27.8	20	155	3.6	224	58.5	13.6

2002 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Fresno St	19	24-38	1.6	25-37	240	4	18	38-66	1.7	21-35	196	3	-1
at Colorado	24	23-42	1.8	39-59	359	4	20	46-265	5.8	9-22	136	2	-1
Arizona St	25	34-58	1.7	32-61	516	5	13	30-107	3.6	14-32	258	1	-3
at Idaho	26	22-79	3.6	29-49	506	2	34	44-149	3.4	29-46	382	2	0
UCLA	17	30-63	2.1	18-40	208	5	17	51-153	3.0	14-24	238	5	-5
Utah	23	39-116	3.0	26-39	294	3	26	28-32	1.1	30-53	276	3	+4
at Wyoming	21	28-84	3.0	22-33	335	1	25	36-131	3.6	33-51	257	1	-1
UNLV	27	43-156	3.6	28-46	319	1	20	36-178	4.9	13-37	196	5	-3
at BYU	18	28-18	0.6	26-46	228	5	17	36-114	3.2	20-33	289	2	+2
at New Mexico	11	29-30	1.0	18-35	153	4	14	59-167	2.8	9-15	70	1	+1
Colorado St	20	19-30	1.6	28-48	348	3	29	60-277	4.6	12-19	256	0	+2
at Air Force	26	26-109	4.2	29-42	289	3	29	75-413	5.5	6-14	125	0	+1
at Hawaii	24	25-125	5.0	32-49	507	3	30	29-173	6.0	33-54	437	3	+4
TOTALS	281	370-948	2.6	352-584	4302	43	292	568-2225	3.9	243-435	3116	28	0
AVERAGES	21.6	28-73	2.6	27-45	331	3.3	22.5	44-171	3.9	19-33	240	2.2	0.0

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wisconsin	+10	14-26	L
at USC	+19	6-35	L
Arizona	+16	16-35	L
at Tulsa	+10	24-14	W
Hawaii	-22	35-13	T
at New Mexico	-5	36-33 OT	L
Utah	+2'	21-20 OT	W
at BYU	+10	0-13	L
Fresno St	-1	10-0	W
at San Jose St	-4'	34-6	W
UTEP	-13	34-29	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
S Florida	NL	41-12	–
at Illinois	-3'	10-38	L
at USC	+24	21-24	W
at Kansas	+1	41-13	W
Air Force	+2	22-23	W
New Mexico	-15	21-24	L
at Colorado St	+6	17-10	W
at Utah	+6'	16-38	L
BYU	+6'	7-30	L
at UNLV	-13	37-7	W
Wyoming	+1'	39-7	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona St	+4	7-10	W
Illinois	+6'	13-49	L
at Arizona	+19'	3-17	W
at Oregon St	+16'	3-35	L
at Wyoming	+3'	34-0	W
Utah	+5	7-21	L
at BYU	+13'	16-15	W
Colorado St	+8	22-34	L
at New Mexico	+5'	17-16	W
at Air Force	+9'	24-45	L
UNLV	+5'	24-31	L

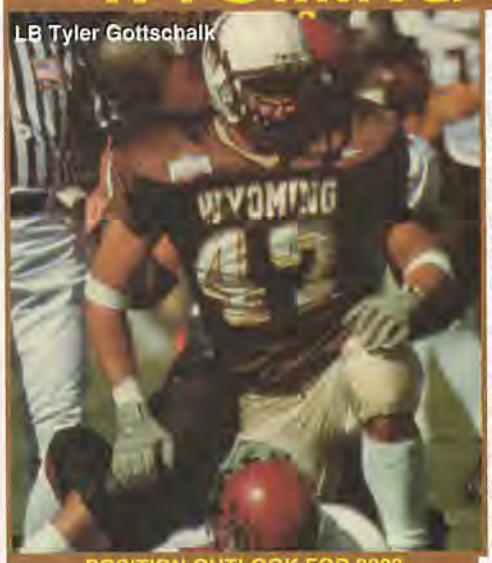
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona	-2	10-23	L
at Arizona St	+7	7-38	L
at Colorado St	+6'	14-7	W
Air Force	-3'	21-45	L
E Illinois	NL	40-7	–
at UNLV	+4	3-31	L
at Ohio St	+22'	12-27	W
BYU	+14	21-59	L
New Mexico	+2	15-20	L
at Utah	+17'	3-17	W
Wyoming	-6'	38-16	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Fresno St	+17	14-16	W
at Colorado	+22	14-34	W
Arizona St	+6	28-39	L
at Idaho	-7'	38-48	L
UCLA	+15	7-43	L
Utah	+10'	36-17	W
at Wyoming	-4	24-20	T
UNLV	-3	31-21	W
at BYU	+1'	10-34	L
at N Mexico	+5	8-15	L
Colorado St	+12'	21-49	L
at Air Force	+16'	38-34	W
at Hawaii	+14'	40-41	W

WYOMING COWBOYS



POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - The QB position was very banged up in 2000 and rFr Casey Bramlet who former HC Koenning said has a cannon for an arm (comparable to John Elway) threw for 288 yards (42.1%) in relief. In his first full year as a starter in 2001, Bramlet threw for 3,069 yards (52.1%) with a 9-20 ratio. His yardage was the fourth best in school history. Last year Bramlet topped those numbers and made drastic improvements in his TD/Int ratio. He threw for 3,290 yards (59.7%) with a 24-18 ratio. His brother, Corey Bramlet (6-4 209 So) was PS#204 and got in three games, attempting five passes for 67 yards. JJ Raterink (6-1 206 Jr) lacks a rocket of an arm but has a great work ethic and is intelligent. He played in four games in 2001, also throwing five passes for 37 yards. New coaches like their own recruits and this year Glenn signed Zach Weidenaar (6-3 215 Fr, PS#257) and Jacob Doss (6-2 210 Fr, PS#342). Doss was actually a finalist for Mr. Football in Kentucky. Bramlet has 6,647 career yards which is just 1,298 away from being the Cowboys' all-time career leader and he should easily accomplish that goal this season.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 and 2001 Nate Scott and Derek Armah shared the RB duties with Scott being the leading rusher each year. Armah rushed for 515 yards (3.5) in 2000 and 396 (3.3) in 2001. Armah is more of a plodder and was supposed to get 3 to 4 yards per carry and isn't quick enough to be a real game breaker. In 2000 former coach Vic Koenning said that in 2001 both RB's would have to look over their shoulders for Kit Bradshaw (6-1 206 Jr). Bradshaw only had 127 yards (3.6) that year. Last year they did have to replace their top rusher, Nate Scott and then Armah was suspended for the first game. They moved WR Leonard Jones back to RB after he had 23 rec's and six starts at WR in 2001. JUCO Reymon Murphy (5-9 170 Jr) was supposed to make a big impact but did not qualify. Armah led the team with 596 yards and greatly improved his ypc to 4.8 with his best game being 181 yards but it came vs The Citadel. On the season the second best single game rush total for a Wyoming RB was 63 yards by Armah against Utah. Armah and Bradshaw (302, 3.6) return but Jones (206, 4.2) moves to DB. Also in the mix at RB is CR Davis (5-10 192 So) who was PS#235 and had 34 yards and Ivan Harrison (5-7 176 rFr, PS#189) who is the #1 PR in spring. With everyone back this unit is more experienced than it was heading into last year, and I look for continued improvement.

RECEIVERS - When Joe Tiller was at the controls of this offense, the unit always had a star. From 1991-1996 a Cowboy led the NCAA in receiving yards 4 of the 6 years and a Cowboy receiver was ranked in the Top 3 in all six. Ryan McGuffey and Malcom Floyd both broke the frosh receiving record here in 2000 which is impressive because former Wyoming receivers Marcus Harris and Ryan Yarborough both broke the NCAA's career record for receiving yards. McGuffey, in fact, led MWC in receptions as a frosh. In 2001 they were #1 and #2 again in receptions. Last year surprisingly they dropped to #3 and #5. Jovon Bouknight led the receivers despite spraining his ankle against CM and not being 100% for the season. Scottie Vines had nine starts and 46 rec's (15.3). This year they must replace Vines as well as Brock Ralph (12 sts, 34, 13.0) who was actually drafted by the CFL prior to last year and TE Scott Sorensen (9 sts, 13, 5.9). McGuffey played in just 10 games, starting 9, due to a concussion, hip pointer and later a one game suspension. Floyd tore cartilage in his knee in the first day of spring and got in just two starts with 27 rec's (15.8). Also prior to last year, projected starting TE Marshall Schaap (PS#48) was lost for the year due to a knee injury. I look for much better years out of McGuffey and Floyd and I list the rest of the 2 deep below, listing Bouknight as a returning starter (only 5 starts) since he led the team in receiving with 63. With 3 solid WR's back this unit should be stronger, even with the loss of three starters.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Wyoming allowed 48 sacks in 2000 but trimmed that to 31 in 2001 and appeared in great shape last year with four OL starters returning. Unfortunately starting RT Rob Kellerman was lost for the season after six games with a knee injury and RG Mike Irvin got in just seven starts until a shoulder injury shelved him. LG Isaac Morales had 8 starts before being sidelined with a knee injury. Drew Severn (PS#112DL) moved to the OL and started the last 5 at RG. The O-line paved the way for about the same ypc rushing they had the previous years (3.1) but allowed 40 sacks. This year they must replace RG Mike Irvin (7 sts, 3 yr st'r), LT Adam Goldberg (12 sts, 1st Tm MWC 2 straight years, 4 yr st'r), RT Rob Kellerman (6 sts, 3 yr st'r) and LG Tim Riley (3 sts). Four players do return with starting experience and I list the 2 deep below. The team does lose its top three OL's but two of them missed half of last year with injury and this unit could even be improved provided it stays healthier in 2003.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Wyoming had its worst rush D in recent memory allowing 246 ypg (5.3) while recording just 10 sacks in 2001. Last year they had to replace two starters from the front wall as well as a backup and then lost starting BAN Jon Aimone after just three starts for the season due to injury. While the numbers were still not good (4.6 ypc, 10 sks) they did improve slightly. This year they must replace NG Chad Beuhler (12 sts, 22 tkls, 6 tfl), NG Tam Pruitt (17 tkls, 4 tfl), DE Josh Rollins (6 sts, 36 tkls) and BAN Aimone (3 sts, 8 tkls). They should improve some more.

LINEBACKERS - Last season the Cowboys had to replace one starter who was 2nd Tm MWC and one backup plus moved OLB Jon Aimone (6 sts) to the DL. JUCO transfer Ryan Zodda, who was supposed to be a difference maker, quit the team prior to the season. MLB Herman White got in just ten starts due to injuries logging 43 tackles with 3 tfl. He departs this year as does WLB John Wilson (1 st, 37 tkls) and WLB Andy DeSelms (19 tkls, 2 tfl). Tyler Gottschalk was tremendous as a first year full-time starter with 125 tackles and he returns and they add Guy Tuell (12 sts at SS). I list the 2 deep below and Randy Tscharner had 8.5 sacks and 125 tackles at JUCO last year. He was already in for the spring and took over White's position. This unit should be more of a force.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Wyoming finished #105 in my pass D rankings in 2001. Last year they had to replace five players who combined for 32 starts. They brought in four JUCO's to battle for time. Their best cover CB, Gary Wright, was lost for the season with a fractured foot against C Michigan so the unit had very little IA experience. This year five players return with starting experience plus the unit adds Leonard Jones, who had six starts at WR in 2001 and one at RB last year. CB Jackson earned MIP honors last spring and lived up to that billing in the fall as he had 11 starts and 47 tackles. This year Wright departs as does FS Armand Woodson (4 sts, 37 tkls) and CB Ryan Calahan (24 tkls). As you would expect, WY finished near the bottom of the pass D rankings at #114 allowing 64.5% with a 21-9 ratio. This group is vastly more experienced and should be able to move well up the rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Wyoming usually has an excellent punter, thanks in part to the high altitude and has had many fine finishes in my special teams rankings including #7 and #19 in the last six years. In 2001 they surprisingly finished #103 but that did not include FG kicking. Jarvis Wallum hit an amazing 20 of 23 FG's with a long of 52 in 2001. Last year basically everyone returned but the team suffered a big loss when Wallum got injured vs C Michigan. Scott Parker hit just 4 of 8 FG's with a long of 31 and the team missed numerous xp's including one in OT vs UNLV which cost them the win. Even though Wallum departs, they can only be improved at that position. Punter Luke Donovan is back and while his average improved to 43.0 last year his net dropped to 34.4. They must replace their top PR Scottie Vines but he averaged just 6.0 and 6.9 the last two years and all the top KR men are back. Last season the team finished #80 in my special teams rankings and should be solidly improved this season.

COACHES - Joe Glenn has been a head coach for 18 years, the last three he has complied a 39-6 record at Montana. He brings in OC Billy Cockhill who has been the OC at Montana since 2000 under Glenn. Mike Breske is the new DC after holding that title at Montana the last three years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Wyoming has not been to a bowl since 1993. Coming into the 2000 season they had not had a losing season since 1992 but obviously it was a rebuilding year with just seven starters back and a brand-new head coach and I pegged them last in the MWC. Wyoming fell from 7-4 in 1999 to 1-10 in 2000. Things did not get much better in 2001 as the team went just 2-9 finishing with its second consecutive MWC winless season. Last year the Cowboys returned 16 starters and the 18 lettermen lost were the fewest in the MWC. Wyoming did get its first MWC victory under Koenning when they shockingly beat Air Force as 18 point dogs. They nearly had many more. They missed an xp vs UNLV to lose by 1 in OT, were tied with league champ CSU 30-30 in the 4Q, led BYU 31-28 with 4:00 left and were actually 22 points away from being conference champs. At one point last year the team endured its 12th straight loss which set a school record. This year the Cowboys are once again a veteran team with 15 returning starters and only lose 18 of 66 lettermen (27.3%). They also get four MWC home games and just three on the road. Despite the close calls on the scoreboard last year they were outgained by an average of 65.3 ypg in MWC play, the weakest number in the conference so they have some ground to make up. This team has a solid chance at topping last year's win total and escaping the basement of the MWC, but they may be a year away from contending in the conference.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CASEY BRAMLET SR. 6-4 231 PS#164. Strong arm. 11 sts, 3069 yds (52%), 9-20 ratio in '01. 12 sts LY, 3290 yds (60%) 24-18 ratio, 322 rush. Corey Bramlet (6-4 209 So) PS#204.

RB DEREK ARMAH SR. 5-10 207 PS#255. 13 sts in 2000 & '01. 911 yds (3.4). 9 sts LY, 596 yds (4.8). Kit Bradshaw (6-1 206 Jr) 429 yds (3.6), 2Y. Ivan Harrison (5-7 176 rFr) PS#189.

WR Malcom Floyd Sr. 6-6 215 7 sts as rFr, 43 rec (8.4). 10 sts in '01, 53 rec (14.9). 2 sts LY (inj) 27 rec (15.8). Josh Barge (6-0 195 So) PS#133. 4.5 spd. 6 games as true.

WR JOVON BOUKNIGHT SO. 6-1 181 5 sts as rFr, #1 w/63 rec (10.9), 318 KR yds. Dustin Pleasant (6-1 170 So) PS#370. 18 rec (10.4) as true. Jason Fender (6-0 189 Jr).

WR RYAN McGUFFEY SR. 6-1 216 11 sts as rFr, 63 rec (11.0). 65 rec (11.6) **1st Tm MWC** in '01. 9 sts, 35 rec (11.9) missed 3. Jarreau Grant (6-1 188 rFr) PS#353. Jason Amos (6-2 189 So).

TE Marshall Schaap Sr. 6-4 245 PS#48TE. 1 st, 3 rec (14.0) in '01. Inj LY. Aaron Robbins (6-4 228 So) PS#133. 3 rec as **true**. Chris Cox (6-7 250 Jr). Jay Yust (6-2 223 rFr).

C TRENTON FRANZ JR. 6-3 276 PS#314. L/7 sts as rFr. 12 sts at C in 2002, HM MWC. Jeff Warren (6-2 288 So) PS#530. 2nd string C at end of year in 2002. +10 lbs.

RG HENRY RANDLE SR. 6-3 295 PS#456JC. 9 sts at RG in '01. 7 sts at RT in '02. **Drew Severn** (6-1 280 So) PS#112DL. 5 sts at RG as rFr. Sean Stronach (6-2 268 Jr).

LG ISAAC MORALES JR. 6-5 312 PS#529. L/4 sts as true in '01. 8 sts at LG until knee inj LY. Mark Schwarz (6-4 278 rFr) PS#236. Added 14 lbs. Played every snap in HS.

RT Dan Fisher So. 6-5 293 PS#107TE. Added 20 lbs in RS year. Brandon Avery (6-4 296 So) PS#203OL. Added 29 lbs in 2Y. Luke McAlister (6-3 254 Sr). Lost 20 lbs.

LT Chase Johnson rFr. 6-8 293 PS#183DL. #1 at LT out of spring. Jason Karcher (6-3 294 rFr) PS#122OL. 2nd string in 2nd half of LY. Matt Kostelnick (6-5 240 Fr).

K SCOTT PARKER SO. 6-0 182 Hit 4 of 8 FG's here as rFr, L/31. 0 of 1 from 40+. Deric Yaussi (5-11 168 So). Drew Larson (6-0 170 Fr). Hit 9 of 11 FG's, L/47 in HS LY.

DE BRANDON CASAVAN SR. 6-5 279 8 sts in 2000, 44 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl. Med RS in '01. 12 sts LY, 32 tkls, 2 tfl. Anthony Jones (6-5 264 Jr) 1 st, 7 tkls 2Y. Jake Mayes is PS#245LB.

DT ZACH MORRIS JR. 6-2 270 PS#207DL. 11 tkls, 2 tfl as true. 7 sts in '02, 20 tkls, 4 tfl. Casey Adams (6-5 263 Sr) 16 tkls, 8 sks in 2000 & '01. 5 sts LY, 13 tkls, 1 tfl.

DT Jacob Bonde Jr. 6-3 289 6 tkls as true. 22 tkls, 1.5 tfl in '02. Derrick Glasper (6-1 255 So) 5 tkls LY. Max Tisthammer (6-2 284 So). Chad Gardner (6-2 261 So).

DE Mike Groover Fr. 6-3 220 PS#157LB, not signed by Colorado LY. John Flora (6-3 245 So) PS#66TE, 2 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Jason Schneider (6-6 245 rFr) PS#311DL.

SLB TYLER GOTTSCHALK SR. 6-4 236 2 sts as true, 75 tkls, 5 tfl. 29 tkls in '01. 12 sts LY, #1 w/125 tkls, 6 tfl. JC Trautwein (6-0 205 Sr). Austin Hall (6-2 200 rFr) PS#402. 140 tkls as HS Sr.

MLB Randy Tscharner Jr. 6-3 231 PS#193JUCO. 8.5 sks, 125 tkls at JC LY. In for spring. Matt Chase (6-1 221 So) PS#340 in '01. Shane Powell (5-10 222 Jr) 23 tkls last year.

WLB GUY TUELL JR. 6-1 207 PS#482. 7 sts at SS in '01, 45 tkls, 1 int. 12 sts at SS LY, 56 tkls, 5 tfl. Jeff Tatnall (5-11 208 So). Josh Botkin (6-2 191 rFr) PS#389. -15 lbs.

CB CHRIS DIXON SR. 6-0 172 PS#438JC. 10 sts here in 2002, 60 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 pbu. Stephon King (5-10 193 So) 4.4 spd, 1 tkl LY. Chase Turner (6-0 170 So). Walk-on.

CB RODERRICK JACKSON SR. 5-11 164 PS#290. 18 tkls in 2000 & '01. 11 sts in '02, 47 tkls, 1 pbu. Leonard Jones (5-9 156 Sr) PS#191WR. 6 sts at WR in '01, 23 rec. 1 st at RB LY, 342 off yds.

SS JACQUE FINN SR. 6-2 191 PS#275. 4 sts at FS in 2000. 49 tkls. 11 sts in '01, 79 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu. 6 sts LY, 61 tkls, 3 int, HM MWC. Tom Vincent (6-2 201 Sr) PS#291, 24 tkls, 2 tfl LY.

FS NATE YOUNG SR. 6-1 178 PS#453JUCO. 102 tkls, 3 int, 4 pbu, 4 tfl, HM MWC in '02. Jay McNeal (6-1 186 Jr) JUCO. 6 sts in '02, 69 tkls. Dorsey Golston PS#151 LY.

P LUKE DONOVAN SR. 6-0 189 57 punts in '01. 40.6 average, net of 35.1. 58 punts in last year. 43.0 average & net of 34.4. HM MWC. Adam Brooks (5-9 189 So).

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LB	Jake Mayes 6-3 225 PS#245
WR	Taber LeMarr 6-2 190 PS#234
DL	Adam Diehl 6-3 205 PS#263
QB	Sean Claffey 6-3 200 PS#196
OL	Adam Melsek 6-4 265 PS#353
TE	Jeston Karn 6-5 230 PS#108
LB	Luke Chase 6-2 215 PS#391
QB	Zach Weidenaar 6-3 215 PS#257
DB	Andre LaCaille 6-0 160 PS#435
OL	Ben Penfold 6-4 280 PS#540
LB	Brandon Haugen 6-2 210 PS#503
DB	Terrell Vinson 5-9 170 PS#567

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1st Year at Wyoming

Glenn's records AT WYOMING

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
		0-0	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (22,23,3)
Lost: 18 (7,10,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 22,609

MOUNTAIN WEST

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#71

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WY	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	Montana St	G					
Sep. 6	at Oklahoma St	A					
Sep. 13	Kansas	G					
Sep. 20	at Air Force	G					
Sep. 27	at Boise St	A					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	at Utah St	G					
Oct. 18	BYU (HC)	G					
Oct. 25	at San Diego St	G					
Nov. 1	Colorado St	G					
Nov. 8							
Nov. 15	at Utah	A					
Nov. 22	New Mexico	G					
Nov. 29	UNLV	G					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Joe Glenn was former head coach of Div IAA powerhouse Montana.
Wyoming is 0-5 ATS on artificial turf their last 5 since 1998.
Cowboys are 10-0 SU in non-lined games since 1986.

The last meeting was a 17-9 SU win for Wyoming in 1998.
Montana St was 7-6 last year & only lost to Washington St by 17.

Cowboys are 7-4 ATS their last 11 vs Big 12 foes.
Wyoming is 5-10 SU & ATS their last 15 September road games.

When hosting a current Big 12 opponent, Wyoming is 6-1 ATS.
Cowboys are 15-4 SU & 10-5 ATS in Sept home games their L/19 S/'93.

The home team is 1-4 ATS the last 5 years.
The Cowboys are 9-5 in Mountain West road games.

Cowboys are 2-8 ATS their last 10 vs current WAC schools.
Wyoming is 2-4 ATS their last 6 games prior to a bye.

Bonus: The Cowboys are 4-15 ATS as away favorites since 1992.

This is only their 2nd mtg since 1978! Utah St leads the series 34-21-4 SU.
Wyoming is 5-2 ATS the last 7 games after a bye.

Wyoming is 7-1 ATS vs BYU since 1991.
The Cowboys are 0-3-1 ATS in Mountain West home openers.

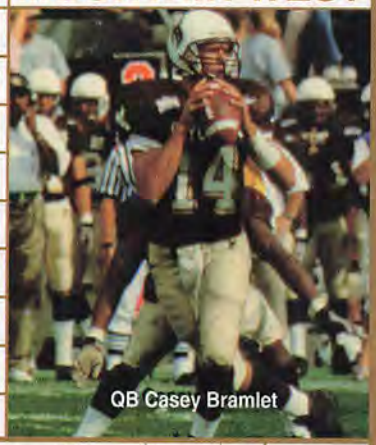
Cowboys are 1-4-1 the last 6 meetings with the Aztecs.
The home team is 5-2-1 ATS the last 8 series meetings.

The visiting team is 10-1 ATS their last 11 in the UW-CSU series.
Cowboys are 3-6 SU & 2-7 ATS at home vs Colorado St since 1985.

Wyoming is 3-7 SU & ATS the last 10 vs the Utes.
Cowboys are 1-6 ATS the last 7 away finales.

Wyoming is 1-3 ATS vs the Lobos in their last 4 meetings.
New Mexico has only covered 2 out of the last 7 trips to Laramie.

Wyoming is 3-4 SU & 2-5 ATS vs the Rebels.
The dog is 6-1 ATS their last 7 series meetings.


QB Casey Bramlet

STADIUM: WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM (33,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-2	7-6	8-3	7-4	1-10	2-9	2-10	37-44
ATS	6-6	6-7	5-5	4-6	4-7	5-5	5-5-1	35-41-1
Home Fav	4-2	3-3	2-2	1-3	1-2	0-0	0-0	11-12
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-2	3-2	2-1-1	6-6-1
Away Fav	1-3	1-4	1-2	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	3-12
Away Dog	1-1	2-0	2-0	2-1	3-2	2-3	3-4	15-11
Favorite	5-5	4-7	3-4	1-5	1-3	0-0	0-0	14-24
Dog	1-1	2-0	2-1	3-1	3-4	5-5	5-5-1	21-17-1
Grass	5-5	4-7	5-3	4-6	4-7	5-4	5-3-1	32-35-1
Artificial	1-1	2-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	3-6
vs Conf	6-3	2-6	3-5	3-4	3-4	3-4	5-1-1	25-27-1
vs Non-Conf	0-3	4-1	2-0	1-2	1-3	2-1	0-4	10-14
Off SU Win	6-4	2-5	4-4	3-4	0-1	1-1	2-0	18-19
Off SU Loss	0-1	3-2	1-1	1-1	4-5	4-4	3-4-1	16-18-1

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Derek Armah	124	611	15	596	6	4.8
Kit Bradshaw	84	316	14	302	2	3.6
Leonard Jones	49	215	9	206	0	4.2
Casey Bramlet	101	322	287	35	5	0.3
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Casey Bramlet	464	277	59.7	3290	24	18
Corey Bramlet	5	2	40.0	67	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Scottie Vines	46	705	15.3	9	72	
Jovon Bouknight	63	689	10.9	3	36	
Brock Ralph	34	443	13.0	2	66	
Malcom Floyd	27	427	15.8	3	67	
Ryan McGuffey	35	417	11.9	3	45	
Dustin Pleasant	18	188	10.4	0	22	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Luke Donovan	58	2493	43.0	62	34.4	2	11
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Scott Parker	22-27	3-4	1-3	0-1	0-0	4-8	31

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tyler Gottschalk	125	1	5	0	0
Nate Young	102	0	4	4	3
Jay McNeal	69	0	2	1	0
Jacque Finn	61	0	5	3	3
Chris Dixon	60	0	3	3	0
Guy Tuell	56	1	4	1	1
Roderrick Jackson	47	0	0	1	0
Herman White	43	0	3	1	0
Armand Woodson	37	0	2	0	0
John Wilson	37	0	3	1	0
Josh Rollins	36	0.5	2	1	0
Brandon Casavan	32	0	2	0	0
Tom Vincent	24	0	2	1	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Scottie Vines	15	103	6.9	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Leonard Jones	28	570	20.4	0	
Jovon Bouknight	18	318	17.7	0	

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
76	Fiesta	+20	Oklahoma	7-41	L
87	Holiday	+4	Iowa	19-20	W
88	Holiday	+2'	Oklahoma St	14-62	L
90	Copper	+7	California	15-17	W
93	Copper	+3'	Kansas St	17-52	L

WYOMING'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	24.0	21	100	3.1	280	59.1	15.8	-2	2002	6	36.0	26	206	4.6	285	64.5	13.6
8	20.8	20	99	2.9	282	52.1	18.3	-5	2001	6	33.5	23	246	5.3	218	59.0	13.9
4*	15.5	18	106	3.0	190	57.4	19.2	-10	2000	3	35.7	20	183	4.3	218	60.1	11.2
6*	27.5	22	148	3.6	250	58.7	14.5	+2	1999	7	24.5	20	158	3.9	241	53.2	16.3
7*	20.2	19	126	3.3	226	56.7	17.4	+7	1998	5	19.5	19	182	4.4	185	52.5	18.8
3	24.8	20	151	3.9	217	48.7	14.9	+8	1997	6	17.5	18	147	3.6	181	45.2	18.8

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Tennessee	12	22-43	2.0	11-31	144	2	26	42-188	4.5	26-42	279	2	-4
at C Michigan	16	24-64	2.7	20-36	290	3	28	54-168	3.1	28-39	361	3	-1
Boise St	19	32-125	3.9	21-42	211	1	23	46-227	4.9	20-29	204	0	0
at Washington	16	31-86	2.8	20-31	169	8	36	37-113	3.1	37-48	436	1	+3
The Citadel	28	50-239	4.8	20-25	265	2	28	41-201	4.9	24-48	335	0	-1
at Colorado St	23	34-95	2.8	25-44	267	2	27	51-270	5.3	18-28	231	0	+1
San Diego St	25	36-131	3.6	33-51	257	1	21	28-84	3.0	22-33	335	1	+1
Air Force	26	33-97	2.9	32-43	387	3	22	53-255	4.8	9-20	169	1	0
at UNLV	28	29-59	2.0	33-55	453	4	27	47-313	6.7	21-27	331	0	0
at BYU	18	30-76	1.0	21-36	283	2	30	46-172	3.7	31-45	360	2	+1
Utah	24	30-86	2.9	25-48	361	3	19	41-186	4.5	19-35	216	0	0
at New Mexico	18	37-99	2.7	17-28	270	9	21	51-292	5.7	7-12	164	0	-2
TOTALS	253	388-1200	3.1	278-470	3357	40	308	537-2469	4.6	262-406	3421	10	-2
AVERAGES	21.1	32-100	3.1	23-39	280	3.3	25.7	45-206	4.6	22-34	285	0.8	-0.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Montana St	NL	17-9	–
at Georgia	+19'	9-16	W
LA Tech	-7'	31-19	W
Utah	-8'	27-24	L
SMU	-9'	12-7	L
at UNLV	-21	28-25 OT	L
Rice	-7'	34-24	W
at TCU	-3'	34-27	W
at Colorado St	+6'	27-19	W
Air Force	+6	3-10	L
at Tulsa	-10'	0-35	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tennessee	+24	17-42	L
Weber St	NL	41-16	–
at Air Force	+9	10-7	W
Idaho	-9'	28-13	W
UNLV	-24'	32-35	L
at UL Monroe	-22'	38-20	L
Colorado St	-2'	13-24	L
at Utah	+8	43-29	W
BYU	+7'	31-17	W
New Mexico	-17	42-28	L
at San Diego St	-1'	7-39	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Auburn	+12'	21-35	L
at Texas A&M	+14	3-51	L
C Michigan	-13	31-10	W
Nevada	-16'	28-35	L
at New Mexico	-3	10-45	L
San Diego St	-3'	0-34	L
Air Force	+14'	26-51	L
at UNLV	+20'	23-42	W
at BYU	+18	7-19	W
Utah	+14'	0-34	L
at Colorado St	+29	13-37	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Furman	NL	20-14	–
Texas A&M	+15'	20-28	W
at Utah St	+4'	43-42	W
Colorado St	+3'	14-42	L
New Mexico	+3	29-30	W
at Air Force	+14'	13-24	W
at Utah	+17'	0-35	L
UNLV	+9'	26-47	L
BYU	+24	34-41	W
at San Diego St	+6'	16-38	L
at Kansas	+4	14-27	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tennessee	+30'	7-47	L
at C Michigan	+3'	20-32	L
Boise St	+6	13-35	L
at Washington	+30'	7-38	L
Citadel	NL	34-30	–
at Colorado St	+25	36-44	W
San Diego St	+4	20-24	T
Air Force	+18	34-26	W
at UNLV	+8	48-49 OT	W
at BYU	+11	31-35	W
Utah	+11'	18-23	W
at New Mexico	+8	20-49	L

WAC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 WAC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Timmy Chang, Hawaii	Ryan Dinwiddie, Boise St	Luke McCown, La Tech	Paul Pinegar, Fresno St
RB	David Mikell, Boise St	Tyson Thompson, SJS	Robbie Beck, Rice	Howard Jackson, UTEP
RB	Rodney Davis, Fresno St	Chance Kretschmer, Nevada	Eric Richardson, Tulsa	Matt Milton, Nevada
WR	Bernard Berrian, Fresno St	Chris Norwood, La Tech	Chad Owens, Hawaii	D.J. Curry, La Tech
WR	Kendrick Starling, SJS	Marque Davis, Fresno St	Romby Bryant, Tulsa	Nate Ilaoa, Hawaii
WR	Willie Johnson, Nevada	Jermaine Jamison, Fresno St	Jamall Broussard, SJS	Jerome Janet, Tulsa
TE	Leon Pinky, San Jose St	Ryan Kennedy, SMU	Caleb Blankenship, Tulsa	Duncan Reid, Fresno St
C	Ben Stephens, Rice	Steve Reindl, SMU	LaMons Walker, San Jose St	Derek Warehime, Tulsa
G	Joseph Hayes, San Jose St	Dartagnon Shack, Fresno St	Shayne Kajioka, Hawaii	Mike Holman, Rice
G	Uriah Moenoa, Hawaii	Matt Black, Tulsa	Justin Arrington, San Jose St	Victor Mercado, Tulsa
T	Logan Mankins, Fresno St	Trey Darilek, UTEP	Sterling Harris, SMU	Jeff Perrett, Tulsa
T	Alan Parker, Nevada	Dane Uperesa, Hawaii	Kevin Myers, San Jose St	Samson Satele, Hawaii
DL	Travis LaBoy, Hawaii	Jason Wardlow, Boise St	Don Ieremia-Stansbury, SMU	Claude Saunders, FSU
DL	Donyell Booker, Fresno St	Lance Samuseva, Hawaii	Lacorey Street, La Tech	Fai Satele, Fresno St
DL	Isaak Sopoaga, Hawaii	Eddie Brown Jr, San Jose St	Chris Van Hoy, La Tech	Allan Adami, SMU
DL	Jorge Cordova, Nevada	Philip Perry, San Jose St	Houston Ala, Hawaii	Clarence Denning, FSU
LB	Bryce McGill, Fresno St	Jeff Vanover, Rice	D.D. Lee, SMU	Paul Okumu, San Jose St
LB	Chad Kalilimoku, Hawaii	Marc Daily, Fresno St	David Adamoi, Fresno St	Antonio Crow, La Tech
LB	Daryl Towns, Nevada	Andy Avalos, Boise St	Jeremy Hamilton, La Tech	Ikaika Curnan, Hawaii
CB	Kelvin Millhouse, Hawaii	Gabriel Franklin, Boise St	Adrian Ward, UTEP	Hiram Eugene, La Tech
CB	Jonas Rutledge, SMU	Ruben Moodley, SMU	Corey Brazil, La Tech	Abraham Elimimian, Hawaii
SS	James Sanders, Fresno St	Josh Powell, San Jose St	Tim Woodard, UTEP	Leroy Johnson, La Tech
FS	Gerald Jones, San Jose St	Michael Johnson, La Tech	Wes Nurse, Boise St	Keone Kauo, Nevada
K	Keith Robinson, UTEP	Justin Ayat, Hawaii	Josh Scobee, La Tech	Damon Fine, Nevada
P	Tim Wright, Hawaii	Bryce Benekos, Utep	Derek Jones, Nevada	Cort Moffitt, Tulsa
KR	David Mikell, Boise St	Jerome Janet, Tulsa	Erick Franklin, La Tech	Jonas Rutledge, SMU
PR	Bernard Berrian, Fresno St	Tim Gilligan, Boise St	Jahmal Fenner, UTEP	Corey Brazil, La Tech

Louisiana Tech QB Luke McCown

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 WAC FORECAST

1. HAWAII - The Warriors outgained league foes by 159.0 ypg, second best in the league and finished 7-1 despite the fact they were -14 in turnovers. This year they get to host both of their main rivals, Boise St and Fresno St on the Islands and they have my #1 rated offense and #3 rated defense in the WAC. They have the talent and the schedule to take the WAC Title this year.

2. FRESNO ST - Despite FSU's 6-2 record last year, they were actually outgained in league play by 3.7 ypg outscoring opponents by 4 ppg. This year they have an experienced QB in Paul Pinegar and stand to benefit from the return of starting WR Bernard Berrian. FSU is 14-2 at home in WAC games and hosts a key game versus Boise St late in the year in their home finale. That game and their Oct. 11th trip to Hawaii will probably be the two key games in determining the WAC Title and FSU should remain healthier than they did last year.

3. BOISE ST - Last year I called for Boise St to win the WAC Title and they not only went 8-0 in league play, but totally dominated outgaining league foes by an average of 208.4 ypg and outscoring them by 37.2 ppg!! Boise does have the fewest amount of returning starters in the WAC this year and also lose 19 of 50 lettermen (38%) which is the highest percentage in the conference. Those factors combined with the fact they must face both Fresno and Hawaii on the road have me calling for them to finish #3 but this is clearly a team capable of defending its title.

4. NEVADA - Nevada continues to make progress since joining the WAC with just one league victory in its first season winning 3 in 2001 and 4 last year. Despite their 4-4 record they outgained league foes by an average of 30.6 ypg and have the most veteran team in the league in terms of returnees with 17 starters back while losing just 11 lettermen. Last year, Tormey did a great job breaking in new QB Zack Threadgill. With this year's top-notch supporting cast, the new Wolfpack signal caller could have similar success. Nevada must rate as a darkhorse contender for the league title, especially with my #4 rated WAC defense.

5. SAN JOSE ST - The Spartans have 16 starters returning as opposed to the six they had last year and a much more favorable schedule. Instead of playing 13 grueling games with 9 on the road, they have just 11 games this season. One concern is the fact that while SJS was 4-4 in league play last year, they were actually outgained by 73.1 ypg. This Spartan team is much stronger than last year's version and clearly has an excellent shot at a winning record in 2003.

6. RICE - Rice went 8-4 including 5-3 in league play in 2001 with a veteran team that included 26 seniors. Last year they had to replace 29 lettermen and as you would expect, struggled to a 3-5 finish. They were only outscored in league games however by 2.4 ppg losing three by a total of 11 points. While Rice only has ten starters returning keep in mind last season they only had nine. They look very potent on offense and even though their defense only has three starters returning, I still rate it sixth best in the league. Rice is clearly capable of moving up to as high as fourth in the league and could avoid a second straight losing season.

7. LOUISIANA TECH - In 2001 everything went LT's way and they won the WAC Title. Last year they had just 13 returning starters and a hellacious schedule which saw them without a home game for 41 days and they fell to 3-5 in league play. LT is very tough at home but must do something about their road slate as they went 0-7 last year. They do have two winnable road games (UTEP and Tulsa) and if they take care of those and pull an upset or two at home, they have a chance of moving up in the WAC standings.

8. SMU - Last year SMU won three of their last five games and all three were league efforts. While they were outscored by 10.4 ppg (3rd worst) they were only outgained by 31.1 ypg. I rate their defense #5 in the league and they have 14 starters back plus last year they were -12 in turnovers which should mean better fortune for them this season. Under former Coach Cavan and under Bennett the team has been a slow starter with fast finishes. This is a stronger team than it was last year, but keep in mind two of their wins were versus beleaguered UTEP and Tulsa at season's end when both were demoralized and injured so it may be tough for SMU to top last year's three win conference total.

9. UTEP - When Gary Nord took over he stopped recruiting JUCO'S and started recruiting freshmen. That left them short on juniors and seniors the last couple of classes. Last year UTEP was -19 in turnovers and should easily improve upon their 2-10 overall record of 2002. This year's squad is still young in terms of seniors with just six projected starters who are seniors and 8 in the 2 deep. Next year's team could have as many as 22 seniors so UTEP, which was outscored by an average of 19.7 (worst in league) and outgained by 101 ypg, is probably still a year away from contending for the WAC Title that they last held in 2000.

10. TULSA - Last year Tulsa was outgained by an average of 135.1 ypg in WAC play stumbling to a 1-7 finish. This year they have a new head coach who inherits 17 returning starters but they all must learn a new system. Last year's Tulsa team had just 9 seniors on the 2 deep; and while this year's team is much more experienced (17 on 2 deep) it will likely be another rebuilding season.

WAC Notes: The WAC is known for its high flying offenses and has had the top rusher in the country in 5 of the past 12 years. It always has some of the top rated pass attacks in the country. Ironically the WAC was formed in 1962 and the 6 original members (Arizona, Ariz St, BYU, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming) now all play in different leagues. Boise St was my preseason pick for the WAC title last year and they dominated with their closest game in WAC play being a 36-10 win over Louisiana Tech. The WAC finished a very solid 2-1 in bowls last year with Boise defeating a Big 12 team and Fresno St upsetting Georgia Tech. Hawaii was upset in its home bowl game as a double digit favorite. During the regular season the WAC did not fare as well. The leagues overall record in non conference play was 13-28 and vs BCS conferences it was just 2-20!! The did have a 4-3 record vs Mt West schools, which are the 8 teams that abandoned the league. The WAC added two new teams in 2001 and those two (Boise St and Louisiana Tech) have each taken home a league title and have gone a combined 24-8 in WAC play in the two years since joining. Hawaii has the most 1st team Preseason WAC players with 7 while Fresno St has 5 followed by San Jose St and Nevada each with 4. Hawaii has the most on the 1st and 2nd teams combined with 10. The WAC has now had EIGHT different teams take home the WAC title in (1 tie) 7 years. Last year the champ was Boise St and prior to that is was Louisiana Tech in 2001, UTEP in 2000, Hawaii in 1999, Rice and Fresno St in 1998, Air Force in 1997 and BYU in 1996.

2002 WAC vs WAC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
8	Boise St	51.1	1	544.5	1	236.1	2	5.0	3	308.4	2	64.1	1	10.7	1	11	1	10	2
20	Hawaii	38.0	2	522.1	2	119.3	10	5.5	1	402.8	1	56.9	6	13.7	3	19	8	9	1
56	LA Tech	31.0	4	441.3	4	143.0	6	5.3	2	298.3	3	57.4	4	14.2	6	19	8	15	5
61	Nevada	31.0	4	444.5	3	156.0	4	4.4	6	288.5	4	62.7	2	14.3	7	15	5	14	4
69	Fresno St	29.5	6	408.7	6	154.8	5	3.4	8	253.9	6	57.0	5	13.9	4	13	3	22	10
73	SJSU	32.8	3	413.6	5	141.6	7	4.4	5	272.0	5	60.4	3	12.6	2	15	5	15	5
99	Rice	27.0	7	377.1	7	262.8	1	4.6	4	114.4	10	46.0	9	14.0	5	13	2	10	2
109	SMU	20.5	8	359.9	8	187.8	3	4.0	7	172.1	9	54.6	7	17.6	9	18	7	15	5
110	Tulsa	19.5	9	324.5	10	130.1	9	3.5	9	194.4	7	51.2	8	16.6	8	14	4	19	8
113	UTEP	18.4	10	328.9	9	139.9	8	3.3	10	189.0	8	44.4	10	17.9	10	26	10	21	9

2002 WAC vs WAC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
38	Boise St	13.9	1	336.1	1	97.1	1	3.4	1	239.0	4	51.9	3	24.2	1	20	2	20	2
68	Fresno St	25.5	3	412.4	5	153.9	4	3.9	4	258.5	7	57.9	7	16.2	2	14	8	15	5
74	Rice	29.4	4	411.8	4	137.4	2	3.9	3	274.4	8	61.8	9	14.0	5	16	5	16	4
77	Hawaii	25.3	2	363.1	2	169.1	5	4.0	5	194.0	1	49.6	1	14.4	3	20	2	21	1
81	SMU	30.9	5	391.0	3	153.6	3	4.6	7	237.4	3	50.8	2	12.7	9	13	9	17	3
90	Nevada	32.4	6	413.9	6	174.8	8	4.7	8	239.1	5	55.8	5	12.8	8	15	6	13	7
102	LA Tech	34.6	8	460.6	9	171.5	6	3.8	2	289.1	10	65.0	10	13.3	6	12	10	11	9
107	Tulsa	34.9	9	459.6	8	241.3	10	5.5	10	218.3	2	59.7	8	13.2	7	17	4	10	10
108	SJSU	33.9	7	486.7	10	200.3	9	4.9	9	286.4	9	54.5	4	14.4	4	21	1	13	7
109	UTEP	38.1	10	429.9	7	172.4	7	4.4	6	257.5	6	56.4	6	11.3	10	15	6	14	6

2002 WAC STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Boise St	8	0	409	111	12	1	593	240
Hawaii	7	1	304	202	10	4	502	389
Fresno St	6	2	236	204	9	5	378	379
San Jose St	4	4	262	271	6	7	376	467
Nevada	4	4	248	259	5	7	331	371
Rice	3	5	216	235	4	7	253	296
Louisiana Tech	3	5	248	277	4	8	320	426
SMU	3	5	164	247	3	9	207	378
UTEP	1	7	147	305	2	10	220	511
Tulsa	1	7	156	279	1	11	233	417

Coach of the Year: Dan Hawkins, Boise St

2001 WAC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
LA Tech	7	1	311	223	7	4	382	341
Fresno St	6	2	330	191	11	2	525	300
Boise St	6	2	307	184	8	4	411	280
Hawaii	5	3	277	180	9	3	483	318
Rice	5	3	273	247	8	4	333	335
SMU	4	4	189	212	4	7	226	295
Nevada	3	5	249	317	3	8	286	431
San Jose St	3	5	241	295	3	9	295	461
UTEP	1	7	170	326	2	9	235	414
Tulsa	0	8	133	305	1	10	191	387

Coach of the Year: Jack Bicknell, LA Tech

2000 WAC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
UTEP	7	1	283	167	8	3	355	298
Fresno St	6	2	235	144	7	4	283	214
San Jose St	5	3	250	240	7	5	374	357
Tulsa	4	4	155	165	5	7	240	283
Rice	2	6	186	215	3	8	237	322
Hawaii	2	6	197	276	3	9	294	399
SMU	2	6	118	248	3	9	181	352
Nevada	1	7	144	317	2	10	207	464

Coach of the Year: Gary Nord, UTEP

2002 WAC CONF LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
*Ryan Dinwiddie, Boise St	205	134	65.4	3	2283	11.1	20	188.2
Zack Threadgill, Nevada	450	275	61.1	16	3418	7.6	26	136.9
Scott Rislov, SJSU	449	275	61.2	14	3251	7.2	22	132.0
Paul Pinegar, Fresno St	403	230	57.1	10	2929	7.3	20	129.5
Luke McCown, LA Tech	505	296	58.6	19	3539	7.0	19	122.4
Timmy Chang, Hawaii	624	349	55.9	22	4474	7.2	25	122.3
Tyler Gooch, Tulsa	348	190	54.6	8	2100	6.0	17	116.8
Omar Duarte, UTEP	161	79	49.1	4	1000	6.2	6	108.6

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Nate Burleson, Nevada	12	138	1629	12	135.8	11.5	11.8
Justin Colbert, Hawaii	14	92	1302	8	93.0	6.6	14.2
Billy Wingfield, Boise St	13	62	1138	7	87.5	4.8	18.4
Marque Davis, Fresno St	13	64	956	7	73.5	4.9	14.9
Chris Norwood, LA Tech	11	61	748	4	68.0	5.6	12.3
Britton Komine, Hawaii	14	58	886	10	63.3	4.1	15.3
Charles Pauley, SJSU	13	60	804	4	61.8	4.6	13.4
Jeremiah Cockheran, Hawaii	12	49	731	5	60.9	4.1	14.9
D.J. Curry, LA Tech	12	57	730	3	60.8	4.8	12.8
Cody Cardwell, SMU	12	48	668	3	55.7	4.0	13.9

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Cody Cardwell, SMU	27	467	1	17.3
Tim Gilligan, Boise St	35	491	0	14.0
Charles Pauley, SJSU	21	237	0	11.3
Jahmal Fenner, UTEP	25	223	0	8.9
Adam Jennings, Fresno St	36	310	1	8.6
Corey Brazil, LA Tech	36	285	0	7.9
Jermaine Landrum, Tulsa	16	112	0	7.0
Kevin Ford, Rice	15	100	0	6.7

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Derek Jones, Nevada	12	63	2579	40.9
Bryce Benekos, UTEP	12	70	2855	40.8
Jason Simpson, Fresno St	14	74	3007	40.6
Travis Hale, Rice	11	58	2352	40.6
Cort Moffitt, Tulsa	12	75	3016	40.2
Ryan Mentzel, SMU	12	70	2673	38.2
Michael Carr, SJSU	13	57	2174	38.1
Dustin Upton, LA Tech	12	64	2405	37.6

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Nick Calaycay, Boise St	10	11	13	84.6	36
Asen Asparuhov, Fresno St	14	23	30	76.7	52
Josh Scobee, LA Tech	12	16	21	76.2	51
Trent Stephenson, SMU	9	7	10	70.0	30
Keith Robinson, UTEP	12	8	12	66.7	59
Justin Ayat, Hawaii	14	15	23	65.2	50
Nick Gilliam, SJSU	13	12	20	60.0	43
Damon Fine, Nevada	12	10	17	58.8	45
Brad DeVault, Tulsa	9	7	12	58.3	45
Brennan Landry, Rice	11	8	15	53.3	41

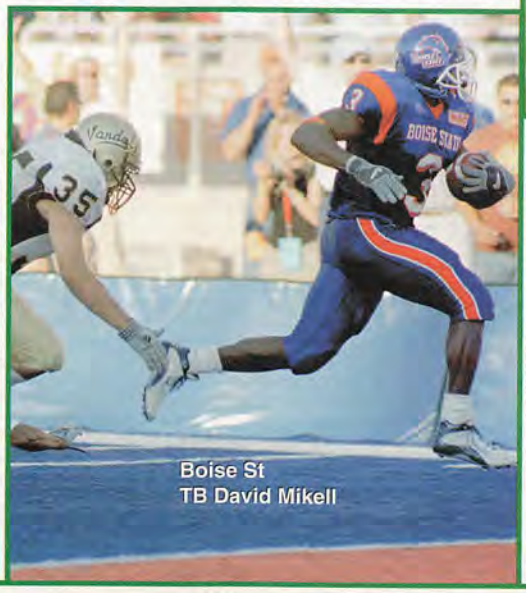
*Did not play 75% of the team's games and/or avg 15 plays per game, which is required by the NCAA to be nationally ranked.

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Brock Forsey, Bosie St	13	295	1611	5.5	26	123.9
Rodney Davis, Fresno St	14	313	1586	5.1	9	113.3
Keylon Kincade, SMU	12	327	1279	3.9	7	106.6
Joe Smith, LA Tech	12	208	1216	5.8	16	101.3
Matt Milton, Nevada	12	225	1108	4.9	9	92.3
Eric Richardson, Tulsa	12	182	957	5.3	6	79.8
Howard Jackson, UTEP	12	173	844	4.9	7	70.3
David Mikell, Boise St	11	105	606	5.8	8	55.1
Kris Briggs, SMU	10	84	547	6.5	8	54.7
Robbie Beck, Rice	11	120	601	5.0	8	54.6

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Timmy Chang, Hawaii	14	39	-17	624	4474	4457	318.4
Luke McCown, LA Tech	12	61	30	505	3539	3569	297.4
Zack Threadgill, Nevada	12	62	116	450	3418	3534	294.5
Scott Rislov, SJSU	13	72	13	449	3251	3264	251.1
*Ryan Dinwiddie, Boise St	9	36	-36	205	2283	2247	249.7
Tyler Gooch, Tulsa	11	127	219	348	2100	2319	210.8
Paul Pinegar, Fresno St	14	65	-131	403	2929	2798	199.9
Brock Forsey, Boise St	13	295	1611	0	0	1611	123.9
B.J. Rhode, Boise St	12	18	-9	176	1444	1435	119.6
Rodney Davis, Fresno St	14	313	1586	0	0	1586	113.3



KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Charles Pauley, SJSU	31	978	2	31.5
David Mikell, Boise St	21	532	0	25.3
Jonas Rutledge, SMU	38	901	0	23.7
Ronnie Hardiman, Nevada	21	487	0	23.2
Erick Franklin, LA Tech	40	887	0	22.2
Marque Davis, Fresno St	19	420	0	22.1
Howard Jackson, UTEP	23	507	0	22.0
Jerome Janet, Tulsa	13	261	0	20.1
Sean White, Rice	18	359	0	19.9
Sherman Steptoe, Tulsa	22	408	0	18.5

TFL

	NO	YDS
Nick Burley, FSU	18.0	77
Sam Rayburn, Tulsa	17.5	59
Travis LaBoy, Hawaii	17.0	68
Pisa Tinoisamoa, Hawaii	17.0	67
Quincy Myles, LA Tech	16.0	50
Jorge Cordova, Nevada	14.0	78
Curtis Randall, LA Tech	13.5	43
Brandon Green, Rice	13.0	80
Houston Ala, Hawaii	13.0	53

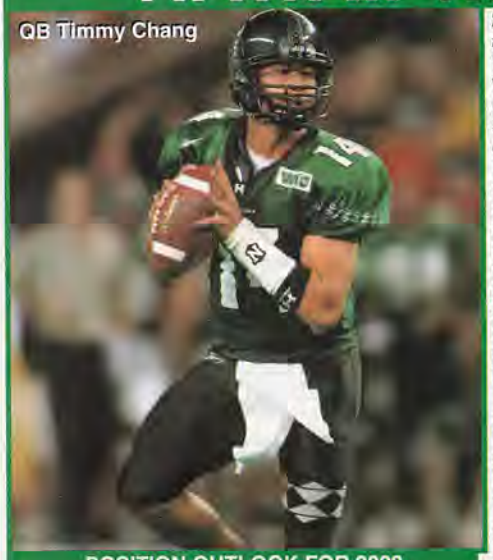
SACKS

	NO	YDS
Nick Burley, FSU	11.0	63
Jorge Cordova, Nevada	9.0	69
Brandon Green, Rice	8.0	66
Philip Perry, SJSU	7.0	42
Travis LaBoy, Hawaii	7.0	41
Pisa Tinoisamoa, Hawaii	6.5	38
Houston Ala, Hawaii	6.0	33
Bryce McGill, FSU	6.0	19
Jason Stewart, FSU	5.0	26

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AV/G
D.J. Walker, UTEP	11	93	23	116	10.5
Michael Dulaney, Tulsa	10	51	49	100	10.0
Michael Johnson, LA Tech	12	66	47	113	9.4
Pisa Tinoisamoa, Hawaii	14	89	40	129	9.2
Luke La Herran, SJSU	13	53	64	117	9.0
Tim Woodard, UTEP	12	70	38	108	9.0
Andy Avalos, Boise St	13	42	65	107	8.2
Vic Viloria, SMU	10	53	29	82	8.2
Corey Brazil, LA Tech	12	65	28	93	7.8
Jeff Vanover, Rice	11	55	30	85	7.7
Cameron Worrell, FSU	14	55	51	106	7.6

HAWAII WARRIORS


QB Timmy Chang

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 Hawaii got a rare VHT signee in Timmy Chang (PS#21) from St Louis HS in Honolulu. Chang took over and started the final nine games throwing for 3,041 yards (52.2%) with a 19-19 ratio as a true frosh. Unfortunately in the third game of 2001 he injured his wrist and when backup Nick Rolovich did a fine job replacing him (34-9 ratio), Chang was redshirted. Chang missed spring due to wrist surgery and then broke his pinkie finger in practice in August so the backups got a lot of snaps. Chang had very few games during the season where he was 100% but he still managed to start all 14 and became Hawaii's career leader in passing in just his second full season. He threw for 4,474 yards (55.9%) with a 25-22 ratio while rushing for 120. At the start of the year, two other QB's alternated in Jason Whieldon (6-1 187 Sr) who threw two TD passes against BYU and was a JUCO transfer in his first year of the run-and-shoot. Shawn Withy-Allen had been on the team since 1998 and saw his first significant action playing in 13 games with 770 yards passing (57%), a 7-3 ratio and 261 rushing yards. He had two TD passes and one TD running against UTEP. Whieldon quit the team for a week which put him 3rd string. In the bowl game Chang got hurt and Withy-Allen threw for 239 yards on 31 passes. Withy-Allen departs but both Chang and Whieldon are back and Chang has a very good shot, if he stays healthy the next two years, of breaking the NCAA mark of all-time career passing yards. He sat out this spring to rest his thumb so he could be 100% for the fall. The unit gets a solid addition in Kainoa Akina who had 7 starts at E Michigan throwing for 1,504 yards (52.4%) with a 14-11 ratio while rushing for 332 as a true frosh. Jeff Rhode (6-5 243 So) was PS#196 and has good size. Ryan Stickler (6-2 218 rFr), Preston Maloney (6-1 186 rFr) and JUCO Kyle Rice (6-1 196 Jr) add depth. WR Se'e Poumele (5-9 179 Jr) might be the option QB like Withy-Allen was last year. While Chang threw for a ton of yards, I am not impressed with his TD/Int ratio but do look for him to show significant improvement in that area, especially if he can remain healthy.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 the RB unit was very inexperienced and Mike Bass got in 8 starts and led the team with 558 yards (5.2). Thero Mitchell rushed for 378 yards (5.2) and both returned last season. Bass was leading the team in rushing with 206 yards and a nifty 7.9 ypc when he tore his PCL against SMU and would miss the majority of the rest of the season. All of the RB's were banged up at one time or another and as an example, walk-on Tennessee transfer Michael Brewster (5-6 176 Jr) played extensively vs Boise St (2 TD's) but was hurt on the first series of the next game vs Nevada and didn't see much action. John West (PS#143JC) who had 1,468 rush yards and 15 TD's in 2001 at JUCO, led the team with 451 yards rushing and an outstanding 7.6 ypc. West, Bass and Brewster all return. The only losses from this unit are Thero Mitchell (11 sts, 352 yds, 6.1, 21 rec) and Josh Galeai (37 yds). Not listed below is Justin McClain (5-11 218 rFr) and Pesefea Fiaseu (PS#156, 1 st, 11 yards rush) who, at 248 pounds, is the power runner of the group. Last year's group suffered through an injury plagued season and looks stronger in 2003.

RECEIVERS - Hawaii uses four WR's and no FB or TE. Last year they had to replace three of their top four receivers including the main guy, Ashley Lelie (#1DC of DEN) and had 1,713 yards (20.4) with 19 TD's. Overall they had to replace their #1, #4 and #5 career pass receivers. The 2002 group was inexperienced and hit hard by injuries. Nate Ilaoa is very dangerous when healthy but he missed a lot of time. Dangerous returman Chad Owens missed four games but still finished #4 with 47 rec's (11.7). Due to injuries, Britton Komine started against Nevada and had 8 catches for 238 yards and after having just 10 rec's in the first five, he had 48 over the last nine. This year the only losses are their top receiver, Justin Colbert, who set career (212 rec) and single season Hawaii records with 92 rec's (14.2) last year, Neal Gossett (7 sts, 33 rec, 12.5) and Omar Bennett (2 rec, 26.5). With most of the receivers here at 5-10 or under, Jeremiah Cockheran stands out at 6-0 with 4.3 speed and he was #3 with 49 rec's despite missing two games. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and Jones expects Ross Dickerson (PS#246) to have a big impact. Owens, Komine, Cockheran and Ilaoa are all capable of taking over as the feature WR here and this group is far more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - June Jones has done a fine job developing the line and in the last four years he has had 6 OL's drafted. In 2001 a veteran unit paved the way for only 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 32 sacks on 570 pass attempts (5.6%). Last year they had to replace two starters including a 1st Tm WAC performer but did have 8 of their top 10 returning. They moved DL Wayne Hunter to the OL to take advantage of his size and speed (455 bench, 4.95 spd) and he was solid in his first year as a starter. Overall, the Warriors averaged 4.98 ypc rushing and allowed just 27 sacks on 731 attempts, a minuscule 3.7%. This year the losses are heavier as gone are RG Vince Manuai (14 sts, 1st Tm WAC, 3 yr st'r, #3DC of JAX), LT Wayne Hunter (13 sts, #3DC of SEA) and C Lui Fuata (12 sts, 2nd Tm WAC, 3 yr st'r). Seven of the top ten return and I list the 2 deep below. This has the makings of another fine unit, but with the loss of three top-notch starters it is down a few notches in 2003.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 UH allowed 4.0 ypc rushing while recording 34 sacks. Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 20 starts so basically 2.5 starters returned. They expected to have Lui Fuga, who started 8 games in 2000 and redshirted in 2001 back, but he broke his left fibula on the 6th play of the opener. This year the line appears to be in great shape. The only loss from last season's 2 deep is DE Laanui Correa (14 sts, 56 tkls, 10 tfl). The Warriors allowed 4.0 ypc rushing while recording 37 sacks. In the last 2 years, Travis LaBoy has had just ten starts but last year he led the team in sacks (7) and tfl (10). This should be one of the WAC's top D-lines.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the LB unit returned basically intact. This year, unfortunately three productive senior starters depart. Gone are MLB Chris Brown (14 sts, 86 tkls, 9 tfl, 2nd Tm WAC), WLB Pisa Tinoisamoa (14 sts, #1 tkl'r, 6.5 sks, 11 tfl, 1st Tm WAC, #2DC of STL) and SLB Matt Wright (13 sts, 57 tkls, 7 tfl). Jones thinks that Chad Kalilimoku will be the biggest impact player in the WAC this year and he is a VHT and the other projected starting OLB's are both solid. Not listed below is Anipati Mailo (6-2 214 So) who returns from a mission, Tanuvasa Moe (5-11 218 So) who was the Scout Tm MVP, Tony Tata (6-1 255 Sr, PS#63) who is applying for a sixth year and Isaiah Alameda (6-1 212 So). This has the makings of a decent group but with the loss of three top-notch starters, they will clearly still be weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 UH finished #59 in my pass D rankings and last year they had to replace two starters and one backup. Overall the unit surprisingly climbed up to #25 allowing just 51.1% with a 21-18 ratio against a tough slate of opposing QB's. This year the unit is in great shape as all four starters return. The only losses are 2nd string SS Keith Bhonapha (42 tkls), FS Sean Butts (2 sts, 28 tkls) and CB Josiah Cravalho (5 tkls, 1 sk). Six players return with starting experience and they bring in two HT true frosh including this year's #2 signee Ray Bass (PS#97) and last year's #2 signee AJ Martinez (PS#68). Kenny Patton is the best athlete of the DB's and is not even a starter.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In their 0-12 season in 1998 Hawaii had the worst special teams in the country. June Jones came in and the unit has shown solid improvement finishing #66 in 1999, #67 in 2000 and all the way up to #4 in 2001. A big part of that was Chad Owens who averaged 33.6 on KR's and 12.0 on PR's and set an NCAA record against BYU with 342 return yards in that game. Last year they de-emphasized him a little on special teams and he also missed four games due to injury (7.7 on PR's, 25.1 on KR's), taking less than 1/3 of the KR's and just 44% of the PR's. That was partially responsible for Hawaii's drop to #67. A big loss this year is the booming leg of P Mat McBriar (44.8) who sometimes out-kicked the coverage (net 33.9). I list the potential replacements below. Kicker Justin Ayat also has a strong leg and while he hit just 15 of 23 FG's, four of his misses were from 50+. A key player to their special teams unit over the last two years has been Chad Kapanui who has blocked punts, passed on fake punts, ran on fake punts, is a super cover guy and blocker and has got to be one of the leading candidates for the Mosi Tatupu Award. The only person missing from the 2001 special teams unit (ranked #4) is McBriar so this group clearly has Top 20 potential, provided Owens is a bigger factor.

COACHES - June Jones enters his fifth season here and was the NCAA Coach of the Year in 1999. Previously he was a head coach with the San Diego Chargers and has complied a 31-20 record with Hawaii. Jones is his own OC. DC Kevin Lempa left for Boston College after guiding UH to the third best D in the WAC last year and Jones did not hire his replacement prior to spring practice.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1999 I called Hawaii the most improved team in the NCAA and they did not disappoint me as they went from 0-12 to 9-4, the biggest single season turnaround in NCAA history. It was clearly a rebuilding year in 2000 and they fell to 3-9 and lost to a IAA team for the first time since 1976. After going -8 in turnovers in 2000, UH had 15 returning starters in 2001 and 9 home games. The Warriors responded with their best record yet under June Jones at 9-3. Last year Hawaii returned 14 starters and notched 10 wins, just the third double digit winning season in school history. Early in the year the hard artificial turf was causing injuries but that should be corrected as they are switching to FieldTurf. UH was ranked in the Top 25 for the first time since 1992 after they defeated Rice they accepted a bid to the Hawaii Bowl with 3 games to go. UH's 10-4 record was achieved despite -14 turnovers. Last season they outgained their WAC opponents by 159 ypg, the second best in the league. This year they have 14 returning starters including QB Chang. I rate them the #1 WAC offense which was not surprising, but I rate their defense #3 and they should allow their fewest ppg in over five years. Their two key battles in the WAC vs Fresno and Boise St are both on the islands, so this team clearly has the talent and the schedule to take home the WAC Title and they will once again flirt with a double digit win season.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB TIMMY CHANG JR. 6-2 191 **PS#21**. 3041 yds (52%) 19-19 ratio in 9 sts as true. 14 sts LY, 4474 yds (56%), 25-22 ratio LY. Kainoa Akina (5-11 193 So) 1869 yds at EMU in '01.

RB MIKE BASS JR. 5-6 158 PS#168. 4.41 spd. +10 lbs. 558 yds (5.2) 8 sts as true. 2 st LY (inj) 311 yds (6.0). **John West** (5-10 180 Sr) PS#143JC. #1 w/451 (7.6) LY.

SB CHAD OWENS JR. 5-9 177 1023 ret yds in '01. 6 sts LY, 47 rec (11.7), 608 ret yds. Gerald Welch (5-7 204) PS#107. 1 st, 11 rec in 2000. Ross Dickerson (5-10 174 rFr).

SB Nate Ilaoa So. 5-9 204 PS#77. 4.39 spd. 8 sts LY, 46 rec (11.6). Clifton Herbert (5-8 157 Sr) 5 sts in '02, 30 rec (12.6). Se'e Poumele (5-9 179 Jr) also QB.

WR JEREMIAH COCKHERAN SR. 6-0 193 JUCO. 4.26 spd. 7 sts LY, 49 rec (14.9). Jason Rivers (6-2 193 Fr) PS#108. Daniel Inferrera (6-0 189 rFr). Mark Tate (6-1 212 Sr).

WR BRITTON KOMINE JR. 5-9 184 9 sts in '02, 58 rec (15.3). Kanale George (6-2 193 Jr) PS#229. Denny Flanagan (6-0 179 rFr) PS#179. Bryant Stevens (6-2 182 So).

C Derek Faavi So. 6-0 285 2nd string C as rFr and L/3 sts. Added 20 lbs. Phil Kauffman (6-1 283 Jr) PS#224. 2nd string in '02 at T. Lyle Castro (5-11 251 Jr) PS#226.

RG URIAH MOENOA JR. 6-3 327 PS#240. 12 sts at RT as rFr. 14 sts LY. Chad Kahale (6-1 337 Sr) PS#283. 2nd string LY, 2 letters. Marques Kaonohi (6-1 252 rFr) PS#270.

LG SHAYNE KAJIOKA SR. 6-3 308 PS#256. 3 sts as rFr. 4 games in '01. 13 sts in '02. Brandon Eaton (6-3 301 So). 2nd string OT in '02. Kahai LaCount (6-2 294 rFr) PS#423.

RT Dane Uperesa rFr. 6-4 305 PS#185. 225 bench 20x's. Ryan Santos (6-5 320 Jr) PS#225. 2nd string in 2001 & 2002, 1 st LY. Jeremy Inferrera (6-3 270 Fr) PS#272.

LT Samson Satele rFr. 6-2 289 PS#205. Added 49 lbs in RS year. Compared to Lui Fuata. Jonathan Ekno (6-5 300 Jr) PS#200. lettered in '02. Xavier Ho'olulu is PS#261.

K JUSTIN AYAT JR. 5-11 205 PS#78. Hit 19 of 29 FG's in '01, long of 55. Hit 15 of 23 FG's in '02, long of 50. 4 misses 50+. Nolan Miranda (5-8 162 rFr) PS#73.

DE Travis LaBoy Sr. 6-4 249 6 sts, **2nd Tm WAC** in '01, 52 tkls, 4 sks, 7 tfl. 4 sts LY, 65 tkls, 7 sks, 10 tfl. Kila Kamakawiwo'ole (6-3 231 So) PS#244WR, Daniel Tautofi is PS#177LB.

DT LANCE SAMUSEVA SR. 5-11 290 PS#290. 10 sts in '01, 38 tkls. 14 sts LY, 48 tkls, 3 tfl, 8 QBH. Abu Ma'afala (6-2 268 So) PS#189. 12 tkls as **true**. Reggie Maldonado (6-5 250 Jr) PS#365JC.

DT ISAAC SOPOAGA SR. 6-3 315 **PS#14JC.** 31 sks at JC in 2000. 13 sts here LY. 72 tkls, 7 tfl, **2nd Tm WAC**. Lui Fuga (6-1 301 Sr) 8 sts, 42 tkls, 3 tfl in '00. Inj L/2Y. Tala Esera (6-3 265 rFr).

DE HOUSTON ALA SR. 6-1 250 PS#163. 2 sts, 26 tkls, 2 sks in '01. 9 sts LY, 45 tkls, 6 sks, 7 tfl. Kevin Jackson (6-5 229 Sr) 1 st, 50 tkls, 5.5 sks, 2Y. Tony Akpan (6-8 240) Basketball tm.

SLB Keani Alapa Sr. 6-0 221 3 sts in '01, 38 tkls, 2 tfl, 4 pbu. 39 tkls, 4 sks LY. Chad Kapanui (6-0 205 Jr) PS#158QB. 1 st, 26 tkls in '02. Patrick Lavar Harley (6-0 220 Jr).

MLB Chad Kalilimoku Sr. 5-11 243 **PS#50JC**. 4.6 spd, 225 bench 33x's. 26 tkls, 6 tfl here in '02. Watson Ho'ohuli (6-1 239 So) PS#290. Lincoln Manutai (6-0 223 Jr) PS#462JC.

WLB Ikaika Curnan So. 5-11 210 PS#90LB. Scout MVP in '01. 15 tkls LY. Tyrone Brown (6-1 202 Jr) PQ in '01. Hamstring inj LY. Kilinahe Noa (6-0 213 Jr) 13 tkls in 2002.

CB ABRAHAM ELIMIMIAN JR. 5-10 173 5 sts in '01, 33 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu. 12 sts LY, 68 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu. Gary Wright (5-10 201 Sr) Scout Tm MVP 3x, 13 tkls LY. **Ray Bass** is PS#97.

CB KELVIN MILLHOUSE SR. 6-1 205 9 sts in '01, 5 int, **18 pbu**. 14 sts in '02, **2nd Tm WAC**, 61 tkls, 4 int, 12 pbu. Kenny Patton (6-0 170 So) 2 sts as true. **AJ Martinez** (6-0 185 Fr) **PS#68** in '02.

SS HYRUM PETERS SR. 5-8 188 9 sts in '01, 76 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu. 12 sts LY, 77 tkls, 3 tfl, 4 int, 7 pbu. Brown Faavae (5-11 220 So) PS#166. Lamar Broadway (5-11 173 So) PS#140QB.

FS LEONARD PETERS SO. 6-1 174 PS#219. 2 sts LY, 25 tkls, 3 pbu until injury. David Gilmore (6-0 197 Sr) 12 sts in '02, 70 tkls, 1 tfl. Matt Manuma (6-1 205 So) PS#136QB.

P Tim Wright Jr. 6-3 215 PS#194JC. Had super 43.6 average at JUCO in '02. 42.0 as senior in high school. In for fall. Kurt Milne (5-11 199 rFr) was #1 in the spring.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

OL	Hercules Satele 6-3 250 PS#103
WR	Ray Bass 5-11 165 PS#97
WR	Jason Rivers 6-2 193 PS#108
DB	Timo Paepule 6-0 210 PS#154
LB	Daniel Tautofi 6-2 230 PS#177
OL	Xavier Ho'olulu 6-4 290 PS#261
OL	Michael Lafaele 6-1 280 PS#262
OL	Jeremy Inferrera 6-3 270 PS#272
DL	Quin Ah You 6-3 270 PS#229
LB	Chris Cole 5-9 226 PS#223
RB	Jason Ferguson 5-5 162 PS#207
P	Tim Wright 6-3 215 PS#194JC
DB	Viliami Nauahi 6-2 200 PS#262
DL	Dejuan Gatling 6-3 250 PS#273
DB	George Perry 5-11 165 PS#317
OL	Larry Sauafea 6-3 260 PS#479
OL	Joseph Napeahi 6-3 320 PS#519
QB	Jack Rolovich 6-3 207 PS#263

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UH	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	Appalachian St	A					
Sep. 6							
Sep. 13	at USC	G					
Sep. 19	at UNLV (Fri)	G					
Sep. 27	Rice	A					
Oct. 4	at Tulsa	A					
Oct. 11	Fresno St	A					
Oct. 18	at Louisiana Tech	G					
Oct. 25	UTEP (HC)	A					
Nov. 1	at San Jose St	G					
Nov. 15	at Nevada	A					
Nov. 22	Army	A					
Nov. 29	Alabama	A					
Dec. 6	Boise St	A					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Warriors are 3-5 ATS in their mainland opener.
Hawaii is 10-6 ATS under Jones in the last 4 games of the regular season.
UH opponents are 3-12 ATS before traveling to the islands the L2Y.

Appalachian St was 9-3 last year in the Div IAA Southern Conference.
Warriors are 8-1 in non-lined games since 1992.

UH is 2-4 SU & ATS vs Pac 10 foes since 1993.
Hawaii is 4-9 ATS the week after a bye since 1994.

Hawaii will stay on the mainland all week for this Friday Night game.
The Warriors are 7-0 ATS on natural grass their last 7 lined games.

Hawaii is 1-3 SU & 0-4 ATS their last 4 series meetings.
UH is 3-0 ATS following 2 or more away games since 1992.

Hawaii is 2-0 SU & ATS at Tulsa & 2-0 as an away favorite.
The home team is 1-3 SU & 0-4 ATS the last 4 series meetings.

Hawaii is 4-0 both SU & ATS in this series at home, each time as a dog.
The home team is 8-4 ATS their last 12.

Hawaii is 9-5 ATS in away conference games since 1999.
UH beat Louisiana Tech 27-10 as a 1 pt HD in their only previous encounter.

Hawaii came into 2003 at 9-16-1 ATS their last 26 as home chalk.
The home team is 7-1 ATS in this series since 1993.

Warriors are 10-6 ATS in November since 1999.
Hawaii is 2-5 ATS the last 7 meetings vs San Jose St.

UH is 3-1 ATS their last 4 away finales.
Hawaii is 2-1 both SU & ATS in this short series with the Wolf Pack.

This is the 1st meeting between these 2 schools.
Hawaii is 13-4 ATS since 1985 in the 1st of a 3+ game homestand.

Hawaii is 10-5 ATS the last 4 years as a home dog.
This is the 2nd straight year that Bama plays their "bowl" game in Hawaii.

The home team is 3-1 SU & ATS in this brief 4 game series.
Hawaii is 4-2 ATS their last 6 season finales.

JUNE JONES (Career 31-20)

5th Year at Hawaii

Jones' records AT HAWAII

31-20	Straight Up	7-8	Home Favorite
27-18	Vs The Spread	10-5	Home Dog
10-6	Off A SU Loss	3-2	Away Favorite
18-13	Vs Conference	7-3	Away Dog
		9-5	Vs Non-Conf

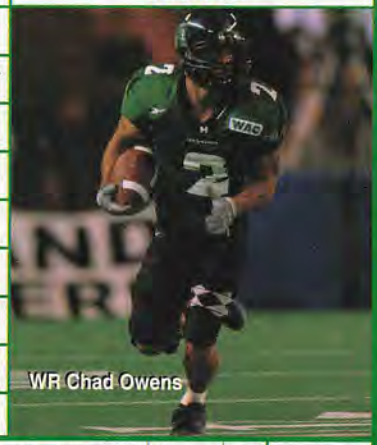
2002 RECORD: (10-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 55 (21,33,1)
Lost: 21 (10,9,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 38,759

WAC


WR Chad Owens

STADIUM: ALOHA STADIUM (50,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Field Turf)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-10	3-9	0-12	8-4	3-9	9-3	10-3	35-50
ATS	4-7-1	5-6	2-9-1	7-4	7-4	7-4	6-6	38-40-2
Home Fav	1-2-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-0	3-3	2-4	8-12-1
Home Dog	2-2	4-2	1-6	4-3	3-2	2-0	1-0	17-15
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	3-3
Away Dog	1-3	1-2	1-2-1	2-0	2-2	1-0	2-1	10-10-1
Favorite	1-2-1	0-2	0-1	1-1	2-0	4-4	3-5	11-15-1
Dog	3-5	5-4	2-8-1	6-3	5-4	3-0	3-1	27-25-1
Grass	1-3	1-2	1-1-1	2-0	2-0	1-0	2-0	10-6-1
Artificial	3-4-1	4-4	1-8	5-4	5-4	6-4	4-6	28-34-1
vs Conf	2-5-1	3-5	1-6-1	5-2	4-4	5-3	4-4	24-29-2
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	1-3	2-2	3-0	2-1	2-2	14-11
Off SU Win	1-1	1-1	0-0	5-3	2-1	6-2	4-5	19-13
Off SU Loss	3-5-1	3-5	2-8-1	2-0	5-3	1-2	2-1	18-24-2

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
John West	**59**	**457**	**6**	**451**	**5**	**7.6**
Thero Mitchell	58	363	11	352	11	6.1
Mike Bass	**52**	**319**	**8**	**311**	**1**	**6.0**
Shawn Withy-Allen	41	261	50	211	3	5.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Timmy Chang	**624**	**349**	**55.9**	**4474**	**25**	**22**
Shawn Withy-Allen	86	49	57.0	770	7	3
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Justin Colbert	92	1302	14.2	8	59	
Britton Komine	**58**	**886**	**15.3**	**10**	**72**	
Jeremiah Cockheran	**49**	**731**	**14.9**	**5**	**70**	
Chad Owens	**47**	**550**	**11.7**	**2**	**51**	
Nate Ilaoa	**46**	**532**	**11.6**	**3**	**41**	
Neal Gossett	33	413	12.5	3	51	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Mat McBriar	48	2148	44.8	73	33.9	2	12
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Justin Ayat	**55-56**	**9-10**	**5-6**	**0-2**	**1-5**	**15-23**	**50**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Pisa Tinoisamoa	129	6.5	11	5	2
Chris Brown	86	1	8	1	2
Hyrum Peters	**77**	**1**	**2**	**7**	**4**
Isaac Sopoaga	**72**	**0**	**7**	**1**	**0**
David Gilmore	**70**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Abraham Elimimian	**68**	**0**	**5**	**8**	**2**
Travis LaBoy	**65**	**7**	**10**	**2**	**0**
Kelvin Millhouse	**61**	**0**	**2**	**12**	**4**
Matt Wright	57	1.5	5	0	0
Laanui Correa	56	3	7	6	1
Lance Samuseva	**48**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Houston Ala	**45**	**6**	**7**	**0**	**0**
Keith Bhonapha	42	1	0	6	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Chad Owens	**17**	**131**	**7.7**	**0**
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Chad Owens	**19**	**477**	**25.1**	**0**
Michael Brewster	**18**	**444**	**24.7**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
89	Aloha	+7	Michigan St	13-33	L
92	Holiday	E	Illinois	27-17	W
99	Oahu	+9	Oregon St	23-17	W
02	Hawaii	-14	Tulane	28-36	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

HAWAII'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	35.9	24	110	5.0	386	55.7	13.8	-14	2002	8	27.8	22	169	4.0	226	51.1	14.2
9*	40.3	24	81	3.4	381	57.4	11.5	+9	2001	6	26.5	24	182	4.0	250	54.6	16.3
5	24.5	20	74	3.7	323	50.7	16.2	-8	2000	7	33.3	22	211	4.3	194	55.6	12.2
6*	28.5	21	89	3.6	324	51.9	14.5	+1	1999	8	26.8	21	185	4.0	196	57.5	14.2
7*	12.4	15	109	3.0	184	44.1	23.7	-10	1998	3	35.2	20	189	4.7	207	60.2	11.3
4	15.8	17	105	2.7	206	55.7	19.7	-9	1997	9	25.7	17	148	3.7	182	49.9	12.9

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
E Illinois	23	23-125	5.4	24-40	453	1	28	39-156	4.0	30-55	319	4	+1
at BYU	22	30-171	5.7	22-55	284	0	25	48-168	3.5	21-48	226	1	-4
at UTEP	16	25-125	5.0	15-38	244	1	22	50-114	2.3	12-37	151	3	+2
SMU	22	26-173	6.7	21-43	314	1	14	51-192	3.8	6-21	46	5	-3
at Boise St	27	16-79	4.9	35-57	360	1	23	47-186	4.0	19-30	215	1	-3
Nevada	24	27-154	5.7	25-40	520	0	26	35-223	6.4	20-38	246	2	+2
Tulsa	25	11-66	6.0	41-63	513	0	23	35-74	2.1	25-43	257	4	0
at Fresno St	27	15-84	5.6	36-61	462	3	20	43-166	3.9	18-29	167	5	+1
San Jose St	27	26-113	4.3	34-59	440	2	19	28-171	6.1	15-30	287	0	+2
at Rice	30	28-160	5.7	35-64	369	1	19	51-227	4.5	7-18	183	1	0
Cincinnati	21	22-56	2.5	28-52	275	2	17	38-136	3.6	19-41	231	0	-2
Alabama	21	8-(-12)	-1.5	26-53	372	4	18	62-280	4.5	9-17	93	6	-4
San Diego St	30	29-173	6.0	33-54	437	3	24	25-125	5.0	32-49	507	3	-4
† Tulane	23	22-66	3.0	32-52	363	8	25	44-144	3.3	20-39	240	2	-2
TOTALS	338	308-1533	5.0	407-731	5406	27	303	596-2362	4.0	253-495	3168	37	-14
AVERAGES	24.1	22-110	5.0	29-52	386	1.9	21.6	43-169	4.0	18-35	226	2.6	-1.0

2002 STATS BY GAME

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona	+17	6-27	L
at Utah	+24	21-30	W
Arkansas St	-11	0-20	L
SMU	+7'	0-28	L
at San Diego St	+22	13-35	T
BYU	+21'	9-31	L
N Mexico	+6'	20-30	L
at UTEP	+15'	13-30	L
San Jose St	+7'	17-45	L
at Fresno St	+27	12-51	L
Northwestern	+16'	21-47	L
Michigan	+38	17-48	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
USC	+26'	7-62	L
E Illinois	NL	31-27	–
Boise St	+6'	34-19	W
at SMU	+14	20-0	W
UTEP	+5'	33-3	W
Rice	+1'	19-38	L
at Tulsa	-5'	35-21	W
TCU	+4'	14-34	L
at San Jose St	+2'	62-41	W
Fresno St	+3	31-24	W
Navy	+3	48-41	W
Wash St	-5	14-22	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Portland St	NL	20-45	–
at UTEP	+9	7-39	L
Tulsa	+3'	14-24	L
at TCU	+38'	21-41	W
SMU	-2'	30-15	W
at Rice	+11'	13-38	L
San Jose St	+8	48-57	L
at Fresno St	+26	27-45	W
Nevada	-14'	37-17	W
LA Tech	+1	27-10	W
Wisconsin	+19	18-34	W
UNLV	+7	32-34	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Montana	NL	30-12	–
at Nevada	-5'	20-28	L
Rice	-3'	24-27	L
at SMU	+5'	38-31 OT	W
UTEP	-7	66-7	W
at Tulsa	-7	36-15	W
Fresno St	+6	38-34	W
San Jose St	-13	34-10	W
Boise St	-4	21-28	L
Miami, Oh	-7'	52-51	L
Air Force	-9'	52-30	W
BYU	+3	72-45	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Illinois	NL	61-36	–
at BYU	+11	32-35	W
at UTEP	-19'	31-6	W
SMU	-22'	42-10	W
at Boise St	+4	31-58	L
Nevada	-10	59-34	W
Tulsa	-30'	37-14	L
at Fresno St	+1'	31-21	W
San Jose St	-24'	40-31	L
at Rice	-8	33-28	L
Cincinnati	-3'	20-19	L
Alabama	+11'	16-21	W
San Diego St	-14'	41-40	L

FRESNO ST BULLDOGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Jeff Grady, the 2nd string QB in 2000 (RS in '01), came into the 2002 season with just 22 career attempts for 182 yards. He has impressive arm strength and was trying to replace the #1 pick in the NFL draft, David Carr. In Hill's first five years as the head coach, not a single QB missed a single snap due to injury, but that changed last year. Grady began the year as the starter but was injured in the opener. The week of the San Diego St matchup Grady worked with the 1st Team all week but Paul Pinegar (6-4 220) was named the starter 24 hours before kickoff. Pinegar got all the snaps with the first unit against Oregon and Grady returned vs Oregon St but got injured in the 2Q and would not take another snap the rest of the year. Pinegar's rFr season stacked up close to Carr's junior season (his first as a starter) as he had a pass efficiency rating of 129.54 compared to Carr's 142.4. Pinegar finished 9-3 as a starter and has already earned more bowl wins than Carr had (0). For the season Pinegar threw for 2,929 yards (57.1%) with a 20-10 ratio while also rushing for 171 gross yards. Grady threw for 453 yards (46.2%) with a 3-3 ratio. Pinegar is firmly entrenched as the starter as Grady was healthy the 2H of 2002 and it was Hill's decision not to play him. Jordan Christensen (6-3 185 rFr, PS#103) was called the franchise QB when he was signed but he redshirted last year. Tim Bessolo (6-3 215 Fr) was PS#101 last year but did not enroll until January, keeping his true frosh status. Tommy Barrington (6-2 200 rFr) was PS#201 and was the #3 man last season. This unit is a lot more experienced than it was heading into last year.

RUNNING BACKS - Hill usually does a good job with the RB's (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). Therrian Fontenot, with 4.38 speed, had 266 yards rushing in 2001 and was the leading returner last year. Unfortunately he had an inflamed Achilles' tendon and missed the first four games and never worked his way into the rotation, and has moved to DB for 2003. Rodney Davis had 688 yards (7.6) at JC in 2001 and became the workhorse back. He started the last 12 games and powered his way to 1,586 yards (5.1) earning 2nd Team WAC honors, despite being bothered by a shoulder injury throughout most of the year. He is the younger brother of WR Marque Davis and is a power back with marginal speed. Walk-on Matt Rivera (5-9 193 So) started the first two games, however, he missed a crucial blitz pickup vs Wisconsin on the play in which Grady was injured. Rivera then too was injured vs Oregon, so he saw little action the rest of the year (54 yds). Another walk-on, Bryson Sumlin (5-10 200 So), took over the 2nd string duties and rushed for 249 yards (4.0) after moving over from CB in Week 3. FB James Cummings (5-8 225 So) rushed for 61 yards in seven games and his backup is Jamal Jones (5-10 225 Jr, PS#232DL) who had 3 starts at LB and 19 tackles last year. A big addition this season is Dwayne Wright who was PS#66 and originally signed at Wash St and rushed for 1,068 yards at JUCO last year. He and Davis give them a potent combo and the running corps looks stronger.

RECEIVERS - Last year this group was hit hard by injuries and graduation (see Hardcore Fans). The leading receiver was Marque Davis who had 64 grabs (14.9) and Jermaine Jamison emerged as the #2 man with 39 (16.4) starting 7 of the last 10. Due to last year's injuries, ten different receivers who return have starting experience. Not listed below are Chico Mackey who had 932 yards receiving at JC last year, Joe Fernandez (5-10 165 rFr), Paul Williams (6-2 190 rFr, PS#129) and Jaron Fairman (6-1 185 rFr). The only loss is WR Charles Ealy (1 rec). Provided Bernard Berrian returns to form, this should be one of the most improved receiving corps in the country and they also get Jeremy Johnson back at TE.

OFFENSIVE LINE - FSU's 2001 front wall was nicknamed "The Bodyguards" and last year they averaged 6-5 320, the largest in the nation. Even with four starters back, the unit surprisingly saw the numbers drop some to 3.6 ypc rushing while allowing 31 sacks on 483 pass attempts (6.4%). This after paving the way for 4.1 ypc rushing and allowing just 32 sacks on 524 passes in 2001 (6.1%). This year the losses are heavy. Gone are C Rodney Michael (14 sts, 4 yr st'r, 2nd Tm WAC), RG Victor Taifane (11 sts), RT Joe Schey (13 sts, 3 yr st'r, 1st Tm WAC) and LG Fitu Tu'ua (11 sts, 3 yr st'r, HM WAC). I list the 2 deep below and there are a couple of JUCO's from last year who redshirted to compensate for the losses. RG Dartagnon Shack started the last five games so basically 1.5 starters return to the group. Still, this unit is less experienced than it was heading into last season and a little smaller.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year FSU had to replace the WAC Defensive POY and 4th round DC in DT Alan Harper as well as three other players who combined for 13 starts. While they had two starters returning, their other two projected starters who had combined for five starts in 2001, (DE Brian Morris and DT Clarence Denning) played in just three games combined last year. True frosh Garrett McIntyre, at just 17 years old, proved dominating at times and should have a great future ahead of him. This year the team must replace NG Jason Stewart (13 sts, 78 tkls, 5 sks, 11 tfl, 1st Tm WAC) and DE Nick Burley (13 sts, 70 tkls, 11 sks, 1st Tm WAC) as well as NG Ryan Smith (6 tkls). I like the makeup of the group in the 2 deep below and six players return with starting experience plus they get the outstanding addition of JUCO Donyell Booker who could be dominating in his first year. This group is about as experienced as last year but does have to replace a pair of 1st Team WAC players.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the team had to replace a 7th round DC but had four of their top six LB's back. The unit was hit hard by injuries during the year and vs Oregon St, three backup LB's played most of the game. SS Bryce McGill moved to LB in the 5th week and was very productive there. This season they must replace OLB Sam Williams (10 sts, 60 tkls, 6 tfl, #3DC of OAK) but have five of the top six returning including McGill who is now in his 2nd year at LB. Another player to watch is Ricky Miller who is a VHT (PS#59) and was slated to play last year but was injured early and opted to redshirt. I list a talented and experienced 3 deep below and this unit should be even stronger than last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bulldogs lowest finish in my pass D rankings has been #53. In 2001 they finished #38 but last season had to replace 3 starters and four of their top eight including a 1st Team WAC honoree. The team's best cover CB, Kendall Edwards, was then lost early in the season to an ACL injury but the unit still finished solidly at #39 allowing 55.2% with a 21-19 ratio while taking on some tough opposing QB's. This year they only lose two starters in CB Demorieux Reneau (13 sts, 50 tkls, 4 pbu) and FS Cameron Worrell (14 sts, #1 tkl'r, 5 int, 7 pbu) as well as CB Juan Bautista (6 tkls). Not only are six of the top eight back, but Edwards returns and they get the addition of Therrian Fontenot who has been playing RB the last two years. They also add some solid rFr and true frosh and this looks to be one of the WAC's top secondaries this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - FSU's lowest finish in my special teams rankings in the last seven years had been #36 until LY's #68 finish. The team blocks a lot of kicks by design under Hill and they have blocked 40 kicks including 20 punts during his tenure. In 2001 they finished #7 in my special teams rankings and had practically everyone back so another top-notch finish was expected. However, the unit would lose its outstanding returnman, Bernard Berrian, to an injury in the first game. While he averaged 13.6 on PR's and 23.9 on KR's in 2001, the new PR Adam Jennings averaged just 8.6 and Marque Davis and Jennings combined to average just 21.9 on KR's. Punter Jason Simpson dropped from a 43.5 avg with a net of 38.5 to 40.6 (33.2 net). He departs as does K Asen Asparuhov who kicked here for three years and hit 23 of 30 FG's last year with a long of 52 and was 1st Team WAC and a Groza semifinalist. He also handled KO's and will clearly be missed. Brett Visintainer handled KO's in 2000 and 2001 and was PS#35. The new punter looks to be Mike Lingua who had an average hang time of 4.5 seconds in high school. The team blocked 2 punts LY, but also allowed 2 blocks. Longsnapper Kevin Murphy did not have a bad snap in four years and will be tough to replace. Despite the fact that they must replace their kicker and punter, it was clearly an off year and FSU should regain their 2001 form.

COACHES - I like Pat Hill's attitude, as he's willing to take on any team, anywhere to build his program and has pulled some big upsets. He is now in his 7th year and signed a new contract through 2007. His OC is Frank Cignetti who is in his 2nd year here after being the New Orleans Saints' QB coach the previous two years. Dan Brown is in his third year as DC, and 7th year overall.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

FSU has a bring 'em on attitude by scheduling the big boys, much like Florida St did in the mid '70's. In 2001 their motto was "Shut Up and Hit Somebody". They got their first ever win vs the Big 12 by upsetting Colorado and thrashed then #10 Oregon St. They moved into the AP poll for the first time since 1993 and got all the way up to #8 before having their 17 game home winning streak snapped by Boise. They still finished the year #21 in the final regular season poll. When Pat Hill took over he decided to build the team the right way, with freshmen, which meant going through some growing pains as the team had relied on JUCO's for years. They were young in his first three seasons but have managed to go to four straight bowl games. They are 14-2 in WAC home games and they play before the "Red Wave" which is the nickname of their fanatic crowd. Despite all the recent success, FSU has finished no higher than second in the WAC under Hill. After benefitting from +21 turnovers in their 11-3 2001 season they were only +6 in 2002 and their record dropped to 9-5. Last year's team had to replace David Carr, the first pick in the NFL draft and then lost star WR Bernard Berrian in the first game. Interestingly, Pat Hill said prior to the season it was his most talented team, but he didn't know if it was the best team. They did beat a ranked team (Colo St) at home. Unlike last year, FSU has an experienced QB and they lose just 14 lettermen with 13 starters returning. They have my #2 rated offense and #2 defense in the WAC. Surprisingly last year despite the 6-2 finish, the team was actually outgained in WAC play by 3.8 ypg and only outscored opponents by 4 ppg. The Bulldogs have two tough road games in WAC play against Hawaii and Nevada and also host Boise St in November in what should be a pivotal game. Four of their non-conf foes were in bowls last year, so the schedule is difficult as always, but FSU is a co-favorite for the WAC Title and has a shot at matching last year's nine win total.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB PAUL PINEGAR SO. 6-4 220 PS#156. 12 sts as rFr, 2929 yds (57%), 20-10 ratio, 171 rush. Strong arm. Jeff Grady (6-2 200 Sr) 2 sts LY (inj) 453 yds (46%) 3-3 ratio.

TB RODNEY DAVIS SR. 5-8 210 PS#416JC. 12 sts here LY, 1586 yds (5.1), 19 rec (8.5). **2nd Team WAC. Dwayne Wright** (6-1 210 Jr) **PS#66.** 1068 yds (6.5) at JC LY.

HB ALEC GRECO SR. 6-3 228 9 starts as rFr, 13 rec (10.8). 11 starts in 2001, 24 rec (8.9). 9 starts LY, 15 rec (13.1). Stephen Spach (6-4 240 Jr) 8 starts LY, 11 rec (7.0).

WR BERNARD BERRIAN SR. 6-2 190 7 sts, 43 rec (16.4) in '00. 13 sts in '01, **1st Tm WAC**, 85 rec (16.0) 1321 ret yds. RS LY. Jermaine Jamison (6-3 190 So) 7 sts, 39 rec (16.4).

WR MARQUE DAVIS SR. 6-0 185 PS#102. 13 sts, 64 rec (14.9), **2nd Tm WAC** LY. Adam Jennings (5-10 165 So) 34 rec (9.1). Deandre Gilbert (6-0 170 Sr) 3 sts, 32 rec (14.7).

TE DUNCAN REID JR. 6-6 220 7 sts LY. 25 rec (12.8) HM WAC. Mark Wood (6-4 243 Jr) 2 sts, 4 rec (inj LY). Jeremy Johnson 11 sts in '00, 27 rec (10.6). Jesus Tapia (6-6 215 Fr) PS#154.

C Noah Pouono Jr. 6-3 285 PS#260JC. All conf JC last year. Sean Finnerty (6-3 289 So). Zero games in 2002. Cole Popovich (6-2 274 Fr) PS#255 this year.

RG Dartagnon Shack So. 6-2 309 One of strongest on team lb for lb. Took over & started L/5 as rFr, 1 rec. Doug Roush (6-3 250 So) moved from DE. Dan Budd (6-4 285 rFr).

LG James Martin Jr. 6-4 305 PS#135JC in 2002. RS here LY. Kyle Sweeney (6-4 280 Jr) PS#366OL. Anthony Salcedo (6-1 279 So). Dylan Storey (6-4 250 Fr) PS#370.

RT Matt Stevenson So. 6-7 285 PS#327DL. 2 sts as rFr, 1 at LG, 1 at RT. Missed spring. Kyle Young (6-5 320 rFr) PS#313. Adam Messick (6-7 290 rFr) PS#311.

LT LOGAN MANKINS JR. 6-4 305 14 sts as rFr, Frosh AA. 14 sts at LT in 2002, HM WAC. Kawika Edwards (6-4 300 Jr) PS#363JC. RS LY. Chris Denman (6-6 250 rFr).

K Brett Visintainer Jr. 6-0 187 PS#35. Did KO's in 2000 & '01. 14 TB's, 2-2 xp's in 2001. RS in 2002. 80% TB's in HS, 48 yd FG. Clint Stitser (PS#22). 4 FG's 50+ in HS incl 57 yd'r.

DE Garrett McIntyre So. 6-3 250 PS#540. 1 st as true, 22 tkl, 3 sks, 4 tfl. Clarence Denning (6-3 280 Jr) 11 tkl as true, 1 sk. 3 sts in '01, 31 tkl, 2 sks, 4 tfl, HM WAC. 7 tkls, 2 sks LY but RS.

NG Donyell Booker Jr. 6-2 300 **PS#8JUCO.** 15.5 sks at JUCO LY. Del Hawkins (6-0 261 Sr) 1 st as rFr, 2 tfl, 18 tkls, 3 tfl in 2001, 8 sts in 2002, 33 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl, 1 pbu.

DT FAI SATELE JR. 6-1 290 PS#139DL. 3 tkls in 2001. 7 sts in 2002, 18 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 pbu. Johnny Sotelo (6-4 250 So) PS#422DL. 3 tkls as true. Justin Woltz (6-3 260 Sr).

DE CLAUDE SAUNDERS JR. 6-3 230 PS#269DL. 14 sts in '02, 62 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl. **Brian Morris** (6-2 250 Sr) 2 sts in 2001, 19 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl. Inj LY. Asa Taylor (6-2 220 Sr) PS#279.

OLB David Adamo Jr. 6-2 235 PS#227. 22 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. 6 sts LY, 45 tkls, 1 tfl. Kyle Goodman (6-0 215 So) PS#161. 30 tkls as true. Randall Fields (6-1 220 So). 19 tkls, 2 tfl.

MLB MARC DAILEY SR. 6-1 233 14 sts in '01, HM WAC. 86 tkls, 2 sks. 11 starts LY. 73 tkls, 4 tfl. **Ricky Miller** (6-4 240 rFr) **PS#59.** Christian Carlson (6-2 205 rFr) PS#261.

OLB BRYCE McGILL SR. 5-11 205 PS#233. 13 sts as So, 95 tkls, 4 int, 4 sks. 12 sts LY, 80 tkls, 6 sks, **2nd Tm WAC.** Todd Garcia (5-11 221 Jr) 4 sts LY, 41 tkls, 5 tfl. Dwayne Andrews PS#142.

CB Therrian Fontenot Jr. 5-11 180 4.37 spd, 277 yds at RB 2 years. Ray Washington (6-0 191 So) PS#452. 1 st, 16 tkls, 1 pbu as rFr, Richard Marshall (5-11 185 rFr) PS#94.

CB Kendall Edwards Sr. 5-11 185 PS#121. 13 tkls, 1 int as true. 2 sts in '01, HM WAC, top cover CB, 3 int. 28 tkls (inj). 2 sts til ACL LY. Awan Diles (5-8 182 So) 21 tkls, 3 pbu LY.

SS JAMES SANDERS SO. 5-11 205 10 starts as rFr, 83 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl, 2 int, 9 pbu, HM WAC. Nathan Ray (6-0 199 Jr) PS#194QB. 5 passes as rFr. 33 tkls at DB LY, 1 int, 1 pbu.

FS DEE MEZA SR. 5-8 180 PS#352. 25 tkls, 4 tfl in '01. 12 sts at CB in '02, 57 tkls, 3 int, 3 pbu. **Vincent Mays** (5-11 200 rFr) **PS#48.** 2 tkls as true. Tyrone Culver (6-1 195 So) 24 tkls, 2 int.

P Mike Lingua rFr. 6-0 190 PS#62K. Only one year of football in HS but avg'd over 40.0 per punt, "Mike the Leg". Strong leg, needs to develop other aspects of punting.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

DB	Clifton Smith	5-8 165 PS#42
DB	Damon Jenkins	5-11 180 PS#44
DL	Donyell Booker	6-2 300 PS#8JC
K	Clint Stitser	6-1 185 PS#22
WR	Chico Mackey	5-11 190 PS#132JC
LB	Keith Venson	6-4 215 PS#214
RB	Dwayne Wright	6-1 210 PS#164JC
DL	Cole Popovich	6-2 274 PS#225
OL	Chris Piligian	6-6 255 PS#337
LB	Tyler Clutts	6-2 220 PS#260
OL	Dylan Storey	6-4 250 PS#370
OL	Noah Pouono	6-3 285 PS#260JC
DL	Kevin Cooper	6-4 260 PS#318
QB	Tom Brandstater	6-5 190 PS#248
DB	Marques Floyd	6-1 190 PS#411
DL	Jason Shirley	6-5 295 PS#392
RB	Ahijah Lane	6-1 185 PS#340

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#63

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score FSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	at Tennessee	G					
Sep. 6	Oregon St	G					
Sep. 13	at Oklahoma	G					
Sep. 20	Louisiana Tech	G					
Sep. 27	Portland St	G					
Oct. 4	at Colorado St	G					
Oct. 11	at Hawaii	A					
Oct. 18							
Oct. 25	Rice (HC)	G					
Nov. 1	at SMU	G					
Nov. 8	at Nevada	A					
Nov. 15	San Jose St	G					
Nov. 21	Boise St (Fri)	G					
Nov. 29	at UTEP	A					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

FSU is 6-0 under Hill & 8-1 ATS since 1996 as a home dog.
Dogs are 6-14 ATS the last 20 as road chalk.
Fresno St is 8-15-1 ATS the last 24 WAC games.

FSU is 3-1 ATS in their last 4 lined season openers.
Fresno St is 9-4 ATS the last 13 September road games.

FSU is 10-4 ATS their last 14 Pac 10 teams.
The Bulldogs are 10-4 ATS the last 14 years in their first lined home game.

FSU is 15-6 ATS in non-conference games the last 21.
Fresno St is 1-5 SU & 3-2 ATS vs the Big 12 conference (3-0 ATS L/3).

Dogs are 4-2 ATS in their 1st of back to back straight home games.
The 5th all-time series meeting, FSU is 4-0 SU & the total score is 165-65.

Fresno St is 2-0 SU outscoring Portland St 69-13 the last 2 meetings.
Portland St was 6-5 in 2002 & their only Div IA game was a 41-0 loss at Oregon.

Dogs are 1-2 SU & 0-3 ATS away vs Colorado St since 1993.
The SU winner is 6-2 ATS in this series since 1992.

Fresno St is 4-9 ATS vs Hawaii since 1985 (0-4 their last 4 meetings).
The home team is 8-3 ATS in the last 11 series meetings.

Fresno St is 4-0 SU in this series & the home team has covered each time.
FSU is 3-9 ATS after a bye week since 1993.

FSU is 3-1 SU, but 1-3 ATS (all as DD favs) in this short series.
Bulldogs are 5-9 ATS in the first of 2 or more away games.

Fresno St leads the all-time SU series 20-12-1; 4-0 SU & 3-0-1 ATS L4Y.
Coming into 2003, FSU is 10-19 ATS the last 29 on artificial turf.

FSU is 9-1 SU but only 3-6 ATS the last 10 vs San Jose St.
Bulldogs are 1-4-1 ATS at home the last 3 years in November.

The last 3 games between the Broncos & the Bulldogs have avg'd 67 ppg.
FSU is 6-1 SU & 4-2-1 ATS in their final home game.

Fresno St is 2-4 ATS the last 6 games vs UTEP.
FSU is 3-0 both SU & ATS their L/3 road finales winning by an avg of 48-11.

PAT HILL (Career 46-30)

7th Year at Fresno State

Hill's records AT FRESNO STATE

46-30 Straight Up	11-15-1 Home Favorite
35-35-1 Vs The Spread	6-0 Home Dog
15-12 Off A SU Loss	6-9 Away Favorite
20-26-1 Vs Conference	12-11 Away Dog
15-9 Vs Non-Conf	

2002 RECORD: (9-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (22,20,0)
Lost: 14 (4,8,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 39,133

WAC

FREE PLAYS DAILY IN CALIFORNIA

FREE PLAYS DAILY

1-310-288-6583 1-714-648-2148
1-323-871-5829 1-818-377-4537
1-408-236-3316 1-858-496-3352
1-415-267-5936 1-909-424-3432
1-510-464-5973 1-916-484-5681

STADIUM: BULLDOG STADIUM (41,031)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	6-6	5-6	8-4	7-4	11-2	8-5	49-34
ATS	5-6	6-6	6-5	6-5	5-6	8-5	4-8-1	40-41-1
Home Fav	2-1	1-3	2-2	3-1	3-2	2-3	0-4-1	13-16-1
Home Dog	2-1	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	8-1
Away Fav	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-3	0-1	3-2	1-2	6-10
Away Dog	1-3	2-2	2-3	2-1	2-3	2-0	2-2	13-14
Favorite	2-2	2-4	3-2	3-4	3-3	5-5	1-6-1	19-26-1
Dog	3-4	4-2	3-3	3-1	2-3	3-0	3-2	21-15
Grass	5-5	5-4	4-5	6-2	5-4	5-4	2-5-1	32-29-1
Artificial	0-1	1-2	2-0	0-3	0-2	3-1	2-3	8-12
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	4-4	3-4	3-5	4-4	1-6-1	23-31-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-3	2-1	3-1	2-1	4-1	3-2	17-10
Off SU Win	1-3	2-3	1-3	3-4	2-4	6-4	3-3-1	18-24-1
Off SU Loss	3-3	4-2	4-2	3-1	3-1	1-1	0-5	18-15

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Rodney Davis	313	1643	57	1586	9	5.1
Bryson Sumlin	62	267	18	249	2	4.0
James Cummings	10	61	0	61	2	6.1
Paul Pinegar	65	171	302	-131	1	-2.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Paul Pinegar	403	230	57.1	2929	20	10
Jeff Grady	78	36	46.2	453	3	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Marque Davis	64	956	14.9	7	72
Jermaine Jamison	39	639	16.4	4	77
Deandre Gilbert	32	470	14.7	5	68
Duncan Reid	25	321	12.8	0	29
Adam Jennings	34	310	9.1	1	27
Alec Greco	15	196	13.1	2	50

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Jason Simpson	74	3007	40.6	58	33.2	2	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Asen Asparuhov	43-43	6-6	8-11	8-9	1-4	23-30	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Cameron Worrell	106	1	4	7	5
James Sanders	83	3	4	9	2
Bryce McGill	80	6	7	4	1
Jason Stewart	78	5	11	0	1
Marc Dailey	73	1	3	1	1
Nick Burley	70	11	7	6	0
Claude Sanders	62	5	5	0	0
Sam Williams	60	0	6	6	1
Dee Meza	57	0	3	3	3
Demorieux Reneau	50	0	1	4	1
David Adamo	45	0	1	1	0
Todd Garcia	41	0	5	0	0
Del Hawkins	33	2	3	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Adam Jennings	36	310	8.6	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marque Davis	19	420	22.1	0
Adam Jennings	16	346	21.6	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
93	Aloha	+7	Colorado	30-41	L
99	Las Vegas	+4'	Utah	16-17	W
00	Silicon Valley	-1	Air Force	34-37	L
01	Silicon Valley	-4'	Michigan St	35-44	L
02	Silicon Valley	+6'	Georgia Tech	30-21	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

FRESNO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	27.0	20	132	3.6	242	55.1	13.9	+6	2002	5	27.1	22	160	3.9	245	55.2	14.9
9*	40.0	24	153	4.1	348	64.0	12.5	+21	2001	6	24.6	20	117	3.2	264	55.6	15.5
7	26.4	18	122	3.6	241	60.3	13.7	0	2000	8	20.9	21	157	3.6	206	52.4	17.3
6*	31.8	19	169	4.5	214	64.9	12.1	+5	1999	6	21.7	21	143	3.5	252	54.0	18.2
6*	24.1	17	154	4.0	204	57.4	14.8	+10	1998	7	20.5	20	159	3.6	197	54.6	17.4
7	26.5	18	152	3.9	168	55.8	12.1	+13	1997	6	24.0	21	176	4.1	199	57.6	15.6

2002 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Wisconsin	15	19-34	1.8	22-43	275	0	25	57-198	3.5	11-25	160	6	-2
San Diego St	18	38-66	1.7	21-35	196	3	19	24-38	1.6	25-37	240	4	+1
at Oregon	14	29-109	3.8	16-37	201	2	19	48-104	2.2	19-34	303	5	0
at Oregon St	21	30-64	2.1	25-53	307	1	28	52-286	5.5	11-24	224	1	0
at Rice	21	35-101	2.9	18-29	325	2	30	71-329	4.6	11-16	96	1	+2
Colorado St	17	36-157	4.4	20-28	184	1	16	40-247	6.2	11-23	219	0	+1
SMU	17	36-234	6.5	13-24	198	4	18	43-149	3.5	21-34	213	0	+3
at Boise St	17	17-36	2.1	27-54	371	4	31	47-212	4.5	27-34	476	0	-2
Hawaii	20	43-166	3.9	18-29	167	5	27	15-84	5.6	36-61	462	3	-1
Tulsa	26	45-160	3.6	21-32	295	2	14	44-144	3.3	10-25	82	0	-3
Nevada	22	42-153	3.6	15-28	179	3	22	28-98	3.5	26-47	363	1	+1
at San Jose St	17	38-128	3.4	16-33	175	1	20	42-92	2.2	18-33	154	8	0
at LA Tech	31	55-260	4.7	18-27	321	1	17	26-123	4.7	19-40	222	2	+1
† Georgia Tech	20	55-186	3.4	16-31	188	3	16	31-130	4.2	9-27	218	2	+5
TOTALS	276	518-1854	3.6	266-483	3382	32	302	568-2234	3.9	254-460	3432	33	+6
AVERAGES	19.7	37-132	3.6	19-35	242	2.3	21.6	41-160	3.9	18-33	245	2.4	0.4

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Colorado	+21	21-29	W
at Texas Tech	+13'	28-34	W
Nevada	-13'	24-27	L
BYU	+7	31-21	W
at TCU	+1	10-21	L
at Utah	+7'	16-24	L
UTEP	-10'	32-6	W
at New Mexico	-5'	28-20	W
at San Diego St	+1	0-10	L
Hawaii	-27'	51-12	W
San Jose St	-14	24-21	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Portland St	NL	34-6	–
at Oregon St	+3'	23-46	L
at UCLA	+21	21-35	W
at Nevada	+1'	49-24	W
TCU	-4'	26-19 OT	W
Colorado St	+3'	44-13	W
at SMU	-14'	14-24	L
UTEP	-10'	24-23 OT	L
at Tulsa	-14'	28-14	L
Rice	-2'	47-18	W
at Hawaii	-3	24-31 2OT	L
San Jose St	-16	63-12	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Ohio St	+18'	10-43	L
at UCLA	+14	21-24	W
California	-3	17-7	W
at Rice	-8	27-24	L
Nevada	-24'	58-21	W
at UTEP	+3'	13-23	L
Tulsa	-18'	34-12	W
Hawaii	-26	45-27	L
at TCU	+13	7-24	L
SMU	-18	14-7	L
at San Jose St	+1	37-6	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Colorado	+8'	24-22	W
Oregon St	+3'	44-24	W
at Wisconsin	+4'	32-20	W
at Tulsa	-12	37-18	W
LA Tech	-22	38-28	L
at Colorado St	-7'	25-22 OT	L
Boise St	-16	30-35	L
at Hawaii	-6	34-38	L
Rice	-15	52-24	W
at SMU	-16'	38-13	W
at Nevada	-19'	61-14	W
San Jose St	-28'	40-21	L
Utah St	-22	70-21	W

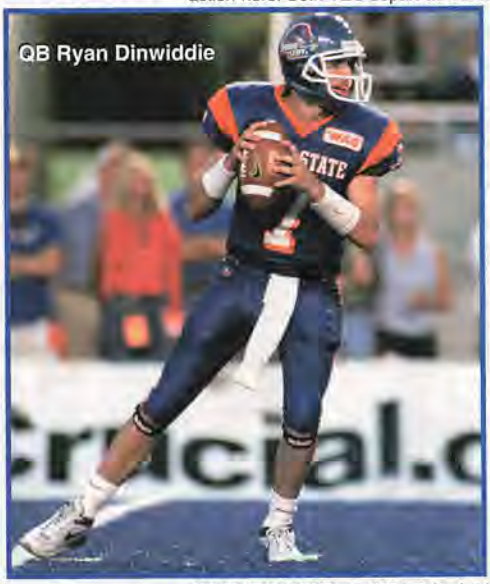
2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wisconsin	+9'	21-23	W
San Diego St	-17	16-14	L
at Oregon	+16'	24-28	W
at Oregon St	+11'	19-59	L
at Rice	-7	31-28	L
Colorado St	+5'	32-30	W
SMU	-23'	30-7	L
at Boise St	+7	21-67	L
Hawaii	-1'	21-31	L
Tulsa	-26	31-12	L
Nevada	-8	38-30	T
at San Jose St	-6	19-16	L
at LA Tech	-1'	45-13	W

BOISE ST BRONCOS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Boise had to replace Bart Hendricks who shattered ten school records and was the Offensive MVP of the Big West in each of his final two years. He threw for 3,611 yards with a 36-9 ratio in his senior year leading the nation in TD passes, pass efficiency and points responsible for. Ryan Dinwiddie (PS#104) played in eight games with just 19 passes and took over the starting job in 2001. Dinwiddie, who does not possess Hendricks' mobility (rushed for 515 gross yds as a senior) threw for 3,043 yards (62.4%) with a super 29-11 ratio while also rushing for 256 yards and was 4th in the NCAA in pass efficiency. He missed the final game that year and BJ Rhode (PS#177) filled in, but hit only 19 of 42 passes for 227 yards (45%) on the season. Both QB's returned last year but unfortunately Dinwiddie broke his ankle in the second game. Rhode would get in five starts and did a tremendous job of saving Boise's season. Rhode threw for 1,444 yards (64.2%) with an 11-5 ratio. When Dinwiddie returned from his ankle injury, he did not start against Fresno but came off the bench and did not relinquish his starting job. He ended up throwing for 2,283 yards (65.4%) with an outstanding 20-3 ratio and was 1st Team WAC. He would have led the NCAA in pass efficiency if he played in 1 more game. Mike Sanford (6-4 213 Jr, PS#125) has 4 pass attempts in 2 years throwing for 65 yards. Legedu Naanee (6-2 229 rFr) was PS#98 and was the Offensive Scout Team POY. Jared Zabransky (6-1 221 rFr) is also available. Despite the loss of an outstanding backup, as long as Dinwiddie stays healthy, he may have a shot to match or beat last year's outstanding numbers, even with a less experienced WR corps.


QB Ryan Dinwiddie

RUNNING BACKS - In 1999 BSU had a RB-by-committee with 4 backs each having 45 rush attempts. Brock Forsey stepped to the forefront and was the team's leading rusher in each of the last three years with 982 yards (4.7) in 2000, 1,207 (4.9) in 2001 and last year setting the school record with 1,611 (5.5), and an amazing 26 TD's. Forsey simply leaves as the WAC's Offensive POY (#6DC of CHI). David Mikell, who along with Forsey was one of the strongest players pound-for-pound on the team, has 4.4 speed and was good enough to take some playing time away from Forsey. He outgained Forsey in the opener but was slowed by ankle and knee injuries missing most of 3 games and finished with 606 yards (5.8). In his three year career has now rushed for 1,526 yards while adding another 366 receiving and 1,769 on KR's. Donny Heck (5-10 205 Jr) was the Offensive Scout Team POY in 2000 and despite being 3rd string has racked up 398 yards rushing and 121 yards receiving the last 2 years. Jeff Carpenter (5-9 206 So) was PS#170 and had 80 yards and Quinton Jones (5-9 165 rFr) has solid speed. When the team uses a FB, Greg Swenson (5-10 216 Sr) and Brad Lau (5-11 235 rFr) will handle those duties. Besides Forsey, the team also loses FB Matt Strohfus. I think this has the makings of a pretty good unit but with the loss of a player who set or tied 16 school records, I'll call it down a few notches.

RECEIVERS - Boise St had a steak of four straight years in which they produced a 1st or 2nd team all-conference TE and each time they lost that player the following year to graduation. Last year they could not keep the streak going. TE Rocky Atkinson was HM WAC (10 rec) and FB Matt Strohfus also saw action here. Both TE's depart as do their top 3 WR's in Billy Wingfield (62 rec, 18.4, 2nd Tm WAC), Lou Fanucchi (38, 18.3, HM WAC) and Jay Swillie (34, 17.3). Only one of the returning receivers had more than 10 catches last year in Tim Gilligan. They were able to redshirt Tony McPherson who had 64 rec's (15.7) at JUCO in 2001. Brett Ralph had 22 rec's (10.7) as a true frosh at Wyoming but went on a two year Mormon Mission and opted to transfer here. As usual, BSU should uncover some top-notch receivers, but this group is clearly less experienced than last season and less talented as well.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 Boise had a very experienced O-line with nine of their top ten returning but averaged just 4.1 ypc rushing while allowing 33 sacks. Last year they had to replace three starters including a 5th round DC and one backup. The group left spring with a 289 lb average but beefed up over the summer to an average of 302.8 lbs per man. Despite the relative inexperience up front, Boise managed 4.84 ypc rushing while allowing just 21 sacks (5.4%). Russell Colburn won a starting job but was lost to injury after five games and Jason Turner took over, with Colburn returning to start the bowl. This year they must replace C Scott Huff (13 sts, 1st Tm WAC, 3 yr st'r, top OL award), LG Matt Navest (13 sts) and RG Rob Vian (13 sts, 1st Tm WAC). Five of the top eight return including three who have started six or more games. This group is more experienced but with the loss of two 1st Tm WAC members and last year's outstanding production, I'll call the unit down a notch in 2003.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Boise had an inexperienced defensive front in 2001 but still only allowed 3.3 ypc rushing with the team recording 29 sacks. Last year they lost their top 3 DE's but had both starting DT's returning. Overall Boise allowed 3.39 ypc rushing while recording 30 sacks. This year they must replace starting DT Bobby Hammer (39 tkls, 5.5 tfl, Bowl MVP), DE Ryan Nelson (34 tkls, 1.5 sks, 2nd Tm WAC), part-time starting DT Tony Altieri (29 tkls, 3.5 sks), backup DE Brad Chase (8 tkls), DT Fernando Yanez (12 tkls) and DE Loa Emmsley (9 tkls). Three players return with starting experience. I expect USC transfer Jason Wardlow (PS#56) to be one of the WAC's best players and DE cohort Julius Roberts has solid speed and should develop into a top-notch pass rusher. Despite the losses this group should be just as solid as 2002.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Boise had to replace two starters but moved in starting safety Travis Burgher to one spot and returned Andy Avalos at the other outside position. Chauncey Ako, who was a JUCO transfer that had 31 tackles in 2001, took over the starting MLB spot and earned 2nd Tm WAC honors (91 tkls, 4 sks, 6 tfl). He departs along with SLB Kameron Merritt (30 tkls, 4 tfl). Once again Andy Avalos and Travis Burgher are back as starters. Avalos led the team in tackles with 107, so this year's group looks at least equal to last year's standards.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Boise finished #41 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and last year had basically the entire unit back. As you would expect, Boise improved all the way up to #8 allowing just 51.7% with a 20-19 ratio vs an extremely tough slate of opposing QB's. This year they do have a significant loss in WAC Defensive POY Quintin Mikell (97 tkls, 3.5 sks , 12 pbu, 8 FF). They also must replace CB Machtier Clay (1 int) but basically seven of the top eight are back and backup ROV Chris Carr, despite not starting was the #6 tackler. I list the 2 deep below and their CB tandem of Gabriel Franklin and Julius Brown tied for the WAC lead in PD (pbu+int) with 17 each with Franklin leading the WAC with 8 int's. Despite the loss of a player of Mikell's caliber, this looks like one of the WAC's best secondaries.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This unit has indeed been special the last four years ranking #32, #23, #28 and #28. BSU has blocked a lot of punts (14 in 4 yrs) including six last season. Last year it appeared the unit would be a little weaker as their kicker, Nick Calaycay and their punter Keith Schuttler each missed the first three games due to knee injuries. Jesse Warner had 8 punts (35.4). When Schuttler returned, he averaged 39.9 but the team had a surprisingly low net of 28.0. KO man Tyler Jones handled the FG's in the first three games and while he hit just 3 of 8 he did have a long of 52. I believe this season he will break Roberto Moran's 1985 school record for the longest FG (56) as Hawkins said he's willing to let him try it from 60+. The majority of his KO's land in the endzone and he recorded an amazing 9 out of 10 touchbacks vs UTEP. Sean Steichen (PS#188QB) moved to punter last year after a shoulder injury and was the #1 punter coming out of the fall but suffered a foot injury. He returns as does Warner. The return game gets Tim Gilligan back at PR (14.0). They will have to replace half of their super KR duo of David Mikell and Brock Forsey (26.0). Mikell returns after averaging 28.4 and 25.3 the last 2 years. Calaycay's 11 of 13 FG's will be missed but his long was just 36 yards. This has the makings of another fine unit.

COACHES - Dan Hawkins enters his third year as the head man and has done a great job guiding the team to its highest finish ever in the AP poll and he was the WAC Coach of the Year last season. Hawkins was also head coach at Willamette from 1993 to 1997 with his team going 22-3 in his final two years there. His OC, Chris Peterson, enters his third year and was a Broyles finalist after his offense led the nation with 45.6 ppg and 501.5 ypg. The DC is Ron Collins who is back for his second year as DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Boise won its last eleven games last year and was not only ranked in the Top 25 for the first time ever (joined IA in '97) but finished the season ranked 12th in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll and 15th in the AP poll, very impressive for any WAC school. Last year's team was a veteran group with 19 seniors including 17 with starting experience. Boise went from -8 turnovers and a 6-2 record in 2001 to a perfect 8-0 in WAC play and +8 in turnovers. Not only was Boise undefeated last year but they were absolutely dominating as they outgained their WAC opponents by 208.4 ypg and outscored them by an average of 51.1-13.9. They have the fewest amount of returning starters in the league including just 3 on offense but one of them is QB Ryan Dinwiddie so they should still be potent. TB David Mikell will fill in ably for Brock Forsey, but the big question is the O-line and new receiving corps. Defensively I rate Boise best in the league which gives them a shot at repeating as WAC champs. Last year the schedule maker gave Boise all of their tough games at home and this season they face 2001's league champion, LA Tech, as well as their top two league foes this year (FSU and Hawaii) on the road. Boise was so far ahead of the rest of the league last season that a repeat would not be out of the question. This team is not only a contender once again in WAC play, but have a shot at another double digit win season.

2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB RYAN DINWIDDIE SR. 6-1 187 PS#104. 11 sts, 3043 yds (62.4%) 29-11 ratio, 256 rush. 8 sts LY (inj) 2283 yds (65.4%) 20-3 ratio, 188.18 pass eff. Legedu Naanee PS#98.

RB David Mikell Sr. 5-10 191 4.43 spd. 2 sts, 1526 yds (5.5), 24 rec (15.3), 1769 ret yds, 3Y. Donny Heck (5-10 205 Jr) 398 rush (4.1). Antwaun Carter is PS#205JC.

WR Tony McPherson Jr. 6-0 183 PS#286JUCO. 64 rec (15.7) at JC in '01. RS LY. Jerry Smith (5-10 175 Sr) 20 rec (10.0) in 3Y. Drisan James (5-11 177 rFr).

WR Tim Gilligan Sr. 5-9 181 PS#229. 3 rec (24.3) in 2000. 9 rec (8.1) in '01. 23 rec (15.2) in '02. 35 PR (14.0). Jovan Hutchinson (5-11 172 rFr) PS#385. TJ Acree (5-10 176 Jr).

WR Mark Onibokun Jr. 6-1 203 PS#238JC. 41 rec (22.0) 3 ret TD's @JC LY. Brett Ralph (6-0 180 So) PS#290. 1 st at **Wyo**, 22 rec as true. Rafe Espinoza (6-1 202 So) ex-QB.

TE Kevin Louwsma Sr. 6-5 244 PS#269DL. 3 rec, 6 gms in '00. 3 rec, 12 gms in '01. Andy Weldon (6-3 243 Jr) PS#286JC. 350 bench. Trent Lundin (6-6 216 Jr) PS#170WR, 3 rec LY.

C Jason Turner Sr. 6-4 265 C in HS, PS#240. 3 games in '01. 7 sts at RT LY. Mike MacLeod (6-2 286 Sr) Backup C 3 years, 2 letters. Joe Wiegand (6-1 279 rFr).

RG Kellen Wright rFr. 6-2 285 PS#193OL in '01. Enrolled in '02 but RS. Added 23 lbs LY. Tyrone Tutogi (6-1 274 Sr) **2 yr st'r at CS Northridge** in 2000 & 2001.

LG Michael Ansel Jr. 6-3 287 PS#435OL. 3 games in '01. 2nd string OL in '02. Ryan Keating (6-3 306 rFr) PS#77TE & RS. Klayton Adams is PS#357JC.

RT RUSSELL COLBURN JR. 6-5 310 PS#435. 6 gms as rFr. First 5 sts at RT LY, inj, ret'd & started in bowl. Kevin Worack (6-6 292 rFr) PS#240. Drew Kishpaugh (6-3 258 Jr).

LT DARYN COLLEDGE SO. 6-5 272 PS#423OL. 605 squat. 13 sts at LT as rFr, trimmed 16 lbs. Tony Volponi (6-4 299 rFr). Ryan Smith (6-0 284 So) PS#298. **Navy transfer**.

K Tyler Jones Jr. 6-1 209 KO's in last 2 years, 3 of 8 FG's LY but L/52, 2 of 3 from 40-49. 2 misses from 50+. Very strong leg. 52.4% TB's in 2002.

DEFENSE

DE Jason Wardlow So. 6-3 235 **PS#53 & orig at USC**. 3 tkls as true. Trans & was Scout Tm Def POY here LY. Mike Dominguez (6-2 231 rFr). Maurice Sapp (6-1 236 Jr) 4 tkls.

DT Paul Allen Jr. 6-2 297 9 tkls as **true**. 20 tkls, 3 tfl in '01. 415 bench. PT starter LY, 20 tkls, 0.5 sk. Andrew Browning (5-11 258 Fr) In for spg. Dan Gore is PS#238OL.

DT DANE OLDHAM SR. 6-3 265 PS#203. 1 st, 17 tkls in 2000. 26 tkls in '01, 4 sks. 7 sts until ACL in '02. 16 tkls, 1.5 sks. Alex Guerrero (6-1 279 So) 10 tkls as **true** last year.

DE JULIUS ROBERTS JR. 6-3 239 PS#315. 4.71 spd. Scout MVP in 2000. 5 tkls in '01. 11 sts LY, 15 tkls, 1 sk. Mike Williams (6-2 239 rFr) PS#180. Mike Fine (6-0 236 Sr) TE LY.

WLB ANDY AVALOS JR. 5-10 223 PS#363. 2 year starter. 49 tkls, 6 tfl in '01. #1 LY w/107 tkls, 2.5 sks, 2 tfl. Korey Hall (6-0 228 rFr), Jeremy Heinrich (5-10 237 So) PS#450RB.

MLB Chris Barrios So. 5-10 224 PS#231. 26 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu as rFr. Clint Furr (6-0 225 So) 4.53 spd. 23 tkls LY. Josh Bean (6-2 215 Fr). Canadian. Tim Hefty (6-2 221 Jr).

SLB TRAVIS BURGHER SR. 6-1 202 **PS#70DB**. 24 tkls at S in 2000. 5 sts, 60 tkls at SS in '01. 13 sts at LB LY, 46 tkls, 3 sks. Jared Hunter (6-4 211 rFr). Mike Altieri is PS#194QB.

CB GABRIEL FRANKLIN JR. 5-10 183 PS#380. 12 sts in '01, 50 tkls, 3 int, 13 pbu. 13 sts LY, 51 tkls, #1 in WAC **8 int**, 9 pbu, 2nd TM WAC. Terrial Hall (5-10 166 Sr) PS#151RB. JC. 12 tkls LY.

CB JULIUS BROWN SR. 5-10 185 Starter in '01, 42 tkls, 1 int, 12 pbu. 12 sts LY, #1 in WAC w/17 PD, 41 tkls. Lee Marks (5-7 171 So) PS#174DB, 10 tkls in 2002.

ROV Chris Carr Jr. 5-9 180 PS#261RB. 32 tkls as true. Backup LY but #6 w/ 47 tkls, 4 tfl. Brad Allen (5-7 179 So) 16 tkls, 1.5 sks as rFr. Gerald Alexander (5-11 179 rFr).

FS WES NURSE SR. 5-10 189 40 tkls, 5 tfl in '00. 12 sts in '01, 72 tkls, 1 int. 13 sts LY, 89 tkls, 1.5 tfl, 3 int, 5 pbu. Cam Hall (6-0 209 So) 15 tkls. Deshan Cabaong (6-1 181 Jr) 24 tkls.

P Sean Steichen So. 6-0 194 PS#188QB. Arm injured so just punt in 2002. Was #1 punter LY but injured. Jesse Warner (5-6 181 Jr) 8 punts in 2002, 35.4 average.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

DL	Pete Cavender 6-2 278 PS#129
DB	Dallas Bernstine 5-10 185 PS#178
OL	Dan Gore 6-5 250 PS#238
OL	Jeff Cavender 6-2 270 PS#302
RB	Antwaun Carter 5-9 210 PS#205JC
QB	Mike Altieri 6-0 185 PS#194
WR	Duron Cooley 6-0 204 PS#263
TE	Derek Schouman 6-2 225 PS#100
WR	Mark Onibokun 6-1 203 PS#238JC
OL	Tad Miller 6-4 270 PS#410
QB	Taylor Tharp 6-1 200 PS#236
WR	Quincy Lever 5-11 180 PS#346
LB	Josh Bean 6-2 215 PS#401
TE	Sherm Blaser 6-4 200 PS#142

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 6	Idaho St	A					
Sep. 13	at Idaho	A					
Sep. 20	at Oregon St	A					
Sep. 27	Wyoming	A					
Oct. 4	at Louisiana Tech	G					
Oct. 11	Tulsa	A					
Oct. 18	at SMU	G					
Oct. 25	San Jose St	A					
Oct. 31	at BYU (Fri)	G					
Nov. 8							
Nov. 15	UTEP	A					
Nov. 21	at Fresno St (Fri)	G					
Nov. 29	Nevada	A					
Dec. 6	at Hawaii	A					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Broncos are 16-4 ATS at home the last 4 years.
BSU is 13-3 ATS off their last 16 SU losses.
Boise St is 13-3 ATS the last 2 years as a WAC member.

Broncos are 7-0 their last 7 non-lined games.
Idaho St was 8-3 & lost at Utah St 38-33 vs the only Div IA team they played LY.

BSU is 5-1 SU & ATS the last 6 years vs the Vandals.
Boise St has outscored Idaho 194-72 in the L/4 meetings (avg BSU 49-18).

This will be the 1st lined meeting, BSU is 0-2 SU vs the Beavers.
Broncos are 0-6 SU & ATS vs the Pac 10 since 1996.

BSU is 4-2 ATS the last 6 September home games.
Boise St is 5-0 SU & ATS vs teams from the Mt West Conference S/98.

Broncos are 7-3-1 ATS the last 11 games on grass.
Boise St is 3-0 ATS the last 3 years in their conference opener.

BSU is 2-0 SU & ATS vs Tulsa, outscoring them 93-34.
Boise St is 15-1 ATS their last 16 conference home games.

Coming into 2003: BSU is 6-2 SU & ATS away vs WAC foes.
This will be the 1st meeting between these schools.

Broncos are 2-0 SU & ATS vs the Spartans both as DD favorites.
This is the 3rd meeting between these 2 teams. BSU has outscored SJS 101-14.

BSU's high-powered offense will be tested as BYU returns all 11 players on def.
Boise St is 3-0 SU & ATS before a bye since 1998.

Bonus: Boise St is 15-3 ATS the last 3 years as a double digit favorite.

Broncos are 4-1 ATS after a bye.
Including a bowl game, BSU is 3-0 SU & ATS vs UTEP.

BSU is 2-3 SU & 2-1 ATS all-time vs Fresno St.
Broncos are 7-0 SU & ATS in their road finales since 1996.

Boise St has covered each of the last 3 meetings both SU & ATS.
BSU leads the all-time SU series 17-12 & are 3-0 SU the last 3.

Broncos are 5-1 both SU & ATS in their last 6 season finales.
Boise St is 3-1 ATS in this series.

DAN HAWKINS (Career 20-5)

3rd Year at Boise St

Hawkins' records AT BOISE ST

20-5 Straight Up
16-7-1 Vs The Spread
4-1 Off A SU Loss
13-3 Vs Conference
8-3 Home Favorite
0-1 Home Dog
6-2 Away Favorite
2-1-1 Away Dog
3-4-1 Vs Non-Conf

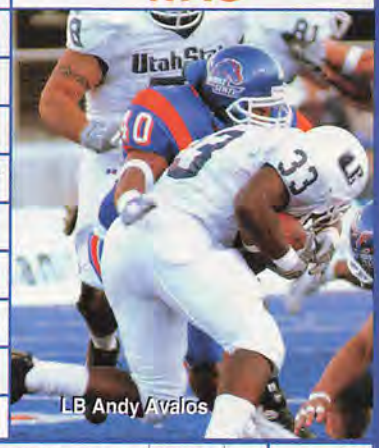
2002 RECORD: (12-1)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 3*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 31 (12,18,1)
Lost: 19 (9,8,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 27,533

WAC


LB Andy Avalos

STADIUM: BRONCO STADIUM (30,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-10	4-7	6-5	9-3	9-2	8-4	11-1	49-32
ATS	2-7	7-3	4-4	7-3	7-2	7-4-1	9-3	43-26-1
Home Fav	0-1	1-1	1-1	2-0	3-0	4-1	4-2	15-6
Home Dog	0-4	2-0	1-1	3-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	6-6
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	3-2	1-2	5-0	9-6
Away Dog	2-2	4-2	2-2	2-1	1-0	2-0-1	0-1	13-8-1
Favorite	0-1	1-1	1-1	2-2	6-2	5-3	9-2	24-12
Dog	2-6	6-2	3-3	5-1	1-0	2-1-1	0-1	19-14-1
Grass	1-2	1-0	2-2	1-1	3-1	1-1-1	2-1	11-8-1
Artificial	1-5	6-3	2-2	6-2	4-1	6-3	7-2	32-18
vs Conf	1-3	4-0	3-2	5-1	4-1	6-2	7-1	30-10
vs Non-Conf	1-4	3-3	1-2	2-2	3-1	1-2-1	2-2	13-16-1
Off SU Win	0-2	2-1	3-3	5-2	5-2	4-3	8-2	27-15
Off SU Loss	2-4	5-1	1-1	2-0	1-0	3-1	1-0	15-7

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brock Forsey	295	1648	37	1611	26	5.5
David Mikell	**105**	**655**	**49**	**606**	**8**	**5.8**
Donny Heck	**64**	**292**	**17**	**275**	**2**	**4.3**
Jay Swillie	7	103	5	98	0	14.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Ryan Dinwiddie	**205**	**134**	**65.4**	**2283**	**20**	**3**
B.J. Rhode	176	113	64.2	1444	11	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Billy Wingfield	62	1138	18.4	7	69
Lou Fanucchi	38	697	18.3	5	97
Jay Swillie	34	589	17.3	6	67
Tim Gilligan	**23**	**349**	**15.2**	**1**	**44**
Brock Forsey	36	282	7.8	6	53
David Mikell	**16**	**193**	**12.1**	**1**	**30**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Keith Schuttler	24	958	39.9	57	–	2	4

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nick Calaycay	63-66	7-7	4-4	0-2	0-0	11-13	36

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Andy Avalos	**107**	**2.5**	**2**	**4**	**0**
Quintin Mikell	97	3.5	2	12	1
Chauncey Ako	91	4	6	6	0
Wes Nurse	**89**	**0**	**1**	**5**	**3**
Gabriel Franklin	**51**	**0**	**0**	**9**	**8**
Chris Carr	**47**	**1**	**3**	**3**	**0**
Travis Burgher	**46**	**3**	**2**	**1**	**2**
Julius Brown	**41**	**0**	**1**	**15**	**2**
Bobby Hammer	39	2.5	3	2	0
Ryan Nelson	34	1.5	1	1	0
Kameron Merritt	30	0	4	2	0
Tony Altieri	29	3.5	1	0	0
Chris Barrios	**26**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**1**
Clint Furr	**23**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**	**1**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tim Gilligan	**35**	**491**	**14.0**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
David Mikell	**21**	**532**	**25.3**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Humanitarian	+1'	Louisville	34-31	W
00	Humanitarian	-9	UTEP	38-23	W
02	Humanitarian	-12	Iowa St	34-16	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

BOISE ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	45.6	24	209	4.8	293	64.4	11.0	+8	2002	7	18.5	19	109	3.4	231	51.7	18.5
7	34.3	23	169	4.1	275	60.5	13.0	-8	2001	3	23.3	19	118	3.3	252	56.6	15.8
7*	44.3	23	175	4.5	316	60.4	11.1	+10	2000	5	22.8	19	137	3.6	226	50.6	15.9
5*	33.1	22	163	3.8	259	55.1	12.8	+11	1999	9	21.3	18	116	3.2	221	49.5	15.8
10*	29.9	23	176	4.2	246	51.9	14.1	-4	1998	10	31.8	20	126	3.4	270	50.0	12.4
7	25.9	19	154	3.6	212	50.5	14.1	-4	1997	5	32.5	22	154	4.3	285	56.5	13.5

2002 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Idaho	24	37-233	6.3	20-25	270	1	23	32-93	2.9	26-41	272	2	+2
at Arkansas	18	26-27	1.0	25-39	331	7	15	48-217	4.5	11-24	128	2	-5
at Wyoming	23	46-227	4.9	20-29	204	0	19	32-125	3.9	21-42	211	1	0
Utah St	20	36-178	4.9	17-28	376	1	19	35-65	1.9	24-40	355	4	+1
Hawaii	23	47-186	4.0	19-30	215	1	27	16-79	4.9	35-57	360	1	+3
at Tulsa	27	51-353	6.9	18-27	205	1	20	29-82	2.8	26-52	319	3	-2
Fresno St	31	47-212	4.5	27-34	476	0	17	17-36	2.1	27-54	371	4	+2
at San Jose St	29	54-243	4.5	19-35	407	4	18	18-102	5.7	32-52	256	0	+1
at UTEP	21	42-237	5.6	10-20	233	0	16	54-204	3.8	6-23	46	1	+3
Rice	29	45-229	5.1	25-33	318	0	14	51-152	3.0	3-13	80	4	-1
Louisiana Tech	23	36-144	4.0	19-33	399	1	23	22-84	3.8	32-56	355	3	+1
at Nevada	26	53-285	5.4	15-25	214	3	16	24-38	1.6	15-32	125	4	+2
† Iowa St	19	40-157	3.9	17-32	160	2	17	41-145	3.5	15-42	130	1	+1
TOTALS	313	560-2711	4.8	251-390	3808	21	244	419-1422	3.4	273-528	3008	30	+8
AVERAGES	24.1	43-209	4.8	19-30	293	1.6	18.8	32-109	3.4	21-41	231	2.3	0.6

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
CS-Northridge	NL	26-13	–
Washington St	+11	21-33	L
Portland St	NL	42-24	–
at Utah	+17	31-28	W
at LA Tech	+10'	28-63	L
N Texas	-7'	13-21	L
Weber St	NL	24-13	–
Utah St	-2'	30-16	W
at Nevada	+11	24-52	L
at N Mexico St	+4	55-51	W
Idaho	+2'	35-36 OT	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UCLA	+27	7-38	L
S Utah	NL	35-27	–
at Hawaii	-6'	19-34	L
New Mexico	+3	20-9	W
Utah	+16	26-20	W
E Washington	NL	41-7	–
at N Texas	-7	10-17	L
Nevada	+2	52-17	W
at Utah St	+3	33-27	W
Arkansas St	-9'	63-10	W
N Mexico St	-8	45-26	W
at Idaho	+2'	45-14	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at New Mexico	-1'	31-14	W
N Iowa	NL	42-17	–
at Arkansas	+13'	31-38	W
at C Michigan	-10'	47-10	W
at Washington St	-2'	35-42	L
E Washington	NL	41-23	–
N Texas	-27	59-0	W
at New Mexico St	-8	34-31	L
at Arkansas St	-14	42-14	W
Utah St	-16	66-38	W
Idaho	-14'	66-24	W

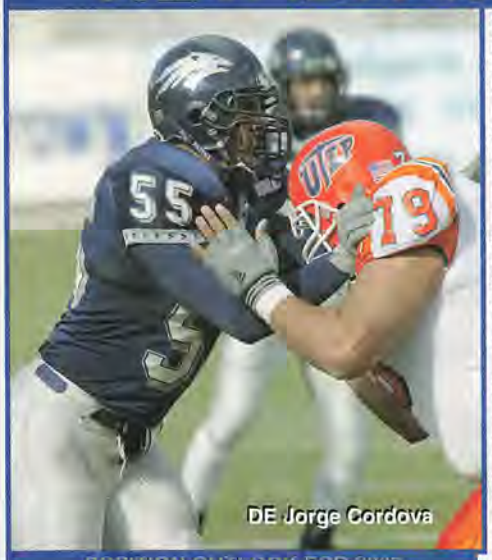
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at S Carolina	+19	13-32	T
Washington St	+5	20-41	L
UTEP	-5'	42-17	W
at Idaho	-11'	45-13	W
at Rice	-4'	14-45	L
Tulsa	-12'	41-10	W
at Fresno St	+16	35-30	W
Nevada	-22	49-7	W
at LA Tech	-1'	42-48	L
at Hawaii	+4	28-21	W
San Jose St	-15	56-6	W
C Michigan	-24	26-10	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Idaho	-23	38-21	L
at Arkansas	+7'	14-41	L
at Wyoming	-6	35-13	W
Utah St	-19	63-38	W
Hawaii	-4	58-31	W
at Tulsa	-26	52-24	W
Fresno St	-7	67-21	W
at San Jose St	-16'	45-8	W
at UTEP	-32'	58-3	W
Rice	-27'	49-7	W
LA Tech	-28	36-10	L
at Nevada	-18'	44-7	W

NEVADA WOLF PACK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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Nevada is known for their high flying pass attacks and the Wolf Pack had a streak of 17 seasons topping 2,000 yards passing snapped in 2001. David Neill, with NFL size (6-5 223) left as the school's all-time career passing leader (10,903 yds). In 2001 Zack Threadgill started two games when Neill was injured and threw for 801 yards (58%) but with a poor 2-5 ratio. I expected a drop off at the QB position but Threadgill had an amazing start to the season. Against BYU and Rice he threw for 410 and 408 yards with an 8-1 ratio and after the first four games was hitting 69.2%. Over the final eight, Threadgill hit 57.2% and finished with 3,418 yards (61%) and a 26-17 ratio. Threadgill got injured vs UTEP and was rather ineffective in the final two games especially against Boise St where he hit just 3 of 14 for 28 yards. The backup QB was supposed to be Andy Heiser (6-1 175 Jr) who was PS#250 and has been on the team for three years but has yet to see action. True frosh Jeff Rowe passed him up. Rowe played in six games seeing his most extensive action against Boise in the finale where he hit 12 of 18 for 97 yards. Travis Moore (6-2 185 rFr) was PS#225 and was the scout team Offensive POY. He will battle Rowe for the starting spot as they surprisingly did not sign a JUCO to contend. While this group is just about as experienced as it was heading into last season, the numbers put up by Threadgill were impressive and will be tough to duplicate.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 Chance Kretschmer, a walk-on from a small Nevada high school with just 14 varsity players, took over the starting job in the third week. Kretschmer fractured a wrist in HS and was not able to lift weights, but became a weightlifting demon at Nevada and is also a calf roper in the rodeo. He had a phenomenal rFr season becoming the #1 rusher in the NCAA with 1,732 yards (5.7) with 15 TD's. Last year he suffered a minor concussion in the opener vs Wash St in the 4Q. He was questionable all week but ended up playing vs BYU. Unfortunately, on the first carry of the game he tore his ACL on a late hit and was lost for the season with just 75 yards rushing (2.8). Matt Milton who has Kretschmer's size but more speed, took over the RB duties. He did not have his first 100 yard game until Hawaii partially due to a banged up O-line. The OL was in its best health for a stretch of four games (Hawaii through SMU) and in that span he averaged 155 ypg including 224 vs San Jose St. In the final three games he rushed for 64, 86 and 16 yards. For the year Milton rushed for 1,108 yards (4.9). BJ Mitchell (5-8 190 So) had one start in ten games with 232 yards rushing (3.9) as a true frosh. Also in the mix at RB are two speedy true frosh signed this year (see Top Newcomers) as well as Talib Wise (5-8 182 Jr) who was RB/WR/KR at JUCO last year. With both Kretschmer and Milton back, this could be the WAC's deepest RB corps.

RECEIVERS - Nate Burleson (6-2, 4.31 speed) had a tremendous career here. In his first two years he led the team with 57 and 53 rec's but exploded last season leading the NCAA and nearly breaking the NCAA record for receptions in a season (held by Manny Hazard 142). Burleson finished with 138 (11.8) and easily broke the WAC record (109) while his 19 rec's vs UTEP set a school record. He opted to leave early for the NFL draft (#3DC of MIN). Also gone this year is TE Erick Streelman (11 sts, 2nd TM WAC, 30 rec), WR Aaron Carter (9 rec), WR Dan Bythwood (1 st, 13 rec, 18.2) and TE Bill Lynch (4 sts, 2 rec). Lynch was the team's best blocking TE but missed six games due to a knee injury while Carter missed six games with a broken foot. The #2 receiver, Tim Fleming, missed two (concussion). Nichiren Flowers started in his place and finished #3 with 33 (13.6). I list the 2 deep below. The good news is that they added VHT Willie Johnson (PS#6JC) who should be the top man. Three of the top 6 guys are back and they add Johnson, but Burleson and Streelman were special.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 the OL had to replace all five starters and had a new coach with new terminology and was among the weakest in the NCAA allowing 53 sacks with just 2.2 ypc rushing. With four starters back in 2001 they made outstanding strides as they averaged 4.8 ypc rushing and trimmed the sack total to 26. Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 23 starts, but basically had 3 starters returning. Projecting starting OT Harvey Dahl missed the first five games so C Cody Johnson moved to RT in those games and JUCO Steve Church started at C. RG Isaiah Ross missed three starts and returning starting LG John Tennert missed the season due to an MCL injury. The line was healthy midyear and the offense showed improvement but for the season Nevada averaged just 3.94 ypc rushing but only allowed 22 sacks. This year the only loss is Johnson (11 sts, 3 yr st'r, 2nd Tm WAC) but eight players return with starting experience including Tennert who had nine starts in 2001. This should be one of the WAC's best OL's this season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Nevada's DL allowed a horrific 5.4 ypc in 2001 which was their worst total in recent history. Last year they had to replace seven players who combined for 25 starts (which included Chris Hines who moved to the OL but moved perhaps their best defensive player, MLB Jorge Cordova to the DE spot. Cordova got off to a slow start on the DL not recording a sack in the first six games but amazingly rebounded to lead the WAC in sacks (9) earning the team's Defensive POY. This year the unit is in great shape with the only losses being DT Sean Folweiler (14 tkls, 3 tfl) and DE JD Morscheck who moves to ILB (8 sts). With Cordova back and basically six of the top eight from last year, this unit is deep in experience and talent and I list a legitimate 3 deep below. Not even listed below are Ross Wolter (6-3 227 rFr, PS#273) and Jimmy Wadhams (6-3 295 rFr). The Wolf Pack allowed 4.73 ypc rushing and recorded just 17 sacks last year, and I look for significant improvement in 2003.

LINEBACKERS - The Wolf Pack LB corps had basically 1.5 starters returning last year. The 2001 group ended up with a converted RB/DB starting the final five games due to injuries. I projected a VHT JUCO to take over one spot but he never qualified and backup Matt White also had his career end due to injuries. This year the unit is much more experienced as four of the top six LB's return with the only losses being Jordan Edwards (10 tkls), Chris Smith (7 tkls), and Jesse Adarme (1 tkl).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Wolf Pack finished #113 in my pass D rankings in 2001 but basically had everyone returning last year plus added some JUCO's. The 2002 schedule featured seven foes who ranked in the Top 20 in pass offense in 2001, and they lost CB Leondre Lewis (5-10 170 Jr, 13 sts, 81 tkls in 3Y) for most of the season. True frosh Chris Handy took over one starting CB spot. Rov Ronnie Hardiman (PS#126) missed 2 games. Overall, as you would expect, the unit improved moving up to #68 allowing just 54.5% with a 19-9 ratio. This year they must replace Rov Paul Jolley (6 sts, 36 tkls, 2 tfl) and CB Domonic Cruz (5 sts, 40 tkls, 1 int) as well as backup CB's Aaron Dean (9 tkls) and Justyn Midanik (1 tkl). I list the 2 deep below and not only do seven players return with starting experience, but they add Nebraska transfer Randy Landingham and get the healthy return of Lewis as well as the addition of some JUCO's. Not listed below are JUCO Kevin Ernst (5-11 180 Jr), Nick Hawthrone (6-0 195 rFr) who was the Scout Team Special Teams POY, Garrett Watkins (6-1 185 rFr), Clark Flournoy (5-11 180 rFr), Chad Conley (5-10 190 Jr) and JC Callahan (5-10 170 Jr). I look for the Wolf Pack to make continued improvement in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tormey put a lot of emphasis into coaching special teams while at Idaho and the unit finished #7 in 1998 in my special teams rankings. In his five years coaching at Idaho his teams allowed zero KR's for TD's. In his first two seasons here the team finished #114 and #110 including 4 return TD's in 2000. The team improved to #88 in 2001 and had basically everyone back last season. For the most part the unit was very solid with the exception of the PR game (4.85). Overall the team rose to #54. Damon Fine hit 10 of 17 FG's with a long of 45. He had trouble on KO's with very few touchbacks and they went to "sky kicks" in the middle of the season with Fine and P Jones sharing the KO duties. Jones has improved his net punting in each year going from 31.1 to 34.7 to 36.1. PR Marlon McLaughlin averaged a solid 10.4 on returns in 2001 but slipped to 4.8 last year. Top KR Ronnie Hardiman averaged 22.8, Chris Handy (22.4) and Buddy Lewis (28.2) also chipped in. With basically everyone back, this unit should continue to improve.

COACHES - Chris Tormey enters his fourth year as head man and got a one year contract extension through 2004 after finishing 4-4 in the WAC last season. Four of their 7 losses LY were by a combined 19 points. His staff, has remained intact as OC Phil Earley and DC Jeff Mills came over with him from Idaho. Mills missed last year's Hawaii game due to the death of his father and the Warriors put up 674 yards including forty-two 1Q points.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Nevada was the dominant team in the Big West from 1991-1996 when they compiled a 51-18 SU record. In the final three years of the conference they went just 14-19. In the first three years after joining the WAC they had just 3, 2 and 3 overall victories for the season but coming into last year with 17 returning starters were pegged for 6th in the WAC, their highest preseason ranking since joining. Nevada did not disappoint with a 4-4 WAC record tying them for 4th in the league. Despite losing their star RB, Chance Kretschmer, Nevada was able to upset BYU in the second game, 31-28 and narrowly missed upsetting Colo St. This year practically everyone is back with the exception of QB Zack Threadgill. Their 17 returning starters are the most in the league and the 11 lettermen lost are the fewest. Last year in league play Nevada outgained opponents by an average of 30.6 ypg and come into 2003 with my #4 rated defense in the league. A lot depends on if the new starting QB plays well and if he does the supporting cast is outstanding. Nevada hosts Fresno, Hawaii and LA Tech in WAC play and has a chance at breaking its streak of four straight losing seasons.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Jeff Rowe So. 6-5 195 6 games as true, 138 yds (65%) 1-0 ratio. Travis Moore (6-2 185 rFr) PS#225. Scout Tm POY. Andy Heiser (6-1 175 Jr) PS#250.

RB CHANCE KRETSCHMER JR. 6-2 220 9 sts, **#1 in NCAA w/**1732 yds (5.7) rFr, **1st Tm WAC**. Inj'd LY. **Matt Milton** (6-0 205 So) 9 sts, 1108 yds (4.9). BJ Mitchell 232 yds (3.9).

WR TIM FLEMING SR. 6-1 185 7 sts in 2000, 25 rec (17.8). 4 sts in '01, 30 rec (13.3). 9 sts LY, 39 rec (11.0). Kyle Eklund (5-8 170 rFr) PS#271. Paul Pratt is PS#160DB.

WR Willie Johnson Jr. 6-4 200 **PS#6JC** in for spg! 61 rec (17.5) at JC LY. Maurice Mann (6-1 170 Sr) PS#253JC. 6 sts here LY, 18 rec (12.9). Buddy Lewis (5-11 185 Sr).

WR NICHIREN FLOWERS SO. 6-3 195 5 sts as rFr. #3 w/33 rec (13.6). Del McGee (6-0 190 Jr) 38 rec (14.1) at JUCO LY, 14 KR (22.5). Tony Strong (6-3 205 Fr) PS#387 LY.

TE Tony Moll So. 6-5 260 Off Scout Tm MVP in '01. 1 st as rFr. Anthony Pudewell (6-4 220 So). RJ Marsh (6-2 235 Sr) PS#284DL. Travis Branzell (6-3 230 rFr).

C Steve Church Sr. 6-1 271 PS#285JUCO. First 5 starts at C last year. Kyle Gosselin (6-2 250 So) TE as frosh. 1 start at C last year. Barrett Reznick (6-1 265 rFr).

RG ISAIAH ROSS SR. 6-3 305 9 sts as rFr on DL, 21 tkls, 4 tfl. 2 sts on OL in '01. 9 sts at RG LY (miss 3 inj). Tony Willis (5-10 305 So) 2nd string LY. Adam Garcia (6-5 290 rFr).

LG CHRIS HINES JR. 6-2 280 8 sts on DL as **true**, 21 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl. 412 bench. 12 sts at LG LY. Nick Schneider (6-3 309 So) PS#256. 453 bench. Cody Jackson (6-1 300 rFr).

RT HARVEY DAHL JR. 6-5 280 Orig signed in '99. 5 sts in '01. Miss first 5 LY (inj). Last 7 sts, **top OL award! Adam Kiefer** (6-5 280 So) PS#303. 5 sts as rFr.

LT ALAN PARKER SR. 6-5 310 PS#265. 9 sts at RT as rFr. 6 sts til inj in '01. 10 sts at LT in '02, HM WAC. **John Tennert** (6-3 303 Jr) PS#284. **11 sts** in '00, **9 sts** in '01.

K DAMON FINE JR. 5-9 150 Hit 15 of 23 FG's in 2001, long of 58 (tied a school record). 11 of 11 inside the 40. Hit 10 of 17 FG's in 2002, long of 45, 35 of 38 xp's.

DE J.J. MILAN SO. 6-5 225 PS#250DL. 5 sts as true, 22 tkls, 1 tfl. Keenan Curtis (6-1 250 Sr) PS#82JUCO, 1 st, 3 tfl LY. Charles Wilson (6-4 230 rFr) Scout Team MVP.

DT DEREK KENNARD SR. 6-1 267 PS#230. 6 sts, 7 tfl as rFr. 8 sts, 35 tkls, 4 sks in '01. 11 sts, 34 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl LY. PJ Hoeper (6-3 278 So) 1 st, 10 tkls LY. George Yarno PS#333 LY.

DT CHRIS BARRY JR. 6-3 284 PS#231. 8 sts, 27 tkls as rFr. 12 sts in 2002, 30 tkls, 1 tfl. Tim Sylvester (6-2 265 So) PS#240DL. Kose Kuaea (6-2 240 Fr) PS#156DL in '02.

DE JORGE CORDOVA SR. 6-2 240 11 sts, 91 tkls in '00. 8 sts, 59 tkls, 4 sks in '01. **#1 in WAC w/9 sks** LY, 11 sts, 54 tkls, (0 sks 1st 6). Craig Bailey (6-4 230 So) 6 tkls. Ben Kirish (6-5 230 Jr).

OLB CARL LaGRONE SR. 6-5 212 PS#165. 27 tkls, 2 sks in '00. 6 sts, 49 tkls, 3 tfl in '01. 11 sts LY, 54 tkls, 8 tfl, HM WAC. Scott Garrison (5-11 215 rFr) PS#112. Brenton Kendrick (6-0 225 So).

MLB DARYL TOWNS SR. 6-0 226 PS#119. 11 sts, 103 tkls, 4 tfl in '01. 9 sts, 66 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Shaun Tagatauli (6-0 230 Jr) PS#221JC. Jamaal Jackson (5-11 205 So) 2 sts, 11 tkls, 1 tfl as true.

ILB LOGAN CARTER SO. 6-3 200 8 sts as rFr, 62 tkls, 3 sks, 5 tfl, 1 pbu. MIP LB LY. JD Morscheck (6-1 220 Sr) PS#215. 5 sts, 33 tkls, 6 sks in 2001. 8 sts at DE LY, 30 tackles.

CB CHRIS HANDY SO. 5-11 175 7 sts as **true**, 41 tkls, 2 tfl. Ali Jones (6-1 202 Sr) JC. 4 int, 10 pbu in 2001. 4.47 spd. 4 sts, 20 tkls, 2 pbu LY. Roderick Price (5-10 170 Sr) PS#196JC.

CB MARLON McLAUGHLIN JR. 5-10 173 Idaho transfer. 9 sts, 47 tkls, 11 pbu in '01. 12 sts LY, 42 tkls, 7 pbu. **Randy Landingham** (6-1 195 So) **Neb transfer**. Leondre Lewis 13 sts 3Y.

ROV Ronnie Hardiman Sr. 6-0 190 PS#126. 9 sts in '00, 94 tkls. HM WAC. 10 sts in '01, 83 tkls. 3 int, 5 pbu. 6 sts LY (inj) 25 tkls, 4 pbu. Ekene Agwuenu (6-2 200 Jr) 3 sts, 41 tkls 3Y.

FS KEONE KAUO JR. 5-11 180 PS#153. 2 sts as true, 33 tkls. 10 sts in '02, #1 w/85 tkls, 4 int, 5 pbu, HM WAC. Tyrone Rackley (5-11 192 Sr) PS#117, 24 tkls in 2 years.

P DEREK JONES SR. 6-3 213 79 punts as rFr, 39.5 avg, 31.1 net. 53 punts in '01, 39.8 avg and net of 34.7. 63 punts LY, 40.9 average, 36.1 net, HM WAC.

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QB	Jeff Wells	6-2 214 PS#108
DB	Paul Pratt	5-10 175 PS#160
LB	Erics Clark	6-5 215 PS#237
DB	Roderick Price	5-10 170 PS#196JC
LB	Nick Fuhr	6-3 225 PS#271
LB	Jeremy Engstrom	6-1 241 PS#274
OL	Greg Bellasis	6-6 262 PS#435
RB	Drew Robinson	5-10 180 PS#307
TE	Adam Bishop	6-5 225 PS#138
RB	Jerred Belser	5-8 182 PS#320
LB	Kevin Porter	6-1 210 PS#422
LB	John Simpson	6-2 220 PS#426

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN LINE	Final Score UN	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	S Utah	A					The Thunderbirds were 1-10 in 2002, their only win was over Mesa State. Nevada is 148-45-2 SU all-time in Mackay Stadium.
Sep. 6	at Oregon	A					UN has been outscored 54-157 the L4Y in road openers but is 3-1 ATS. Nevada is 0-8 SU & 2-4 ATS vs Pac 10 teams.
Sep. 13							
Sep. 18	at San Jose St (Thur)	G					All 7 meetings have been high scoring with an avg combined ppg of 79.1. The Wolf Pack is 4-2 ATS after a bye week since 1997.
Sep. 27	SMU	A					UN is 7-3 the last 10 vs current WAC teams at home. Nevada is 4-2 ATS in their last 6 home openers.
Oct. 4	UNLV	A					Pack is 0-3 SU & ATS the last 3 after beating the Rebels 5 straight. The winner of this instate rivalry is awarded the Fremont Cannon.
Oct. 11	at Washington	A					This will be Nevada's 1st meeting with Washington since 1903. Nevada is 0-6 SU but 2-2 ATS away vs Pac 10 teams.
Oct. 18	at Tulsa	A					Nevada is 9-5 ATS the last 2 years after a SU loss. Pending earlier results: Nevada is 6-9-1 ATS under Tormey as an AD.
Oct. 25	LA Tech (HC)	A					These WAC foes have combined to avg 93 ppg the last 3 meetings. Wolf Pack is 0-2 SU but 2-0 the last 2 years vs Louisiana Tech.
Nov. 1	at Rice	A					Nevada is 2-6-1 ATS since 1997 in November road games. Wolf Pack is 3-0 ATS vs Rice in their only recent meetings.
Nov. 8	Fresno St	A					UN is 5-13-1 ATS in their last 19 Nov games but 5-6-1 under Tormey. The visitor is 4-2 SU & 3-1-1 ATS in this series.
Nov. 15	Hawaii	A					The SU winner & HT are both 3-0 SU & ATS in this series. UN is 1-5 SU & ATS their last 6 home finales losing by an avg of 47-21.
Nov. 22							
Nov. 29	at Boise St	A					UN is 0-3 SU & ATS the last 3 vs the Broncos & were outscored 145-31. Nevada is 1-3-1 ATS their last 5 road finales.

CHRIS TORMEY (Career 43-48)
4th Year at Nevada

Tormey's records AT NEVADA

10-25	Straight Up	2-1	Home Favorite
17-17-1	Vs The Spread	7-6	Home Dog
12-11	Off A SU Loss	2-1	Away Favorite
11-12-1	Vs Conference	6-9-1	Away Dog
		6-5	Vs Non-Conf

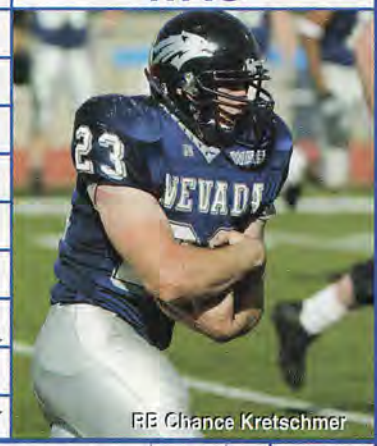
2002 RECORD: **(5-7)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 54 (23,29,2)
Lost: 11 (7,4,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,842

WAC



RB Chance Kretschmer

STADIUM: MACKAY STADIUM (31,545)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	5-6	6-5	3-8	2-10	3-8	5-7	33-47
ATS	0-0	4-6	5-5	4-7	4-8	6-5	7-4-1	30-35-1
Home Fav	0-0	3-1	1-1	2-3	0-0	0-0	2-1	8-6
Home Dog	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	2-3	3-2	2-1	9-9
Away Fav	0-0	0-2	1-2	0-2	0-0	1-0	1-1	3-7
Away Dog	0-0	0-2	2-1	2-1	2-5	2-3	2-1-1	10-13-1
Favorite	0-0	3-3	2-3	2-5	0-0	1-0	3-2	11-13
Dog	0-0	1-3	3-2	2-2	4-8	5-5	4-2-1	19-22-1
Grass	0-0	4-5	3-3	4-5	1-3	1-2	3-1-1	16-19-1
Artificial	0-0	0-1	2-2	0-2	3-5	5-3	4-3	14-16
vs Conf	0-0	2-2	2-3	2-4	2-6	5-3	4-3-1	17-21-1
vs Non-Conf	0-0	2-4	3-2	2-3	2-2	1-2	3-1	13-14
Off SU Win	0-0	1-3	2-3	1-2	0-2	0-2	3-1-1	7-13-1
Off SU Loss	0-0	3-2	3-1	3-4	3-6	6-2	3-3	21-18

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Matt Milton	225	1134	26	1108	9	4.9
B.J. Mitchell	59	243	11	232	3	3.9
Zack Threadgill	62	229	113	116	1	1.9
Nate Burleson	22	120	5	115	1	5.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Zack Threadgill	451	275	61.0	3418	26	17
Jeff Rowe	26	17	65.4	138	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Nate Burleson	138	1629	11.8	12	95
Nichiren Flowers	33	450	13.6	4	52
Tim Fleming	39	430	11.0	3	31
Erick Streelman	30	345	11.5	3	26
Dan Bythwood	13	237	18.2	1	52
Maurice Mann	18	233	12.9	3	36

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Derek Jones	63	2579	40.9	70	36.1	1	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Damon Fine	35-38	4-4	4-7	2-5	0-1	10-17	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Keone Kauo	85	0	2	5	4
Daryl Towns	66	0	3	1	0
Logan Carter	62	3	5	1	0
Jorge Cordova	54	9	5	1	0
Carl LaGrone	54	1	7	0	0
Marlon McLaughlin	42	0	1	7	1
Chris Handy	41	0	2	1	0
Domonic Cruz	40	0	1	3	1
Paul Jolley	36	1	1	2	0
Derek Kennard	34	4	5	2	0
J.D. Morscheck	30	0	0	0	0
Chris Barry	30	0	1	0	0
Ronnie Hardiman	25	0	3	4	1
J.J. Milan	22	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marlon McLaughlin	22	105	4.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ronnie Hardiman	22	501	22.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
47	Salad	NL	N Texas	13-6	–
48	Harbor	NL	Villanova	7-27	–
92	Las Vegas	NL	Bowling Green	34-35	–
95	Las Vegas	E	Toledo	37-40	L
96	Las Vegas	-6'	Ball St	18-15	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NEVADA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	27.6	24	138	3.9	296	61.2	15.7	-6	2002	10	30.9	20	178	4.7	242	54.5	13.6
10*	26.0	25	206	4.8	248	55.2	17.5	-1	2001	6	39.2	23	224	5.4	271	61.6	12.6
2*	17.3	18	68	2.2	245	48.9	18.1	-2	2000	2	38.7	23	233	5.0	202	56.5	11.2
9*	25.7	25	146	4.2	326	57.5	18.3	-4	1999	5	38.0	23	240	5.3	230	53.3	12.4
5	33.7	26	144	3.9	363	57.9	15.0	-3	1998	8	28.7	19	190	4.7	206	48.7	13.8
7	32.1	24	109	3.4	370	59.8	14.9	+2	1997	7	29.1	25	188	4.8	260	52.0	15.4

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Washington St	19	46 - 108	2.3	20 - 35	174	3	18	27 - 108	4.0	19 - 33	261	0	-1
BYU	25	38 - 119	3.1	28 - 37	410	4	15	30 - 164	5.5	19 - 37	192	1	-2
Rice	28	45 - 126	2.8	30 - 36	408	2	14	40 - 248	6.2	6 - 14	118	0	+1
Colorado St	24	27 - 111	4.1	26 - 44	341	0	24	50 - 260	5.2	16 - 29	271	2	-2
at UNLV	22	22 - 68	3.1	23 - 50	323	1	26	49 - 206	4.2	16 - 35	262	1	-1
at Hawaii	26	35 - 223	6.4	20 - 38	246	2	24	27 - 154	5.7	25 - 40	520	0	-2
San Jose St	25	36 - 308	8.6	20 - 29	233	0	22	41 - 190	4.6	20 - 30	206	2	+2
at Louisiana Tech	31	44 - 195	4.4	31 - 40	338	1	17	25 - 92	3.7	20 - 29	376	2	+1
at SMU	22	39 - 151	3.9	23 - 35	270	1	16	31 - 151	4.9	14 - 35	159	2	+2
UTEP	26	36 - 109	3.0	30 - 54	325	3	12	37 - 125	3.4	10 - 23	141	1	-1
at Fresno St	22	28 - 98	3.5	26 - 47	363	1	22	42 - 153	3.6	15 - 28	179	3	-1
Boise St	16	24 - 38	1.6	15 - 32	125	4	26	53 - 285	5.4	15 - 25	214	3	-2
TOTALS	286	420 - 1654	3.9	292 - 477	3556	22	236	452 - 2136	4.7	195 - 358	2899	17	-6
AVERAGES	23.8	35 - 138	3.9	24 - 40	296	1.8	19.7	38 - 178	4.7	16 - 30	242	1.4	-0.5

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oregon St	+7'	6-48	L
Colorado St	+16'	14-26	W
at Fresno St	+13'	27-24	W
at UNLV	-10'	31-20	W
N Mexico St	-12	45-48	L
at N Texas	-1	21-27	L
at Idaho	+3	58-23	W
Boise St	-11	52-24	W
at Utah St	-6'	26-21	L
Cal Poly	NL	63-0	–
S Mississippi	+10	28-55	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oregon St	-1	13-28	L
at Colorado St	+17'	33-38	W
at Oregon	+14	10-72	L
Fresno St	-2	24-49	L
UNLV	-8	26-12	W
at N Mexico St	+4	23-16	W
at Boise St	-2	17-52	L
N Texas	-11	41-28	W
Idaho	+2'	33-42	L
at Arkansas St	-3'	28-44	L
Utah St	-3	35-37	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oregon	+32'	7-36	W
TCU	+22'	10-41	L
at Wyoming	+16'	35-28	W
Colorado St	+17	14-45	L
at UNLV	+21	7-38	L
at Fresno St	+24'	21-58	L
San Jose St	+16	30-49	L
at SMU	+13'	7-21	L
UTEP	+25	22-45	W
at Hawaii	+14'	17-37	L
Rice	+10	34-28	W
at Tulsa	+12'	3-38	L

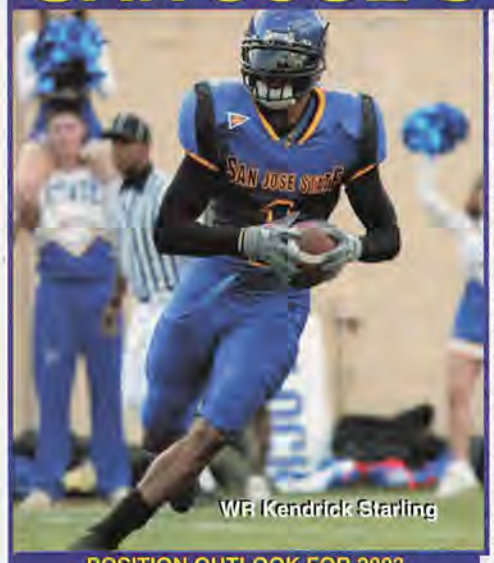
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	+25'	7-52	L
at Colorado St	+29'	18-35	W
Hawaii	+5'	28-20	W
UNLV	+11	12-27	L
LA Tech	+9	42-45 OT	W
at Rice	+13	30-33	W
at Boise St	+22	7-49	L
SMU	+2	35-14	W
at San Jose St	+3'	45-64	L
Fresno St	+19'	14-61	L
at UTEP	-5	48-31	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wash St	+27	7-31	W
BYU	+14	31-28	W
Rice	-7'	31-21	W
Colorado St	+11'	28-32	W
at UNLV	-1	17-21	L
at Hawaii	+10	34-59	L
San Jose St	-5	52-24	W
at LA Tech	+4'	47-50	W
at SMU	-6'	24-6	W
UTEP	-27'	23-17	L
at Fresno St	+8	30-38	T
Boise St	+18'	7-44	L

SAN JOSE ST SPARTANS


WR Kendrick Starling

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Marcus Arroyo had five starts as a true frosh, twelve starts in 2000 and nine more in 2001. In 2001 he threw for 1,905 yards (54%) with a 12-14 ratio. JUCO transfer Scott Rislov won the starting job last year because he made the fewest mistakes in the spring and in August. His job was on shaky ground early as he was pulled in the 2Q vs Washington (but Arroyo only hit just 5 of 13 for 59 yards with 2 int's) and then was pulled after 3 int's and a fumble in the first half vs Stanford. Beau Pierce (6-3 226 Jr) was brought in but he hit just 7 of 13 for 25 yards. Rislov had his best game of the season in guiding the team to the win over Illinois hitting 27 of 45 for 408 yards and there were no more questions over who was the starter. Against Ohio St's tough defense, he hit 36 of 44 for 81.8% setting a school single-game record for completion percentage. When the season finished, he topped Mike Perez's 1987 mark for single-season completions and came up just 9 yards short of Perez's record for passing yards. For the season Rislov threw for 3,251 yards (61.2%) with a 22-14 ratio. Arroyo departs, but he threw just 18 passes. Some of this year's new signees like Danny Armstong (PS#94 orig at SD St, JUCO last year) will battle Pierce for the backup job. As long as Rislov stays healthy, I look for him to improve upon 2002's numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the team had to replace their top two rushers and the leading returner, Lamar Ferguson, who stands just 5-5 144, had 302 yards (5.2) in 2001. Ferguson is the smallest player in the NCAA and got in nine starts missing some playing time due to injuries and rushed for 634 yards (5.0). Lance Martin (5-10 212 Jr) rushed for 249 yards and an impressive 6.1 ypc despite missing some time due to a sprained ankle. Basically everyone is back from last year including Trestin George (PS#74) who played both DB and RB last year and rushed for 176 yards (3.9). Also back is Damarcus Ingram (5-9 218 Sr) who rushed for 1,494 yards at JUCO and had 209 (5.8) here last year. Another JUCO transfer Oscar Rigg (5-10 215 Jr) had 67 total yards offense in 13 games, but is listed at LB this spring. The big news was the signing of Tyson Thompson who was simply PS#5 in 2000 and went to JUCO where he had 1063 yards (6.7) in 2002. This group is a lot more experienced than it was heading into last season and gets a HUGE talent upgrade with Thompson!

RECEIVERS - In 2001 Edell Shepherd had the third best season ever for receiving yards in the WAC with 1,500 yards which was more than double the #2 receiver. He graduated last year but the team did have Charles Pauley, the #2 receiver back, as well as the outstanding addition of Kendrick Starling (PS#16JC). Starling was leading the team in rec's when he strained his neck against Ohio St but still finished the year with 49 (12.3). Jamall Broussard, a Texas Tech transfer, led the team with 62 (rec's). Those two are back but they must replace explosive Charles Pauley who led the team in receiving yards with 804 (13.4). Also gone is TE Marcus Helfman (13 sts, 23 rec) and WR Juan Walden (12 rec, 14.7). Overall four receivers topped 500 yards and three are back and I list the 2 deep below. Not listed below are Rufus Skillern (6-1 178 So) and Michael Hooper (5-9 155 Fr). This group is more experienced than last season and Starling should have a huge year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 the team brought in a new OL coach and averaged 5.2 ypc rushing while allowing just 13 sacks. In 2001 they only had to replace one starter but dropped to 4.1 ypc while still allowing 13 sacks. Last year the losses were heavy as three starters and one backup departed and the unit slipped again paving the way for just 3.56 ypc rushing while allowing 28 sacks in 483 pass attempts (5.8%). This year the only losses are RT Tim Provost (13 sts, 2nd Tm WAC, 4 yr st'r, #6DC of MIA) and RG Charles Dehoney (7 sts). Eight of the top ten are back including five players with starting experience. They have a pretty talented 2 deep below with a lot of JC transfers waiting in the wings. I look for solid improvement in the rushing numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Rush defense has been a concern for the Spartans for a long time and the last eight years they've allowed over 5.0 ypc rushing five times, including 2001 when they yielded 5.1 ypc while recording just 18 sacks. Last year all four starters departed from the front wall as well as two backups. Eddie Brown (PS#6JC), who I projected as a starter delayed enrollment because of knee surgery. Larnell Ransom became the first true frosh to start at DT here since 1996. Surprisingly the team improved their rush D to 4.84 ypc but still recording just 19 sacks. This year they are much more experienced as five players return with starting experience and Eddie Brown should play. Brown is a rare VHT athlete for here who was PS#36DL in 2000 and recruited by both Texas and Michigan. The only losses this year are DE Chip Kimmich (13 sts, 48 tkls, 4 tfl), DT Brandon Miles (3 sts at DT, 29 tkls, 2 tfl), DT Adonis Forrest (6 tkls), DT Mike Beams (18 tkls, 1 st) and DE Ethan Allen (3 tkls). This should be one of the most improved D-lines in the country.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Spartans had to replace two starters and two backups. This year they must replace LB Luke LaHerran (13 sts, 120 tkls, 13 tfl, HM WAC) and Brian Foreman (8 sts, 34 tkls, 6 tfl). I list the 2 deep below and all of the projected starters do have some starting experience. Last year's group was far from overwhelming and while this year's LB corps won't be confused with those of traditional LB schools such as Penn St and Texas A&M, it does look a little stronger in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - San Jose St finished #100 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and had to replace three full-time starters and two backups last year so they were very lightly experienced. The unit still finished #3 in the NCAA in total interceptions as they snagged 23. Gerald Jones eight interceptions tied a school record set by Leroy Zimmerman in 1939 and tied by Don Peterson in 1966. Jones dropped three int's vs Louisiana Tech or would have had the record to himself. The interceptions helped San Jose rise to #80 in my pass D rankings as they allowed 300.5 ypg but only 57.9% with a 32-23 ratio. This year practically everyone returns. The only losses are CB Carlos Koustas (3 sts, 12 tkls), SS CJ Arnold (4 sts, 82 tkls) and CB Shaun Fletcher (2 sts, 21 tkls). Everyone else returns including Trestin George who is PS#74RB and split time at CB/RB. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and this unit should continue to move up the pass D rankings in 2003, but I doubt they will match last year's interception total.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1999 the Spartans actually finished #9 in the special teams rankings and they were #34 in 2000. They had most everyone back in 2001 but surprisingly finished #117 (out of 117). Last year almost everyone returned again and they made huge improvements moving up to #26. The key to their improvement was super KR Charles Pauley who led the NCAA with 31.5 average on KR's and also had a solid 11.3 avg on PR's. The team finished +3 in the TD/Blk category thanks to two KR TD's by Pauley. This year Pauley departs as does punter Michael Carr who averaged 38.1 with a net of 34.1. I list his potential replacements below. Kicker Nick Gilliam is also gone after hitting 12 of 20 FG's with a long of 43. With new personnel at all of the key positions, this unit will definitely drop in the rankings in 2003.

COACHES - Fitz Hill was my WAC Coach of the Year last season as he had a team with just six returning starters playing nine road games and had them playing for a winning record in their final game of the season. He was awarded a two year contract extension to 2006. Their OC is Charlie Roche who was promoted this spring to OC full-time after sharing the job last year with Norman Joseph who departed in the offseason. They also lost their DC Ronnie Lee and his defense last year was #4 nationally in turnovers gained (38). Former DE coach Chris Wilkerson was promoted to DC for 2003.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year San Jose St increased its win total from 3 to 6 (see Coaches). The Spartans continue to get closer to the NCAA maximum of 85 scholarships which they hope to reach in 2004. From 1978-1992 SJS had 12 winning seasons including four California Raisin Bowl bids. Since 1993 the team has had just one winning season. Last year SJS had to play nine road games including seven of their first eight, travel 23,574 miles and did so with just 62 players available on scholarship despite not even having a bye week. Stunningly this team led Washington 10-0, upset the defending Big 10 Champ Illinois on the road and jumped out to a 4-2 start. They had no serious injuries after seven weeks but were usually outscored in the second half due to lack of depth. In the season finale against Fresno St, they were playing for a winning record and came up just short. SJS's 4-4 WAC finish has them 12-12 in WAC play the last 3 years and last year they lost 29 out of 59 lettermen with the 49.2% loss being among the highest in the country. This year the team is much more experienced. As usual, with all of the JUCO's they recruit, they have 15 senior starters which is the most in the league and 16 returning starters overall. They also add some top-notch JUCO additions like RB Tyson Thompson (PS#5) and DT Eddie Brown (PS#6). One alarming factor is that despite their 4-4 record last year in league play, SJS was outgained by an average of 73 ypg, third worst in the conference. They do have my #3 rated offense in the league and #7 rated defense and are in much better shape than they were heading into last year. San Jose has 71 scholarship players, 9 more than last season. This year's slate is a lot less grueling with 11 games as opposed to 13 and one of the non-conf foes is Grambling St, so SJS not only has a chance of contending in WAC play, but breaking through for its first winning season since 2000.

2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB SCOTT RISLOV SR. 6-2 214 PS#432JC. 13 sts LY, 3251 yds (61%) 22-14 ratio, 212 rush. 36 of 44 vs Ohio St. Danny Armstrong (6-0 210 Jr) PS#94. Beau Pierce (6-3 226 Jr).

RB TYSON THOMPSON JR. 6-1 207 **PS#5RB!!** 1063 yds (6.7) at JC in '02. Lamar Ferguson (5-5 144 Jr) 9 sts, 634 yds (5.0). Lance Martin (5-10 212 Jr) 308 yds (5.3) 2 years.

WR Tuati Wooden Sr. 6-0 192 3 sts in '01, 37 rec (11.8). 6 sts in '02, #4 w/35 rec (15.4). Clarence Cunningham (5-10 175 Jr) 92 rush as true at RB. 4 rec last year.

WR KENDRICK STARLING SR. 6-1 183 **PS#16JC**. 46.9 in 400m. 7 sts here in '02 (inj'd) still 49 rec (12.3). John Broussard (6-1 160 So) PS#360. James Jones (6-1 187 rFr).

WR JAMALL BROUSSARD SR. 5-9 177 4 sts at TT as true, 10 rec (5.6). JUCO in '01. 10 sts here in '02, #1 w/62 rec (11.0). Casey Miranda (5-9 180 Jr) PS#442JC.

TE Leon Pinky Jr. 6-3 270 PS#91JC & signed w/**Tennessee** in '02. In for spring. Courtney Anderson (6-7 267 Sr) 35 tkls, 8 sks at JC in '01. 13 rec (11.9) here.

C LaMONS WALKER SR. 6-3 270 PS#262OL. 2nd string in 2000. 4 tkls in '01 at DT/TE. 13 sts at C in 2002, HM WAC. Mark Manning (6-0 318 So) PS#206. 1 tkl in 2001.

RG JUSTIN ARRINGTON SR. 6-1 300 PS#58JUCO. Took over & started last 7 here in '02. Stanley Apted (6-4 300 So) PS#198JC. Chad Lerette (6-5 320 Jr) PS#271JC.

LG JOSEPH HAYES SR. 6-5 310 2nd string as rFr & lettered. 8 sts in '01, HM WAC. 10 sts at LG in '02. Kevin Isreal (6-2 310 Jr) PS#475JC. 2nd string in 2002, 2 starts.

RT Kevin Myers Fr. 6-5 340 PS#138. Huge. Amadeo Novella (6-6 290 Jr) PS#207JC. Eric Olsen (6-4 315 Jr) 2nd string in '02. Osmar Staples (6-5 303 Jr) PS#238OL.

LT JEFF GORDON SR. 6-4 287 PS#428JC. N Illinois in '99 & Iowa in '00. 13 sts at LT LY. Reggie Candler (6-3 280 Sr) 2nd string in 9 gms. John Toensfeldt (6-8 293 So) PS#296.

K Jeff Ferrier Fr. 6-3 215 PS#17K. Top HS K in California. 7 of 9 FG's in HS in 2002, long of 53, 75% of KO's were TB's, 45 of 49 xp's. Jeff Carr (6-1 188 Jr).

DEFENSE

DE Larnell Ransom So. 6-1 257 4 sts as **true**. 16 tkls. 1 sk. Michael Hodges (6-0 249 Jr) **16 sks at JC** in '02, in for spring. Tony Ficklin (6-2 257 Jr) 2 sts, 35 tkls, 3 tfl in '02.

DT EDDIE BROWN JR. 6-3 295 **PS#6JC**. PS#36DL in 2000. **Steve Nash** (6-3 256 Sr). 28 tkls, 2 yrs, **8 sts** in 2002. Josh Veal (6-4 295 Jr) PS#272JC, Houston in 2002.

DT KINJI GREEN SO. 6-2 263 Scout Tm MVP in '01. 10 sts at DT LY, 35 tkls, 2 sks, 1 pbu. Joshua Smith (6-3 280 So) 26 tkls, 1 sk as **true**. Jason Gustus (6-0 310 Jr) PS#381JC.

DE PHILIP PERRY SR. 6-2 254 PS#220JC. 13 sts here LY, 74 tkls, 7 sks, 7 tfl. HM WAC. **Def MVP**. Andrew Paopao PS#181JC. 16 sks at JC LY. Justin James (6-4 238 So). Scout MVP.

OLB ONYEKA OSSAI SR. 6-1 217 JUCO. 5 starts here in '01. 62 tkls, 2.5 tfl. Last 8 sts in '02. 49 tkls, 2 tfl. Katrell Collier (6-1 205 Jr) PS#124JC. 7 sks, 6 int at JUCO last year.

MLB Paul Okumu Sr. 6-0 234 PS#146JUCO, Inj'd here in '01. 6 sts in '02, 48 tkls. Rafael Pineda is PS#168. Skyler McKnight (6-1 231 Sr) 1 start in '02, 14 tackles.

OLB Michael Smith Sr. 6-0 221 10 tkls as true. 35 tkls, 1 tfl in '01. 2 sts at OLB LY, 43 tkls, 1 pbu. Mike Liranzo (6-1 226 Jr) 34 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl LY. Jamaal Allen (6-3 238 Jr).

CB TRESTIN GEORGE SO. 5-9 173 PS#74RB. 6 sts as **true** (4 at CB, 2 at RB). 21 tkls, 3 pbu, 215 yds off. Quincy Washington (5-11 164 Sr) 2 sts LY, 23 tkls, 5 pbu. Ray Carmel (5-11 185 Sr).

CB MELVIN COOK SR. 5-9 197 10 sts in '01, 52 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. 13 sts LY, 59 tkls, 4 int, 5 pbu. Malcolm Thompson (6-1 183 So) 2 sts, 10 tkls as true. Jerrell Hardy PS#212JC.

SS JOSH POWELL JR. 6-3 196 9 sts at SS in '02, 86 tkls, 4 int, 3 pbu. Zack Rance (5-11 194 Sr) 26 tkls in 3 years. Terrence Tillman (5-9 200 Sr). Neil Parry (6-1 175 Sr).

FS GERALD JONES SR. 6-0 196 PS#304JC. 12 sts LY, 8 int (school rec) 86 tkls, 7 pbu, co-Def POY. Donald Richardson (6-3 202 rFr) PS#310. Jemonte Cox (5-11 206 So) PS#435.

P Bryce Partridge Sr. 6-3 198 43.0 avg as senior in HS in '97. 16 punts in 2001, 32.9 avg, 5 inside the 20. 1 punt, 40 yards in 2002. Dale Rogers (6-2 239 Jr).

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OL	Kevin Myers	6-5 340 PS#138
K	Jeff Ferrier	6-3 215 PS#17
DB	Roy Lewis	5-11 170 PS#170
RB	Tyson Thompson	6-1 207 PS#117JC
LB	Rafael Pineda	6-2 240 PS#168
LB	Katrell Collier	6-1 205 PS#124JC
DL	Eddie Brown	6-3 295 PS#161JC
TE	Leon Pinky	6-3 270 PS#165JC
DL	Andrew Paopao	6-2 245 PS#181JC
DL	Edwinn Tidwell	6-2 265 PS#238
RB	Yonus Davis	5-9 170 PS#218
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OL	Amadeo Novella	6-6 290 PS#207JC
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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SJSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 23	Grambling St *MLK Literacy Classic*	G					
Aug. 30	at Florida	G					
Sep. 6	at Stanford	G					
Sep. 13							
Sep. 18	Nevada (Thur)	G					
Sep. 27							
Oct. 4	at Rice	A					
Oct. 11	SMU	G					
Oct. 18							
Oct. 25	at Boise St	A					
Nov. 1	Hawaii	G					
Nov. 8	at UTEP	A					
Nov. 15	at Fresno St	G					
Nov. 22	Tulsa	G					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

SJSU is 3-1 SU & ATS vs Louisiana Tech.
The Spartans are 4-1 ATS their last 5 trips to Hawaii.
San Jose St is 6-1 as an away favorite since 1996.

The Grambling St Tigers were 11-2 in Div IAA play in the SWAC.
GSU is coached by former Redskins '87 Super Bowl MVP Doug Williams.

Only prior meeting was a 21-59 SU & ATS loss in 1991.
San Jose St is 6-0 ATS their last 6 road openers.

San Jose St is 9-13 SU but 13-6 ATS vs Stanford in this series since 1980.
SJSU is 8-4 ATS their last 12 meetings vs a Pac 10 foe.

Bonus: Spartans are 20-10 ATS the last 30 in September since 1995.

SJS is 0-5 SU & 1-4 ATS after a bye since 1996.
Spartans are 3-1 ATS in their 1st lined home game of the season L4Y.

Bonus: SJS is 5-2 ATS in WAC home games the last 2 years.

The home team has won & covered all 3 meetings.
San Jose St is 8-4 ATS on artificial turf the last 3 years.

The away team has won & covered all 3 meetings.
SMU has outrushed San Jose St 750-405 in their 3 contests.

Bonus: San Jose St is 8-5 ATS in conf away games the last 3 years.

The Broncos have outfirstdowned the Spartans 54-30 and...
SJSU is 0-2 SU & ATS vs the Broncos & have been outscored 14-101.

San Jose St is 5-2 ATS vs Hawaii since 1996.
Spartans are 6-2 ATS the last 2 years in November (4-0 last year).

The SU winner has covered each of the last 7 meetings in this series.
San Jose St is 4-3 ATS vs UTEP (including 2-0 SU & ATS the last 2 years).

The Spartans are 0-4 SU, but 3-1 ATS their last 4 stops in Fresno.
SJS is 6-3 ATS in their final lined away game of the season.

San Jose St is 3-1 SU & ATS vs Tulsa since 1999.
SJS is 2-8 ATS their last 10 lined home finales.

FITZ HILL (Career 9-16)
3rd Year at San Jose St

Hill's records AT SAN JOSE ST

9-16	Straight Up	3-1	Home Favorite
14-11	Vs The Spread	2-2	Home Dog
6-8	Off A SU Loss	2-0	Away Favorite
10-6	Vs Conference	7-8	Away Dog
		4-5	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (6-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (23,20,1)
Lost: 16 (6,8,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 10,360

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STADIUM: SPARTAN STADIUM (30,456)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-9	4-7	4-8	3-7	7-5	3-9	6-7	30-52
ATS	5-7	7-4	6-6	3-6	8-3	5-7	9-4	43-37
Home Fav	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-2	2-1	1-0	5-6
Home Dog	2-2	2-3	2-2	0-0	1-0	0-1	2-1	9-9
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	3-1	0-0	2-0	6-1
Away Dog	3-4	5-1	3-3	2-5	3-0	3-5	4-3	23-21
Favorite	0-1	0-0	1-1	1-1	4-3	2-1	3-0	11-7
Dog	5-6	7-4	5-5	2-5	4-0	3-6	6-4	32-30
Grass	4-5	4-4	5-4	3-4	5-2	4-5	5-3	30-27
Artificial	1-2	3-0	1-2	0-2	3-1	1-2	4-1	13-10
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	5-3	1-5	5-3	4-4	6-2	29-25
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	1-3	2-1	3-0	1-3	3-2	14-12
Off SU Win	0-2	2-1	0-4	2-1	4-2	1-2	5-1	14-13
Off SU Loss	5-4	4-3	5-2	0-4	3-1	3-5	3-3	23-22

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Lamar Ferguson	128	681	47	634	8	5.0
Lance Martin	41	272	23	249	3	6.1
Damarcus Ingram	36	221	12	209	0	5.8
Trestin George	45	207	31	176	2	3.9
Scott Rislov	72	212	199	13	0	0.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Scott Rislov	449	275	61.2	3251	22	14
Marcus Arroyo	18	5	27.8	59	0	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Charles Pauley	60	804	13.4	4	75	
Jamall Broussard	62	681	11.0	5	68	
Kendrick Starling	49	603	12.3	5	53	
Tuati Wooden	35	539	15.4	2	79	
Marcus Helfman	23	189	8.2	2	22	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Michael Carr	57	2174	38.1	60	–	0	10
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Nick Gilliam	42-44	6-6	3-7	3-5	0-2	12-20	43

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Luke La Herran	120	3	10	6	1
Josh Powell	86	0	0	3	4
Gerald Jones	86	0	3	7	8
C.J. Arnold	82	0	1	2	1
Philip Perry	74	7	7	2	1
Melvin Cook	59	0	2	5	4
Onyeka Ossai	49	0	2	1	0
Chip Kimmich	48	1	3	1	1
Paul Okumu	48	0	1	0	0
Michael Smith	43	0	0	1	0
Kinji Green	35	2	0	1	0
Tony Ficklin	35	1	2	0	1
Mike Liranzo	34	3	2	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Charles Pauley	21	237	11.3	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Charles Pauley	31	978	31.5	2
Kendrick Starling	16	294	18.4	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
71	Pasadena	NL	Memphis	9-28	–
81	California Raisin	NL	Toledo	25-27	–
86	California Raisin	NL	Miami, Oh	37-7	–
87	California Raisin	NL	E Michigan	27-30	–
90	California Raisin	-14	C Michigan	48-24	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

SAN JOSE ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	28.9	19	112	3.6	263	60.0	13.0	+6	2002	2	35.9	25	193	4.8	300	57.9	13.7
9*	24.6	21	153	4.1	276	54.9	17.5	-8	2001	4	38.4	24	204	5.1	297	59.5	13.0
8	31.2	20	188	5.2	229	50.0	13.4	+6	2000	5	29.8	25	223	4.7	253	51.5	16.0
2*	25.8	20	119	3.6	249	54.5	14.3	-10	1999	6	40.2	25	243	5.2	235	57.3	11.9
8*	22.8	17	132	3.8	203	53.1	14.7	+4	1998	7	32.1	23	259	5.1	171	51.9	13.4
5	20.5	19	135	3.4	205	46.7	16.6	-4	1997	5	35.2	21	185	4.1	219	50.2	11.5

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Arkansas St	17	39-148	3.8	14-31	162	2	12	32-108	3.4	17-35	182	1	+1
at Washington	13	33-35	1.1	21-36	236	3	27	37-152	4.1	22-35	347	2	0
at Stanford	9	23-34	1.5	18-34	177	3	28	47-258	5.5	19-32	305	1	-1
at Illinois	31	44-109	2.5	27-45	408	4	27	29-176	6.1	28-38	426	0	+3
UTEP	25	37-179	4.8	25-36	330	2	24	35-157	4.5	19-44	303	2	+4
at SMU	17	24-57	2.4	17-35	277	1	22	61-267	4.4	6-18	70	0	+1
at Ohio St	16	13-0	0.0	36-49	265	1	24	49-212	4.3	19-23	355	2	-3
at Nevada	22	41-190	4.6	20-30	206	2	25	36-308	8.6	20-29	233	0	-2
Boise St	18	18-102	5.7	32-52	256	0	29	54-243	4.5	19-35	407	4	-1
at Hawaii	19	28-171	6.1	15-30	287	0	27	26-113	4.3	34-59	440	2	-2
Louisiana Tech	22	33-163	4.9	26-35	399	0	25	31-141	4.5	29-48	341	1	+1
at Tulsa	24	35-179	5.1	21-37	267	2	33	43-245	5.7	27-46	322	3	+5
Fresno St	20	42-92	2.2	18-33	154	8	17	38-128	3.4	16-33	175	1	0
TOTALS	253	410-1459	3.6	290-483	3424	28	320	518-2508	4.8	275-475	3906	19	+6
AVERAGES	19.5	32-112	3.6	22-37	263	2.2	24.6	40-193	4.8	21-37	300	1.5	0.5

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Stanford	+15'	35-23	W
Idaho	-9'	12-17	L
at Oregon	+24	3-58	L
N Mexico	+7	37-20	W
at Virginia	+28	14-52	L
Rice	+6'	20-17	W
at UTEP	+6	21-28	L
at BYU	+18	43-46	W
Utah	+7	17-49	L
at Hawaii	-7'	45-17	W
San Diego St	+4'	6-34	L
at Fresno St	+14	21-24	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at LSU	+27	21-29	W
at Colorado	+24	35-63	L
St Mary's	NL	38-3	–
Tulsa	-4	34-10	W
at Stanford	+19	44-39	W
at TCU	+5'	0-42	L
at Rice	+10	7-49	L
SMU		Cancelled	
at UTEP	+6'	26-42	L
Hawaii	-2'	41-62	L
at Fresno St	+16	12-63	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+49'	13-49	W
at Stanford	+17'	40-27	W
S Utah	NL	47-7	–
at USC	+23	24-34	W
Rice	-6'	29-16	W
at SMU	-2'	35-10	W
UTEP	-3	30-47	L
at Nevada	-16	49-30	W
at Hawaii	-8	57-48	W
TCU	+13	27-24	W
at Tulsa	-10	17-28	L
Fresno St	-1	6-37	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at USC	+15	10-21	W
at Colorado	+16	15-51	L
at Arizona St	+15'	15-53	L
at LA Tech	+7	20-41	L
SMU	-7	17-24	L
at UTEP	+3	40-28	W
Tulsa	-7'	63-27	W
at Hawaii	+13	10-34	L
Nevada	-3'	64-45	W
at Boise St	+15	6-56	L
at Fresno St	+28'	21-40	W
Stanford	+19'	14-41	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arkansas St	+1	33-14	W
at Washington	+30	10-34	W
at Stanford	+18	26-63	L
at Illinois	+23'	38-35	W
UTEP	-17'	58-24	W
at SMU	-7	34-23	W
at Ohio St	+28'	7-50	L
at Nevada	+5	24-52	L
Boise St	+16'	8-45	L
at Hawaii	+24'	31-40	W
LA Tech	+4	42-30	W
at Tulsa	-10	49-38	W
Fresno St	+6	16-19	W

RICE OWLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 the Owls were very inexperienced at this position and then were decimated by injuries throughout the year. In all, four different QB's played including Kyle Herm (PS#182) and Jeremy Hurd (PS#165). Herm played in seven games before breaking his collarbone and Hurd had three starts. In 2001 Hurd was supposed to be the starting QB but he was injured prior to the opener and Kyle Herm managed to start all twelve games. Herm had an outstanding year leading the team in rushing with 1,066 gross yards (897 net, 4.4) while throwing for 1,121 yards (50.7%) with an 8-2 ratio. Greg Henderson (PS#170) played in eight games as a true frosh throwing for 347 yards (39.6%) with a 3-4 ratio while rushing for 400 gross yards. Last year Herm got in ten starts missing one due to injury. Greg Henderson was WAC Offensive Player of the Week in his only start vs Tulsa. For the season Herm only threw for 685 yards (48.8%) with a 4-3 ratio while rushing for 518 gross and Henderson actually had more yards rushing (553) while throwing for 406 yards (38.5%) with a 2-4 ratio. The good news is that both QB's are back. The scout team QB last year was DB Lance Byrd. Surprisingly they only signed 1 frosh QB this year in Joel Armstrong (PS#207) so injuries would leave them very thin. I look for improved numbers from two QB's who are very familiar with the Rice system.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 the top two rushers were FB's Jamie Tyler (400, 4.2) and Robbie Beck (358, 4.6). In 2001 practically everyone returned and Beck topped the RB's with 634 yards (5.0). HB Clint Hatfield (no relation) had 361 yards (6.2) and Vincent Hawkins had 302 (4.2). They all were back last year. Beck led the team in rushing again with 601 yards (5.0) and is back for his senior season. The only losses to this group are HB Vincent Hawkins (10 sts, 397 yds, 5.8) and HB Sean White (7 sts, 211 yds, 5.3). While they were two of the top four RB rushers, everyone else is back and I list the 2 deep below. I think that some of the freshmen (both true and RS) will step to the forefront especially Mike Falco (PS#108QB) and Andrew Cates (210 lbs, 4.45 spd). This group looks to be up to last year's standards.

RECEIVERS - While this offense is not exactly becoming Air-Hatfield, it has shown an increase in pass completions lately going from 25 in 1997 to 38 in 1999, 58 in 2000 and 91 in 2001. Last year the completions fell off a little to 67. The team basically played without their top four receivers from 2001 as three graduated and Gavin Boothe (PS#73) played in just two games and missed the rest of the season with injury. They are extremely deep at WR this season. Marcus Battle emerged as a rFr to lead the team with 26 rec's (16.5). Jeremy Hurd is the fastest player on the team and moved from QB. After a little bit of a slow start, he finished with 11 rec's and an outstanding 25.8 ypc. Both are back plus they have Andrew Hall (6-4 200 rFr) who was PS#167 and Ben Wiggins (6-3 190 So) who originally signed here on a track scholarship and got in one start last year. They must replace TE Travis Thompson (9 sts, 3 rec, 20.0) and I list the TE's below (rather thin with only two). This is one of the best WR corps that Rice has possessed with a lot of speed, and I look for them to top 100 receptions this season for the first time since 1993.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Rice's 2001 O-line had 4 starters returning plus got back a 1999 starter who missed the previous year and had four players who could bench 400 lbs for the first time in school history. The unit paved the way for 4.5 ypc rushing but allowed 28 sacks in only 194 passes (14.4%). Last year the team had to replace four full-time starters and one backup. The unit was then hit hard by injuries and only one player started all 11 games. They had 6 different lineups in the first nine games and nine different players overall earned starts on the OL, and seven are back this year. The only losses are LG Keith Meyer (11 sts, 2 yr st'r, Top OL Award, 2nd Tm WAC) and RG Clint Crisp (5 sts). I am very surprised that last year's inexperienced and injury plagued group on a 4-7 team had better stats than the veteran unit of 2001 when the team went 8-4. Overall they averaged 4.5 ypc rushing while allowing just 14 sacks. This year's group clearly has more experience and depth than they did heading into last season and should turn out to be one of the WAC's better offensive fronts.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Owls allowed 3.7 ypc rushing while recording 37 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and two second stringers but had five players returning with starting experience including BJ Forguson who had to sit out most of the previous two years with injuries. Since he returned to the lineup they basically had three starters returning. DE Brandon Green, who is a diabetic, leaves as Rice's career leader in sacks with 25 (#6DC of JAX). Last year he started 11 games (71 tkls, 8 sks). Also gone this year are NG Forguson (9 sts, 44 tkls, 6 tfl) and DE Nick Sabula (11 sts, 33 tkls, 5 tfl). Ross Lassley, who had nine starts in 2001, was lost early last year with an injury as was backup Jonathan Chism. Overall the unit allowed 3.8 ypc rushing but surprisingly the sack total dropped to 27. There is decent depth in the unit, but I don't see any all-star candidates like Green or Forguson, and with this group being less experienced than it was last year, it should be down a notch or two.

LINEBACKERS - In 2001 Rice had a veteran LB corps but unfortunately all three starters departed. They did have four players returning with starting experience but none had started over four games in their career. Rice plays a 4-2-5 defense and I include the WS with the LB's. The terminology has been changing on the Rice D and with the three safety group, Antwan Shell was the safety who took on the role closest to an LB so I will list him under this position. Shell departs this year after starting 11 games (72 tkls, 3 tfl). Also gone this year is WLB Justin Engler (11 sts, 73 tkls, 7 tfl) and SLB Scott Huffman (27 tkls, 2 tfl). I list the 2 deep below and only two players return with starting experience. Not listed below are Julius Mitchell (6-2 205 Sr), Tom Hicks (6-2 220 So) and this year's true frosh. Despite the losses, this group has more experience than last year and has its top tackler back in Jeff Vanover who was 2nd Tm WAC.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Since the Owls run the wishbone they don't have the personnel to duplicate high powered pass attacks, therefore the secondary doesn't get tested during practice. Rice's highest finish in my pass D rankings was #60 in 2000. Last year the team had to replace two starters but got speedy additions in Corey Evans and Kevin Ford who both moved over from QB. Neither won a starting job, but both were productive. Overall Rice finished #94 allowing 242 ypg (61.2%) with a 23-8 ratio. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are S Greg Gatlin (10 sts, 68 tkls, 4 tfl), FS John White (11 sts, 63 tkls), CB Jason Benjamin (6 sts, 37 tkls), FS Corey Evans (32 tkls, 2 int) and SS Kevin Ford (33 tkls). Ford, White and Benjamin were surprising losses, quitting the team in the offseason. I list the 2 deep below and there are very few HT's in the group. This unit is even less experienced than last season and will be hard pressed to top last year's poor pass efficiency finish.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Clint Hatfield usually places a priority on special teams and they had a pair of Top 20 finishes in my rankings in 1995 and 1996. Recently however they have struggled with finishes at #80 and #97 the last two seasons. Last year they surprisingly were able to sign PS#16K, Brennan Landry who hit 54 and 57 yard FG's as a senior and he connected on 8 of 15 with a long of 41 and 5 of his misses were from 40+. I look for significant improvement from him as he has outstanding leg strength. They lose top PR Kevin Ford (6.7) and must replace their top KR, Sean White but Clint Hatfield averaged a stronger 20.7 per return. Four year P Travis Hale departs but surprisingly had his weakest net punting of the 4 years with just 31.4 last season. Another big loss is LS Ryan Pontbriand, a surprising 5th RD DC of CLE and he never had a bad snap in 4 years. The team blocked 3 punts, recovering 2 for TD's but also suffered two blocked punts. Despite the loss of their punter, I think this unit should move up in the rankings in 2003.

COACHES - Ken Hatfield was the head coach at Air Force for five years guiding them to a pair of bowls and then led Arkansas to 6 straight bowls, before moving on to Clemson which he led to 2 bowls. He came to Rice in 1994. His DC is Roger Hinshaw who has been on Hatfield's staff for 22 years and the DC for the past six. The OC is Scott Wachenheim who is in his tenth year here at Rice as the OL coach and third year as OC. He also played on the O-line at Air Force under Hatfield.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Rice has not been to a bowl game since 1961 and recorded just three winning seasons from 1962 to 1995. Hatfield has had three winning years in the past seven. Rice is a small school with just 46,000 alumni and only 2,700 undergraduate students that must try and fill a 70,000 seat home stadium. Their small home crowds have averaged less than 20,000 over the last few years (no wonder the Owls have been home for the holidays for 41 consecutive seasons despite going 7-4 in 1996 and 1997 and 8-4 in 2001). In Rice's 8-4 season of 2001 they had 27 seniors and last year had to replace 29 lettermen (44.6%) which was among the highest in the league. Rice is normally like a service academy as Hatfield uses a lot of senior starters. In 2001 they had just 9 starters back, the second fewest in the WAC and their lowest total in over ten years. Last year I said it would be very tough for them to accomplish a winning record and they dropped to 4-7 including 3-5 in WAC play. This year they only lose 18 lettermen but the ten returning starters are tied for the lowest in the league. Rice did play well last year as they led Fresno St 28-24 and missed a 43 yard FG late when trailing by 3. They also led Mich St 10-7 at the half and led UTEP 21-7 only to lose on a 59 yard FG. They only had 15 seniors on last year's team and this year have even less with only 11 seniors in the 2 deep. Last year's team lost three conf games by a grand total of 11 points. While the defense returns just three starters, I do rate them sixth in the league and the offense looks potent especially with a veteran offensive front, QB's and top-notch RB's. I think Rice has a chance to make some noise in the WAC this year and while last year a winning record looked out of the question, this year's team has a very good chance at avoiding a losing season.

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OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB KYLE HERM SR. 5-8 175 12 sts in '01, 1121 pass (51%), 8-2 ratio, 1066 rush. 10 sts LY, 685 pass (49%) 4-3 ratio, 518 rush. **Greg Henderson** (5-10 190 Jr) 1 st, 959 yds LY.

HB Clint Hatfield Jr. 5-9 185 1 start as rFr, 361 yds, 594 return yds. 4 sts in '02, 153 yds (3.2). Andrew Cates (6-0 210 rFr) PS#237. Thomas Lott (5-7 180 So) PS#308.

HB Joe Moore Jr. 5-10 205 QB in '01 as true, 4.5 spd. 1 st at HB in '02, 138 yds offense. **Mike Falco** (5-10 185 rFr) PS#108QB. Quinton Smith (5-11 179 rFr) PS#241.

FB ROBBIE BECK SR. 5-10 220 5 sts, #1 RB w/634 yds (5.0) in '01. 10 sts LY, #1 w/601 yds (5.0). Ed Bailey (5-9 210 Jr) 1 st, 385 yds (3.7), 2Y. Jordan Kramer (6-0 210 Jr).

WR MARCUS BATTLE SO. 5-9 180 8 sts as rFr, 26 rec (16.5). Jeremy Hurd (5-10 155 Sr) PS#165QB. **4.27 spd.** QB in '99-'01. 1 st LY, 11 rec (**25.8**). John Brock (6-2 175 rFr).

TE Joe Wood So. 6-1 235 PS#77TE. 2 starts as rFr, 0 rec. Matt Bolding (6-4 250 rFr). **WR's:** Andrew Hall (6-4 200 rFr) PS#167. Ben Wiggins (6-3 190 So).

C BEN STEPHENS SR. 6-2 300 PS#216. 7 sts at C as rFr. 4 sts in '01. 10 sts LY (9 sts at C, 1 at RG). Ross Huebel (6-2 270 Jr) 7 games LY. David Carter (6-4 265 rFr) PS#303.

RG MIKE HOLMAN SR. 6-3 290 PS#154. 6 sts at **Stanford** in 2000. RS in '01. 10 sts here in '02. Cotey-Joe Cswaykus (6-4 280 Jr) PS#435. 2 sts LY. Braxton Evans (6-3 230 rFr).

LG Micah Meador Jr. 6-2 295 PS#435. 4 games as rFr, 4 sts at RG, 10 games in '02. Rolf Krueger (6-4 260 rFr) PS#296OL. Jack Collett (6-3 270 rFr).

RT GREG WILSON JR. 6-4 310 PS#435. 2 starts as rFr. 6 sts at RT in '02 until inj. Scott Mayhew (6-6 280 Jr) PS#375DL. 5 games as rFr. 1 start in 2002, 9 games.

LT CHRIS DeMUNBRUN SR. 6-4 295 Basketball team in 2000. 2nd string in '01 & lettered. 6 sts, 10 games LY. Corey Laxen (6-2 270 rFr). James Pitman (6-4 270 Jr) 5 games, 2Y.

K BRENNAN LANDRY SO. 5-9 175 **PS#16K.** Hit 8 of 15 FG's, long of 41 as true. Only 1 of 6 from 40+. Brandon Skeen (6-2 190 Sr) 6 of 16 FG's, long of 31 in '01. KO's LY.

DE Robert Daniel So. 6-3 225 11 games as rFr, 21 tkls, 1 sk, 1 tfl. **John Syptak** (6-2 215 So). Missed senior yr of HS w/inj, 19 tkls as **true**, 2 tfl. DeJaun Cooper (6-2 225 rFr).

DT JEREMY CALAHAN JR. 6-3 270 PS#291. 3 sts as **true**. 29 tkls, 2 tfl. 11 sts in '02, 37 tkls, 1 tfl. Ross Lassley (6-2 275 Sr) PS#318. 9 sts, 19 tkls, 4 tfl in '01. 5 tkls, inj LY.

NG Jonathan Chism Sr. 6-3 275 PS#179. 12 tkls as rFr. 15 tkls in '01. 1 st LY, 15 tkls, 3 tfl. Rishone Evans (5-11 250 So) PS#328. 1 st, 25 tkls, 2 sks as rFr. William Wood (6-3 285 rFr).

DE Thadis Pegues So. 6-1 210 PS#392. 14 tkls as rFr, 1 pbu. James Shaw (6-4 230 rFr). Jonathan Cary (6-3 255 Fr) PS#117DL. Trey Macaluso (6-2 200 Jr).

SLB JEFF VANOVER SR. 5-11 210 PS#237QB. 4 sts as rFr, 50 tkls, 6 tfl. ACL in '01. 11 sts in '02, **2nd Tm WAC**. #1 w/92 tkls, 4 sks, 6 tfl. Omeke Alikor (6-0 195 rFr) is PS#187.

WLB Brandon Boyd Sr. 6-0 195 4.4 spd. 23 tkls in 2000 & '01. 16 tkls LY. Adam Herrin (6-0 215 So) PS#220QB. 10 tkls, 1 sk as rFr. Gabe Howe (6-1 210 Jr) 26 tkls, 2Y.

WS Terry Holley Jr. 6-0 200 PS#250QB. 9 tkls as rFr. 1 start at WS in '02, 27 tkls, 2 sks. Tyler Smith (6-2 190 rFr) PS#183DB. Jeremy Harper (6-0 205 rFr) PS#456.

CB Patrick Dendy Sr. 6-0 180 PS#380. **12 sts** in 2001, 54 tkls, 1 int, 12 pbu. 5 sts LY, 38 tkls, 2 pbu. Dustin Haynes (5-10 180 So) 6 tkls, **4.38 spd**. Matt Ginn (5-9 170 rFr).

CB RAYMORRIS BARNES JR. 5-9 170 PS#331. Track Champ in HS. 2 sts, 21 tkls, 1 tfl in '01. 11 sts, 47 tkls, 4 pbu in '02. Andray Downs (5-10 170 rFr) PS#398. Edgar Vega (5-8 185 Jr).

SS Michael Merrick So. 6-0 195 7 tkls as rFr. Chad Price (6-0 185 rFr). Stephen Wood (5-11 180 rFr). Trey Coleman (5-9 180 So). Gary Anderson (6-1 190 Fr) PS#150.

FS Clifford Sparks Jr. 5-9 195 PS#176DB. 10.79 in 100m. 29 tkls, 2 tfl in '01. 17 tkls, 1 int in '02 (miss 3 w/inj). Lance Byrd (5-11 161 rFr) PS#468. Aubrey White is PS#246QB.

P Jared Scruggs rFr. 6-3 165 PS#55K. Was two-time All Texas as punter in high school. RS in '02. Brennan Landry was 1st team Louisiana as punter in high school.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

DL	Jonathan Cary	6-3 255 PS#117
DB	Marcus Rucker	6-0 190 PS#97
LB	Buck Casson	6-2 210 PS#124
RB	John Wall	5-11 185 PS#136
DB	Gary Anderson	6-1 190 PS#150
OL	Robby Heos	6-3 250 PS#219
LB	Garrett Dornon	6-2 210 PS#230
LB	Lance Luedeker	6-0 210 PS#250
DL	Courtney Gordon	6-3 235 PS#264
QB	Joel Armstrong	6-1 175 PS#207
RB	Biobele Bilaye-Benibo	6-0 185 PS#264
OL	Drew Clardy	6-6 288 PS#398
OL	Scott Austin	6-3 265 PS#416
OL	Lute Barber	6-7 245 PS#441

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11-11	Away Favorite
15-19	Away Dog
14-17	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: **(4-7)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (20,18,2)
Lost: 18 (5,11,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,069

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#79

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score RICE	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	at Houston	G						Rice is 3-13 SU but 10-6 ATS since 1994 vs current Big 12 teams. The Owls are 3-7 ATS the last 4 years as a double digit dog. Rice is 4-20 SU & 9-15 ATS the last 24 away on grass.
Sep. 6								The Rice Owls are 8-3 SU & 7-4 ATS vs CUSA foes since 1996. The favorite is 1-4 ATS the last 5 meetings in this series.
Sep. 13	at Duke	G						Rice is 2-10 SU & 5-7 ATS away in September the last 12. Owls are 2-9 ATS in game 2 of 2 straight RG's, only covers were at Hawaii.
Sep. 20	Texas	A						Rice is 2-6-1 ATS the last 9 home openers. The Owls are 1-19 SU vs Texas the last 20 & 8-5 ATS the last 13.
Sep. 27	at Hawaii	A						Rice is 3-6-1 ATS the last 10 conference openers. The Owls are 3-1 SU & 4-0 ATS vs the Rainbows in this short series.
Oct. 4	San Jose St	A						Rice is 8-2 SU & ATS at home vs their last 10 current WAC foes. The Owls are 1-2 SU & ATS vs San Jose St (1998, 1999, 2000).
Oct. 11								Rice is 4-1 SU but 1-4 ATS vs Navy since 1992. The Owls are 2-8 ATS the last 10 vs Service Academies.
Oct. 18	Navy	A						Rice is 0-4 ATS the last 4 trips to the State of California. The Owls are 0-4 SU in this series with a combined avg score of 62.8 ppg.
Oct. 25	at Fresno St	G						Rice is 1-2 SU & 0-3 ATS vs Nevada in this new series. The Owls are 7-12 ATS in November since 1997.
Nov. 1	Nevada	A						The Owls are 5-0 ATS the last 5 Homecoming games. Rice is 6-1 SU & ATS in this series the last 7 years.
Nov. 8	Tulsa (HC)	A						The Owls are 0-3 SU & ATS their last 3 trips to Dallas. The home team in this series is 6-0-1 ATS the last 7 years.
Nov. 15	at SMU	G						The Owls are 1-5 ATS vs UTEP the last 6 meetings. Rice is 6-10 ATS in lined home finales.
Nov. 22	UTEP	A						The Owls are 1-1 SU & 2-0 ATS vs Louisiana Tech in this new series. Rice has covered only 3 of their last 12 road finales.
Nov. 29	at Louisiana Tech	G						

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STADIUM: RICE STADIUM (70,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	7-4	5-6	5-6	3-8	8-4	4-7	39-39
ATS	7-4	6-5	6-4-1	5-6	5-6	6-6	6-5	41-36-1
Home Fav	1-0	0-3	2-1-1	1-2	2-1	1-3	1-1	8-11-1
Home Dog	3-1	2-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	1-0	3-0	13-1
Away Fav	2-0	2-2	0-1	2-1	0-1	1-1	1-2	8-8
Away Dog	1-3	2-0	3-2	1-3	1-4	3-2	1-2	12-16
Favorite	3-0	2-5	2-2-1	3-3	2-2	2-4	2-3	16-19-1
Dog	4-4	4-0	4-2	2-3	3-4	4-2	4-2	25-17
Grass	1-3	2-2	3-3	1-4	1-3	3-2	1-1	12-18
Artificial	6-1	4-3	3-1-1	4-2	4-3	3-4	5-4	29-18-1
vs Conf	6-2	3-5	5-2-1	4-3	3-5	4-4	5-3	30-24-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	3-0	1-2	1-3	2-1	2-2	1-2	11-12
Off SU Win	4-2	4-2	4-1	4-1	0-3	3-5	1-3	20-17
Off SU Loss	3-1	2-2	2-3	1-4	4-3	2-1	5-1	19-15

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Robbie Beck	120	608	7	601	8	5.0
Greg Henderson	95	553	71	482	4	5.1
Kyle Herm	113	518	102	416	1	3.7
Vincent Hawkins	69	407	10	397	2	5.8
Ed Bailey	79	281	4	277	7	3.5
Sean White	40	229	18	211	0	5.3
Clint Hatfield	48	173	20	153	0	3.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kyle Herm	86	42	48.8	685	4	3
Greg Henderson	65	25	38.5	406	2	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Marcus Battle	26	430	16.5	2	54
Jeremy Hurd	11	284	25.8	3	71
Clint Hatfield	7	126	18.0	1	57

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Travis Hale	58	2352	40.6	57	31.4	2	8

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brennan Landry	31-33	4-5	3-4	1-6	0-0	8-15	41

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jeff Vanover	92	4	6	3	0
Justin Engler	73	0	7	0	0
Antwan Shell	72	1	2	4	2
Brandon Green	71	8	5	1	1
Greg Gatlin	68	2	2	2	1
John White	63	0	1	3	0
Raymorris Barnes	47	0	0	4	0
B.J. Forguson	44	3	3	0	0
Patrick Dendy	38	0	0	2	0
Jason Benjamin	37	0	1	2	1
Jeremy Calahan	37	0	1	0	0
Kevin Ford	33	0	1	1	0
Nick Sabula	33	2	3	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kevin Ford	15	100	6.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Sean White	18	359	19.9	0
Clint Hatfield	11	228	20.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
49	Cotton	NL	N Carolina	27-13	–
53	Cotton	NL	Alabama	28-6	–
57	Cotton	NL	Navy	7-20	–
60	Sugar	NL	Mississippi	6-14	–
61	Bluebonnet	NL	Kansas	7-33	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

RICE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	23.0	19	248	4.5	99	44.4	15.1	0	2002	4	26.9	21	143	3.8	242	61.2	14.3
8	27.8	22	281	4.5	122	46.9	14.5	+8	2001	7	27.9	21	133	3.7	279	57.4	14.8
4	21.5	19	233	4.1	81	37.4	14.6	+9	2000	9	29.3	20	134	3.9	245	60.5	12.9
6*	21.5	18	258	4.3	55	39.6	14.5	+1	1999	4	23.7	18	125	3.9	214	61.2	14.4
5	21.4	17	257	4.5	61	37.9	14.9	+7	1998	9	23.4	20	187	4.7	195	57.2	16.4
9*	27.8	21	333	5.3	53	36.2	13.9	-1	1997	6	25.9	19	181	4.8	203	55.5	14.8

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Houston	18	37-188	5.1	8-27	84	1	23	60-305	5.1	11-15	161	2	+1
at Michigan St	18	53-216	4.1	4-11	27	1	14	32-58	1.8	16-27	213	4	-4
at Nevada	14	40-248	6.2	6-14	118	0	28	45-126	2.8	30-36	408	2	-1
Fresno St	30	71-329	4.6	11-16	96	1	21	35-101	2.9	18-29	325	2	-2
Louisiana Tech	18	59-249	4.2	4-8	137	1	15	27-95	3.5	22-37	189	4	+2
at Navy	20	63-219	3.5	9-13	65	2	13	42-111	2.6	9-20	94	3	0
at UTEP	24	59-225	3.8	8-16	172	1	20	39-209	5.4	12-27	177	3	+1
SMU	14	47-245	5.2	5-12	68	2	27	40-132	3.3	30-42	267	2	+1
at Tulsa	22	75-427	5.7	2-3	61	0	12	24-47	2.0	14-33	142	4	+1
at Boise St	14	51-152	3.0	3-13	80	4	29	45-229	5.1	25-33	318	0	+1
Hawaii	19	51-227	4.5	7-18	183	1	30	28-160	5.7	35-64	369	1	0
TOTALS	211	606-2725	4.5	67-151	1091	14	232	417-1573	3.8	222-363	2663	27	0
AVERAGES	19.2	55-248	4.5	6-14	99	1.3	21.1	38-143	3.8	20-33	242	2.5	0.0

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SMU	-6	23-17 OT	T
at Purdue	+13	19-21	W
Northwestern	-5'	14-23	L
at Texas	+6'	21-59	L
at San Jose St	-6'	17-20	L
Tulsa	-3'	14-10	W
at Wyoming	+7'	24-34	L
Colorado St	+10	35-23	W
at TCU	+2'	14-12	W
UNLV	-15'	38-16	W
at Air Force	+22	16-22	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Houston	+2'	3-28	L
at Michigan	+27	3-37	L
at Texas	+26'	13-18	W
Navy	-7	20-17	L
at Tulsa	-5	20-10	W
at Hawaii	-1	38-19	W
San Jose St	-10	49-7	W
TCU	E	42-21	W
at SMU	-10'	2-27	L
at Fresno St	+2'	18-47	L
UTEP	-8'	29-30	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Houston	E	30-27 OT	W
at Michigan	+27'	7-38	L
Tulsa	-10	16-23	L
at Oklahoma	+33	14-42	W
at San Jose St	+6'	16-29	L
Fresno St	+8	24-27	W
Hawaii	-11'	38-13	W
at TCU	+23'	0-37	L
SMU	-9	43-14	W
at UTEP	+13'	21-38	L
at Nevada	-10	28-34	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Houston	+1'	21-14	W
Duke	-9	15-13	L
at Nebraska	+34	3-48	L
at Hawaii	+3'	27-24	W
Boise St	+4'	45-14	W
at Navy	-7	21-13	W
Nevada	-13	33-30	L
at LA Tech	+3'	38-41 OT	W
at Fresno St	+15	24-52	L
Tulsa	-19	59-32	W
UTEP	-23'	27-17	L
at SMU	-6'	20-37	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Houston	-7'	10-24	L
at Michigan St	+30	10-27	W
at Nevada	+7'	21-31	L
Fresno St	+7	28-31	W
LA Tech	+6	37-20	W
at Navy	-8	17-10	L
at UTEP	-12'	35-38	L
SMU	-8'	27-15	W
at Tulsa	-8'	33-18	W
at Boise St	+27'	7-49	L
Hawaii	+8	28-33	W

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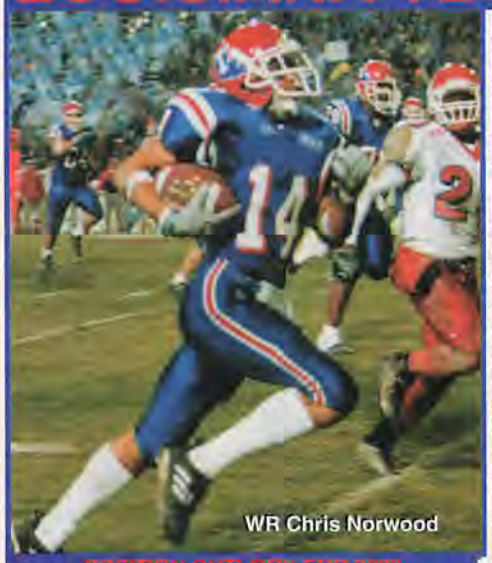
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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Tech has produced some fine QB's such as Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw. Tim Rattay finished #2 in NCAA history in career passing yards despite playing just 3 seasons and LT led the NCAA in pass offense in both 1998 and 1999. In 2000 true frosh Luke McCown was forced to take over as starting QB in Week 4 due to injuries and he set a lot of Div I frosh records including completions, attempts and TD passes in a game. He threw for 2,544 yards (66%) with a 21-15 ratio in his 7 starts. Overall the QB position in 2000 had the 2nd most int's of any LT team in a season. In McCown's 2nd year he greatly improved upon those numbers throwing for 3,665 yards (58%) with a 29-17 ratio while rushing for 356. "Cool Hand Luke" has good size and arm strength and was touted as a Heisman candidate prior to 2002 and was also named the WAC Preseason Offensive POY. However due to the shaky protection of the OL and the loss of his top receivers, McCown would not have the type of year expected. He threw for 3,539 yards (58.6%) with a 19-19 ratio. In games where McCown has thrown 1 int or less, LT is 12-3 but in games where he has fired 2 or more the team is just 1-15. He also had 3 games last year with zero TD passes. With an experienced receiving corps, he should revert to 2001's form. Backing him up is Maxie Causey (6-5 200 Sr) who has played in 29 games the last 3 years throwing 84 passes (57.1%) for 334 yards with a 2-2 ratio. Matt Kubik (6-2 204 So) was PS#92 but has yet to see action. Donald Allen (6-1 183 So) was awarded a scholarship this year and they signed Zac Champion who reminds Bicknell of Tim Rattay in terms of throwing motion and he was also in for spring. As long as McCown stays healthy, I think they will have some of the most improved QB numbers in the country this year.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 Tech's leading RB was John Simon who had more yards receiving than rushing. In 2001 Simon split duties with JUCO transfer Joe Smith. Smith, a big back with speed, led the team in rushing with 931 yards (5.0) while Simon led the team in receiving with 78 (10.8). Simon departed last year and Smith worked hard in the offseason to improve his receiving skills. Smith became the focal point of the offense as the first LT back to top 1,000 yards rushing since 1994. He rushed for 1,216 yards with a super 5.8 ypc and also hauled in 47 rec's (7.5) and deservedly was 1st Team WAC. Ryan Moats (5-8 201 So) was the backup RB as a true frosh and is comparable to John Simon. When injuries hit the unit vs Tulsa, Ralph Davis (PS#93JC) took off his redshirt and saw action in 7 games rushing for 54 yards. It was basically a wasted year for him and this will be his one year in the feature back role. He rushed for 1,334 yards as a soph at JUCO in 2001. Smith had a rare year for an LT RB and this unit is far less experienced.

RECEIVERS - Tech had to replace their top 2 receivers (although Simon was a TB/WR) in 2002 and the feature wide out was supposed to be DJ Curry but he was slowed by a separated shoulder and a heel injury and was not really 100% finishing with 57 rec (12.8). Some of McCown's troubles were certainly related to the fact that they did not have a feature WR. JUCO transfer Chris Norwood who was playing QB at JUCO in 2000, led the team with 61 rec's (12.3) in just his 2nd year at the position. Erick Franklin is not only a dangerous returnman, but was #4 with 28 grabs (12.7). This year they must replace WR Ahmad Harris (9 sts, 28, 15.3) and TE Major Richmond (7 sts, 16 rec). I list the rest of the 2 deep below and I really expect Freddie King (PS#42) to emerge this season. Also, Tramissian Davis got in just 4 starts but is now 2 years removed from a serious knee injury. Also in the mix are Jason Thomas (6-4 192 rFr), Alton Bryant (6-1 193 So) and this year's true frosh. This unit has a lot more experience than last year and has some good speed in the group and I look for much improved numbers in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Dawgs had a veteran front in 2001 that averaged 3.5 ypc rushing while allowing just 30 sacks on 540 passes (5.6%). Last year they had to replace three starters and one backup due to graduation but had two full-time starters returning plus another who had seven starts in 2001. Statistically the group did very well as they allowed just 24 sacks last year in 527 pass attempts (4.6%) while paving the way for 4.46 ypc rushing. This year the losses are a little heavier as three full-time starters depart in C Shawn Murff (12 sts, 3 yr st'r), RT Damian Lavergne (12 sts, 3 yr st'r, 1st Tm WAC, Top OL Award) and LT Tywoin Breaux (12 sts). I list a 3 deep below. This unit will have a tough time topping 2002's numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 LT had a veteran defensive front that allowed 4.5 ypc while recording just 24 sacks. Last year they switched to the 4-3 and had to replace three players who combined for 19 starts and 149 tackles, including a 2nd Team WAC performer. They did have two starters returning but DE Carlin Thomas suffered a knee injury and was lost for the 2H of the season. True frosh Ladarius Love took off his redshirt against Tulsa seeing limited action. Overall the defense allowed 4.1 ypc which was their best since 1997 although the defense recorded just 20 sacks. This year they must replace DE Brandon Avance (12 sts, 41 tkls, 4.5 tfl,), DT Quincy Myles (12 sts, 15.5 tfl, 2nd Tm WAC, Tm Def MVP) and Thomas (6 sts, 26 tkls, 6.5 tfl) as well as backup DT Spencer Young (19 tkls, 4 tfl). I list the 2 deep below and I like the top four players at DT including Lacorey Street (314 lbs) and they also bring in three JUCO's who should help immediately. This was far from an overwhelming group last year and 2003's unit could come close to matching last year's production.

LINEBACKERS - The Bulldogs LB corps of 2002 was an experienced unit with basically everyone returning. Unfortunately prior to the season the two MLB's battling for the starting job, Gerome Wallace and John Nash were both injured. Nash missed the year and Wallace got in just 8 games with 16 tackles. WLB Curtis Randall was voted 2nd Team WAC and had 77 tackles and 13 tfl. VHT Adam McConathy (PS#19) emerged at MLB and had 74 tackles, 10 tfl and 2 int's. SLB Chris Marshall logged 12 starts, 63 tackles and 7 tfl. Unfortunately this year all 3 starters depart as does MLB Wallace. I list a 2 deep below and some of this year's true frosh and JUCO's should contend for time immediately. Antonio Crow and John Nash combined for 12 starts in 2001 and Jeremy Hamilton is a VHT, so this group does have potential and should be close to last year's standards.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Basically one starter returned last year (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). This year the only losses are ROV Michael John Lenard (1st, 8 tkls) and CB Willie Sheppard (12 sts, 50 tkls, 6 pbu, 2nd Tm WAC). I list the 2 deep below and four players return with starting experience plus they add JUCO Hiram Eugene who I project as a starter. The team had just five interceptions in 2002 but did drop at least 18 int's during the season. Overall the unit finished a very poor #113 in my pass D rankings. Not listed below are Robert Burrell (5-11 190 Jr), TJ Redmon (5-9 184 Jr) and Sam Washington (6-1 199 Sr). The secondary is a lot more experienced and hopefully will hold on to some of those elusive int's that slipped through their fingers last year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tech had a couple of down years in my special teams rankings finishing #109 in 2000 and #113 in 2001. P Dustin Upton had a net of only 27.4 in his first year but went to a kicking camp and improved to an average of 40.9 (32.2 net) and was #2 in the WAC in punting in 2001. Last year the numbers dropped a little (37.6, 30.3 net) but he returns for his senior season. K Josh Scobee is outstanding as at one point last year he had a string of 14 straight TB's and 32 of his 68 KO's were TB's for the season. He also hit 16 of 21 FG's with a long of 51 and was 2nd Team WAC. LT has not returned a KO for a TD since 1989, a streak of 576 attempts. They almost broke it when Erick Franklin returned a KO 84 yds vs Tulsa down to the 7. CB Corey Brazil was the top PR (7.9). With everyone back this unit should improve greatly in 2003.

COACHES - Jack Bicknell III enters his fifth year as head man here with a 22-25 overall record but was the WAC Coach of the Year in 2001 guiding the team to the Conference Title. His OC is Conroy Hines who is in his fourth year in that position and 12th year here. DC Rick Smith shared his title with LB coach Randy Bates last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Tech has been one of my patented Turnovers=Turnaround teams the last few years. They were -17 in turnovers in 2000 compiling a 3-9 record and turned it around to +4 in 2001 simply winning the WAC Championship with a 7-1 WAC record. Last season they regressed back to -13 in turnovers and finished 4-8 despite the presence of 21 seniors. They also had a lot of close wins in 2001 and despite their 7-5 record, they only outscored opponents overall by 1.3 ppg. Last year things started out great. They were voted second in the WAC in the media poll and increased their season ticket sales to over 5,000 (3,800 in 2001). They beat Okla St in front of 31,391 but late collapses against the big boys hurt them. They only trailed by 4 against Penn St in the 3Q, trailed 20-13 vs Clemson with 7:00 left and were inside the 25 and only were down by 14 to Texas A&M in the 4Q. They went 42 days without a home game and went 0-7 on the road last year. While Luke McCown's ratio was just 19-19 last year, a good portion of his interceptions happened with the ball bouncing off the receivers hand or late in the game when he was trying to make something happen and LT was trailing on the scoreboard. I look for a much better year out of him and LT should be more potent offensively than the 26.7 ppg they put on the board. Defensively they have allowed an average of 33.7 ppg over the past 3 years and this year even with just 4 returning starters, should be even stronger on that side of the ball. Tech has the darkhorse potential to be a WAC contender as they have winnable road games against UTEP and Tulsa. Tech has 24 seniors on this year's squad including 15 starters and are the most experienced team in the league (see page 309). They should improve upon last year's four win total and if the breaks go their way (like they did in 2001) they could be a darkhorse contender for the WAC Title.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB LUKE McCOWN SR. 6-4 200 **PS#36**. 7 sts as true, 2544 yds (66%), 21-15 ratio. 12 sts in '01, 3665 yds (58%), 29-17 ratio, **2nd Tm WAC**. 12 sts in '02, 3539 yds (59%) 19-19 ratio.

RB Ralph Davis Sr. 6-0 218 PS#93JC. 1334 yds at JC in '01. Took off RS LY, 54 yds (4.9). Willie Richardson (6-2 235 Jr) 627 yds at JC LY RB/QB. Ryan Moats (5-8 201 So).

WR CHRIS NORWOOD SR. 6-1 181 10.5 in 100m. JC QB in 2000, WR in '01. 10 sts, #1 w/61 rec (12.3) here LY. Tramissian Davis (6-0 175 Jr) PS#254. 4 sts as So, 14 rec (20.1).

WR DJ CURRY SR. 5-10 180 10 sts in '01, #3 w/55 rec (14.1). 12 sts in '02, #2 w/57 rec (12.8). Joshua Odums (6-1 180 So) PS#154. Eric Newman (6-0 185 Sr) PS#195.

WR ERICK FRANKLIN SR. 5-11 181 PS#103DB. 3 sts, 13 rec in '01. 12 sts LY, 28 rec (12.7). **Freddie King** (5-7 162 So) **PS#42**. 1 st, 17 rec (9.4). Julius Cosby (6-1 197 Jr) PS#290.

TE Aaron Capps Jr. 6-6 250 PS#99. 5 sts, 14 rec (8.2), solid blk'r. Stephen Brown (6-3 233 Sr) JC, 2 rec LY. Jamie Spigener (6-4 253 So). Myron Hawthorne (6-2 248 Sr).

C Marcus Stewart So. 6-2 298 2nd string as rFr, PS#401. Cameron Glenn (6-4 286 Jr) PS#72 TE. Transfer from Arkansas. Matt Graham (5-9 248 Jr) 9 gms LY.

RG Adrian Gonzalez Jr. 6-5 297 PS#339. 6 gms as 2nd string in '01. 2nd string in '02 but little action. Ira Horyna (6-3 290 Jr) PS#325JC. Jason Gooch is PS#65.

LG AARON LIPS SO. 6-5 292 PS#105. 12 starts as rFr in 2002. Jordan Lang (6-4 293 Jr) PS#290JC. RS LY. Ryan Considine (6-4 277 rFr) grayshirted in 2002.

RT MICHAEL GILMORE SR. 6-5 308 2nd string as rFr, 5 gms. 7 sts in '01 (3 @RG, 4 @LT). 12 sts LY. Marcus Lindsey (6-6 365 rFr) PS#310. Darius Livingston (6-2 309 Jr) PS#163JC.

LT Clarence Casey Sr. 6-3 297 4 gms as 2nd string in '01. 2nd string in 2002. Lester Brown (6-5 296 Jr) PS#399JC in 2002. Vincent Johnson (6-6 304 Jr) +35 lbs.

K JOSH SCOBEE SR. 6-2 186 10 of 17 FG's, long of 51 as true. **19 of 23**, long of 48 in 2001. 16 of 21 in 2002, long of 51, 2nd Team WAC, 32 TB's. Zachary Myatt is **PS#8K**.

DE Booker T. Washington Sr. 6-3 249 31 tkls in 2000 and '01. 6 starts, 30 tkls, 1.5 tfl LY. Eddie Moss (6-3 250 Jr) PS#277JC. 85 tkls, 16 QBH, JC LY. Wendell Crowe (6-3 239 So) PS#411.

DT CHRIS VAN HOY JR. 6-4 293 PS#360. 1 st, 35 tkls, 2 sks in '01. 12 starts in 2002, 51 tkls, 3 tfl. Johnny Jackson (6-5 281 Jr) 5 sks at JC last year. In for spring but injured.

DT Lacorey Street Sr. 6-7 314 JC. 18 tkls, 2.5 tfl here. Ladarius Love (6-3 334 So). PS#115OL. 6 tkls, 1 tfl in '02, took off RS in game 3. Quarvay Winbush (6-5 252 Jr).

DE Jemelle Cage Sr. 6-1 276 PS#375. 29 tkls, 4 tfl LY. Travon Brown (6-2 251 Jr) 23 tkls, 1 sk as rFr. 19 tkls, 1 sk, 3 tfl LY. James Atkins (6-2 250 Jr) PS#271JC. 61 tkls at JC LY.

BLB Antonio Crow Sr. 6-0 230 PS#235QB. **7 sts** in '01. 67 tkls, 6 tfl. 38 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 int LY. Brannon Jackson **PS#47**. Allyn Sloan (5-9 205 So). Byron Santiago (6-2 219 Jr) 9 tkls in spg gm.

MLB John Nash Jr. 6-0 237 600 lb squat. 5 sts in '01, 45 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl. Inj'd in 2002. Ike Ihekweazu (6-1 228 rFr) PS#166. Gregory Hollins (6-1 228 rFr) PS#287.

WLB Jeremy Hamilton So. 5-11 210 **PS#24LB**. 41 tkls as rFr, 1 sk, 1 pbu. Jonte Price (5-11 227 Sr) 2 sts, 26 tkls, 2 tfl, in '01. 15 tksl, 3 pbu LY. Terence Alexander (6-0 220 rFr).

CB COREY BRAZIL SR. 5-7 190 PS#219. 1 start, 41 tkls, 7 pbu in 2001. 12 sts, 93 tkls, 1 int, 12 pbu, 36 PR (7.9). Delone Williams (6-2 188 So) 6 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 pbu in 2002.

CB Hiram Eugene Jr. 6-2 200 PS#377JC. 40"VL. Kevin Brown (6-0 171 Sr) 27 tkls, 2 pbu, 18 gms, 2Y. Jerron Wishom (6-0 193 Jr) 9 tkls LY. Dezaraye Abrams (5-11 180 rFr).

SS LEE JOHNSON JR. 6-2 198 PS#380. 28 tkls in '01. 8 sts, 83 tkls, 4.5 tfl, 1 int, 3 pbu. Gavin Cato (6-0 190 Sr) 3 sts at SS LY, 51 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 pbu. Sam Washington PS#121 in '99.

FS MICHAEL JOHNSON SR. 5-10 193 PS#164RB. 1 st, 31 tkls, 1 tfl in '01. 12 sts in 2002, #1 w/113 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 pbu. Orlandus Williams (6-0 194 Sr) 89 tkls at JC in '01. 47 tkls, 3 tfl here LY.

P DUSTIN UPTON SR. 6-0 206 47 punts, 35.9 net of 27.4 in 2000. Punter camp in summer of '01, 40.9 avg, net of 32.2. 64 punts in '02, 37.6 avg, net of 30.3, 12 inside the 20.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

LB	Brannon Jackson 6-2 220 PS#47
K	Zach Myatt 5-11 180 PS#8
WR	Kentrell Gransberry 6-8 240 PS#88
DL	Josh Muse 6-4 285 PS#131
QB	Zachary Champion 6-2 190 PS#98
RB	Bryon Young 6-1 250 PS#131
WR	Johnathan Holland 6-0 180 PS#157
TE	Jason Gooch 6-6 255 PS#65
RB	Kermit Givens 6-0 195 PS#173
OL	Jason Lewis 6-4 295 PS#378
DL	James Atkins 6-2 250 PS#312JC
DE	Eddie Moss 6-3 250 PS#277JC
OL	Tyler Miller 6-7 285 PS#437
OL	Kevon Bagot 6-7 320 PS#447
LB	Terrance Jackson 6-1 235 PS#301JC

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JACK BICKNELL III (Career 22-25)
5th Year at Louisiana Tech
Bicknell's records AT LOUISIANA TECH

22-25	Straight Up	6-4	Home Favorite
20-23	Vs The Spread	2-2	Home Dog
7-12	Off A SU Loss	4-9	Away Favorite
11-13	Vs Conference	8-8	Away Dog
		9-10	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 4

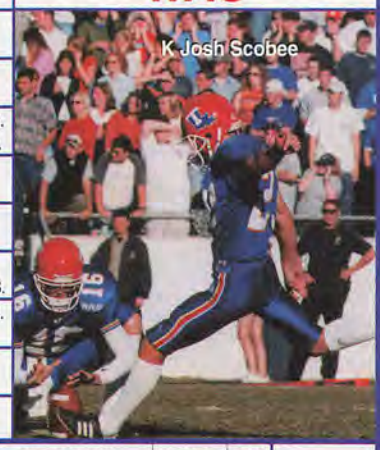
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (22,29,2)
Lost: 20 (9,11,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,477

WAC

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#69

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score LT	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	Miami, Fl *(Shreveport)*	G						Louisiana Tech is 6-51-2 SU all-time vs current SEC foes. This year will mark the 1st time LSU & Louisiana Tech will play each other. Louisiana Tech is 1-3 SU & ATS vs San Jose St.
Sep. 6	at Louisiana-Lft	G						Tech is 41-21-3 SU all-time at Independence Stadium. Louisiana Tech is 6-2 as a home dog since 1995.
Sep. 13	at Michigan St	G						The Bulldogs are 2-6 SU but 6-2 ATS in their last 8 road openers. LA Tech is 4-0 SU & 3-1 ATS the last 4 series meetings.
Sep. 20	at Fresno St	G						This is the 1st meeting between these 2 teams. Coming into 2003: LA Tech is 5-8 ATS vs non-conference foes the L3Y.
Sep. 27								Fresno owns a 4-0 SU lead in the all-time series, 2-1 ATS. Tech is 2-5 SU & 1-6 ATS in the final game of a 3 or more road trip.
Oct. 4	Boise St	G						LT is 2-6 SU & 1-7 ATS after a bye since 1998. LA Tech is 3-1 SU & ATS the last 4 meetings vs Boise St.
Oct. 11	at UTEP	A						Bulldogs are 3-8 ATS the last 3 years on artificial turf. Louisiana Tech is 3-0 SU & 2-1 ATS vs the Miners since 1991.
Oct. 18	Hawaii	G						This will be the 2nd meeting between these 2 teams. UH is 1-0 SU & ATS. Coming into 2003: LA Tech is 5-2 ATS the last 7 years as a home dog.
Oct. 25	at Nevada	A						Bulldogs are 4-9 ATS as an away favorite under Bicknell. LA Tech is 2-1 SU, but 0-2 ATS vs Nevada since 1995.
Nov. 1	at LSU	G						Bulldogs are 4-1 ATS their last 5 vs the SEC. Louisiana Tech is 3-7 ATS in their last 10 November road games.
Nov. 8	SMU	G						LA Tech is 3-1 ATS since 1996 at home in November games. LT is only 1-1 SU & ATS in this short series but has outscored SMU 70-43.
Nov. 15	at Tulsa	A						Bulldogs lead the SU series 6-1 & the home team is 4-0 ATS the last 4. Louisiana Tech is 2-6 ATS in their last 8 road finales.
Nov. 22								
Nov. 29	Rice	G						LA Tech is 0-2 ATS in this short series. Bulldogs are 7-1 SU & 5-1 ATS in their last 8 home finales.



STADIUM: JOE AILLET (30,600)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	9-2	6-6	8-3	3-9	7-4	4-8	43-37
ATS	5-4	6-5	7-4	6-4	4-6	7-4	3-9	38-36
Home Fav	0-1	2-2	3-1	1-1	1-0	2-1	2-2	11-8
Home Dog	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	5-2
Away Fav	1-1	1-2	2-0	3-1	0-3	1-2	0-3	8-12
Away Dog	2-2	2-1	2-3	2-1	2-3	3-1	1-3	14-14
Favorite	1-2	3-4	5-1	4-2	1-3	3-3	2-5	19-20
Dog	4-2	3-1	2-3	2-2	3-3	4-1	1-4	19-16
Grass	3-3	6-4	6-3	5-4	4-2	4-1	2-9	30-26
Artificial	2-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-4	3-3	1-0	8-10
vs Conf	0-2	2-2	4-1	2-2	2-2	5-3	2-6	17-18
vs Non-Conf	5-2	4-3	3-3	4-2	2-4	2-1	1-3	21-18
Off SU Win	3-2	4-4	3-3	5-3	1-2	4-2	0-4	20-20
Off SU Loss	2-2	2-0	3-1	0-1	3-4	2-2	2-5	14-15

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joe Smith	208	1250	34	1216	16	5.8
Ralph Davis	11	57	3	54	0	4.9
Ryan Moats	12	52	14	38	0	3.2
Luke McCown	61	220	190	30	2	0.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Luke McCown	505	296	58.6	3539	19	19
Maxie Causey	20	9	45.0	94	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Chris Norwood	61	748	12.3	4	59	
D.J. Curry	57	730	12.8	3	45	
Ahmad Harris	28	428	15.3	4	73	
Erick Franklin	28	356	12.7	4	61	
Joe Smith	47	352	7.5	0	26	
Tramissian Davis	14	281	20.1	0	80	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Dustin Upton	64	2405	37.6	61	30.3	0	12
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Josh Scobee	30-35	10-12	3-3	2-4	1-2	16-21	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Michael Johnson	113	0	4	2	0
Corey Brazil	93	0	0	12	1
Lee Johnson	83	0	4	3	1
Curtis Randall	77	3	10	5	0
Adam McConathy	74	4	6	4	2
Quincy Myles	65	2.5	13	1	0
Chris Marshall	63	2	5	5	0
Gavin Cato	51	0	3	3	0
Chris Van Hoy	51	1	2	0	0
Willie Sheppard	50	0	2	6	0
Orlandus Williams	47	0	3	1	0
Brandon Avance	41	0.5	4	0	0
Jeremy Hamilton	41	1	0	1	0
Antonio Crow	38	0	2	1	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Corey Brazil	36	285	7.9	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Erick Franklin	40	887	22.2	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
74	Pioneer (Div II)	NL	C Michigan	14-35	–
77	Independence	NL	Louisville	24-14	–
78	Independence	NL	E Carolina	13-35	–
90	Independence	+1'	Maryland	34-34	W
01	Humanitarian	+6'	Clemson	24-49	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

LOUISIANA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	26.7	20	115	4.5	303	57.9	15.7	-13	2002	7	35.5	23	177	4.1	264	62.1	12.4
7*	33.8	23	105	3.5	320	57.8	12.6	+4	2001	8	32.5	25	212	4.5	241	55.6	13.9
5	26.4	24	103	3.7	310	65.4	15.6	-17	2000	5	33.0	22	211	5.0	198	56.6	12.4
9*	35.4	25	68	2.9	403	65.7	13.3	+6	1999	9	27.8	23	165	4.1	210	56.1	13.5
6*	41.1	26	110	4.5	432	66.9	13.2	+2	1998	7	33.5	23	173	4.2	232	56.5	12.1
7	33.1	24	136	4.7	360	60.6	15.0	+5	1997	8	25.5	24	154	3.8	240	51.0	15.4

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Oklahoma St	25	23 - 38	1.7	38 - 66	448	2	17	30 - 158	5.3	22 - 41	204	3	-1
at Clemson	20	26 - 80	3.1	26 - 44	213	1	20	35 - 87	2.5	26 - 44	249	3	-3
Tulsa	19	41 - 290	7.1	14 - 24	223	0	11	31 - 50	1.6	17 - 33	175	2	0
at Penn St	23	23 - 41	1.8	39 - 62	414	2	25	44 - 298	6.8	15 - 22	169	1	-3
at Texas A&M	10	21 - 79	3.8	23 - 43	172	4	22	43 - 206	4.8	15 - 30	238	1	+1
at Rice	15	27 - 95	3.5	22 - 37	189	4	18	59 - 249	4.2	4 - 8	137	1	-2
at SMU	13	22 - 135	6.1	14 - 35	259	3	24	58 - 162	2.8	21 - 30	296	1	+1
Nevada	17	25 - 92	3.7	20 - 29	376	2	31	44 - 195	4.4	31 - 40	338	1	-1
at San Jose St	25	31 - 141	4.5	29 - 48	341	1	22	33 - 163	4.9	26 - 35	399	0	-1
at Boise St	23	22 - 84	3.8	32 - 56	355	3	23	36 - 144	4.0	19 - 33	399	1	-1
UTEP	27	23 - 184	8.0	29 - 43	421	0	26	48 - 149	3.1	24 - 40	248	4	-2
Fresno St	17	26 - 123	4.7	19 - 40	222	2	31	55 - 260	4.7	18 - 27	321	1	-1
TOTALS	234	310 - 1382	4.5	305 - 527	3633	24	270	516 - 2121	4.1	238 - 383	3173	19	-13
AVERAGES	19.5	26 - 115	4.5	25 - 44	303	2.0	22.5	43 - 177	4.1	20 - 32	264	1.6	-1.1

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+35	27-56	W
UCF	-3'	30-64	L
at Texas A&M	+22'	7-28	W
SW Louisiana	-20	77-14	W
at Wyoming	+7'	19-31	L
Boise St	-10'	63-28	W
at NE Louisiana	-13'	44-14	W
UAB	-17'	54-23	W
at Auburn	+6'	17-32	L
Nicholls St	NL	56-28	–
at Arkansas St	-18	69-21	W
at Tulane	+12	30-63	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida St	+36	7-41	W
Texas A&M	+14'	17-37	L
Sam Houston St	NL	55-17	–
at Alabama	+13'	29-28	W
at SW Louisiana	-15	41-31	L
Mid Tenn St	-30	42-18	L
at UCF	-5'	46-35	W
at Toledo	-6	34-17	W
NE Louisiana	-26	58-17	W
at UAB	-8	41-20	W
at USC	+1	19-45	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miss Valley St	NL	63-10	–
at Kansas St	+27'	10-54	L
at Penn St	+15	7-67	L
Stephen F Austin	NL	31-34 OT	–
at Tulsa	+6'	10-22	L
at Mid Tenn St	-2	21-49	L
Louisiana-Lft	-6	48-14	W
at Auburn	+32	28-38	W
at Miami, Fl	+40'	31-42	W
UCF	+6'	16-20	W
at UL Monroe	-23'	42-19	L
at Hawaii	-1	10-27	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SMU	-5	36-6	W
at Oklahoma St	+10	23-30	W
at Fresno St	+22	28-38	W
San Jose St	-7	41-20	W
at Nevada	-9	45-42	L
at Auburn	+12'	41-48 OT	W
Rice	-3'	41-38 OT	L
Boise St	+1'	48-42	W
at UTEP	-14	53-30	W
at Kansas St	+21	7-40	L
at Tulsa	-20	19-7	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma St	-1	39-36	W
at Clemson	+10'	13-33	L
Tulsa	-21	53-9	W
at Penn St	+13'	17-49	L
at Texas A&M	+13	3-31	L
at Rice	-6	20-37	L
at SMU	-13	34-37	L
Nevada	-4'	50-47	L
at San Jose St	-4	30-42	L
at Boise St	+28	10-36	W
UTEP	-23	38-24	L
Fresno St	+1'	13-45	L

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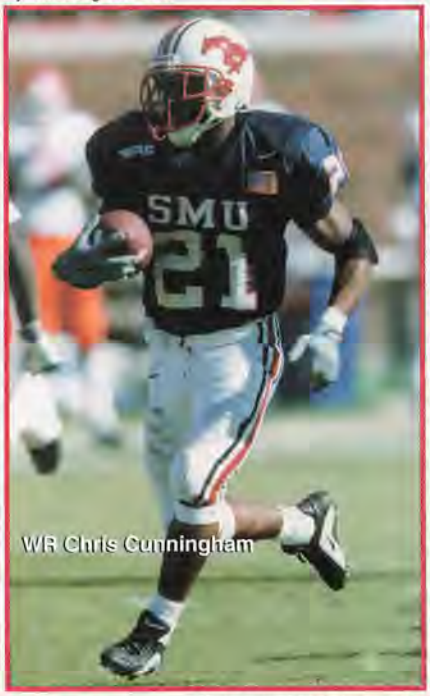
POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - When Phil Bennett arrived at SMU he had both QB's who had started in 2001 returning. Unfortunately David Page graduated early. Kelan Luker (PS#75) then quit the team. Under Cavan, SMU rotated QB's often and this team has now had 7 starting QB's over the last five years. Tate Wallis (PS#251), who was also a LB in high school and does not have the strongest of arms, started the first seven games. The team limited the game plan rarely throwing the ball downfield and he was #116 in NCAA in pass efficiency after the Hawaii game. For the year he threw for 834 yards (45.6%) with a 3-10 ratio. Richard Bartel, who was held back because of his inconsistency in practices, took over as the starter vs LA Tech and threw for 296 yards leading the team to the upset. Bartel has a rocket for an arm and was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds who pay his tuition. He started 5 games throwing for 1,078 yards (60.1%) with an 8-8 ratio. Bartel only played one series in the season finale before an injury and Wallis guided the team to the victory over Tulsa. Both QB's return. Ashton Nixon (6-2 210 So) was PS#186 and moved to WR last year but was back at QB this spring. Ricky Joe Meeks (PS#56) is a true frosh who could contend in the fall. This unit is vastly more experienced and should Bartel improve his concentration and consistency in practice, he could develop into one of the better QB's of the WAC.



WR Chris Cunningham

RUNNING BACKS - SMU has been known for some great rush attacks including the Pony Express combination of Eric Dickerson and Craig James. The legendary Doak Walker also played his collegiate ball here. In 2000 Kris Briggs led the team in rushing with 828 yards (3.6). He suffered some fumbling problems early in 2001 and Keylon Kincade took over as the starter. Kincade suffered a concussion and ShanDerrick Charles (PS#124) simply had the best two games combined in SMU's illustrious RB history by rushing for 243 and 212 yards. Charles is 5-9 180 and while he does not possess great speed, he has outstanding vision. He finished 2001 with 860 yards (6.4). Interestingly when Charles was injured vs Tulsa, it was Derron Brown (5-10 215 Jr, PS#166) and not Kincade or Briggs who took his place. Last year Charles suffered a back injury in the spring and Kincade emerged as the starter. Kincade is a bigger and stronger RB and was a workhorse, finishing with 1,279 yards (3.9). He set a school record for attempts in a season with 327 breaking Eric Dickerson's record (255). Charles played in just 5 games with 27 rush attempts (3.1). Not only are Kincade and Charles both back, but there is decent talent behind them. Brown has 141 yards rushing in 2 years with 4 starts. Johnnie Fitzgerald (6-2 213 rFr) has good speed for his size and had 139 yds in the spring game and true frosh Richuel Massey (PS#56) rounds out the unit. They do lose Kris Briggs who moved to 9th in the school's all-time rushing list (2,106) passing up Doak Walker and Kyle Rote. Briggs rushed for 198 yards in the season finale vs UTEP. This is a very deep and talented group.

RECEIVERS - In 1999 Mike Cavan signed a great class of WR's and 2 finished the year as starters. This year 3 players from that 1999 class depart in WR Johnnie Freeman (11 sts, 13, 8.2), WR Cody Cardwell (12 sts, #1 rec, 47, 14.0), TE John Hampton (12 sts, #2, 33, 13.8) as well as backup TE Billy Ford (2 sts). Last year the team had everyone returning but did lose 2001's top WR in Chris Cunningham (PS#43) with a broken foot and he is back for his senior season. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. They are much weaker at TE. The WR's look to be in good shape with Cunningham as well as a couple of freshmen from last year, Daniel Francis (PS#179, 2 sts, 29 rec) and James Elliott (PS#75) who redshirted. I think this unit will receive a lot more attention if Bartel is the QB and the numbers could rise, but overall the talent level, even with Cunningham's return, is down a notch.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The 2001 Mustang OL paved the way for 3.8 ypc rushing while allowing 31 sacks. Last year they basically had to replace 3.5 starters due to graduation and they were on the small side averaging only 284 lbs per man. Overall SMU surprisingly increased its ypc to 3.97 while allowing just 20 sacks. This year the only losses are LT Judson Davis (11 sts, 2 yr st'r), RG Thornton Chandler (4 sts) and backup G Mike Benson who moved to DT. Seven of the top ten are back including four full-time starters. Most of the returnees have added size so the projected starting front wall now averages 296 lbs.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 SMU allowed just 3.3 ypc rushing although the D recorded just 21 sacks. Last year they had to replace three starters due to graduation and then lost part-time starter Warrie Birdwell prior to the season (quit). Only two players returned with starting experience. The unit did get a boost midseason when backup LB Don Ieremia-Stansbury took over and started the last five games at DE, and he was very productive. Overall with a less experienced defensive front, SMU yielded 4.52 ypc rushing and recorded just 20 sacks. This year they must replace DT Lute Croy (12 sts, 64 tkls, 10.5 tfl), DE Khalid Beard (6 sts, 20 tkls, 5 tfl) and DE Eric Peterson (7 sts, 35 tkls). I list the 2 deep below and three players return with starting experience plus they bring in five rFr whom Bennett signed last year. I look for good sized improvement.

LINEBACKERS - The Mustangs had a very experienced LB corps in 2002 with the top guy, Vic Viloria, returning. Viloria would lead the team in tackles for a third straight season finishing his outstanding career here as the 8th leading tackler in school history. Unfortunately for Vic, he missed the last two games due to injury, so DD Lee got in two starts and had 21 of his 23 tackles in the last three games. This year the only losses beside Viloria are SLB Justin Williams (8 tkls) and SLB Billy Jack Williams (7 tkls). I list the rest of the 2 deep below and they bring in a couple of top-notch true frosh including VHT Avery Cleveland (PS#45). Overall four players are back with starting experience and even with the loss of a top-notch talent, this group could even be stronger in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 SMU finished an outstanding #14 in my pass D rankings and last year had to replace just two players who combined for 13 starts. They had their top-notch CB combo of Jonas Rutledge and Kevin Garrett returning and much was expected. Garrett however missed three games due to injury and finished with just 2 int and 6 pbu. Rutledge saw his totals drop from a 1st Tm WAC season in 2001 when he had 4 int and 12 pbu to just 1 int and 11 pbu. They plummeted in the rankings to #64 as they allowed 54.1% with a 22-8 ratio. This year the Mustangs lose CB Garrett (9 sts, 48 tkls, #5DC of STL), FS Brent Briggs (4 tkls) and CB James Orr (1 tkl). They do move in their top recruit from last year, Anthony Barnett (PS#54), who has 4.3 speed. They also get back Alvin Nnabuife who started the opener last year, but then missed the last ten games with a pectoral infection. I look for Rutledge to regain his 2001 form and for this experienced secondary to greatly benefit from an improved front 7, and they should make a large jump in the pass D rankings this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - SMU was #91 in my special teams rankings in 2001 and last year showed great improvement in Phil Bennett's first year moving up to #29. They allowed 8 blocked punts in 2000 and 2001 while also having 5 punt snaps that were dropped. That was cured with the signing of true frosh P Ryan Mentzel who averaged 38.2 with a 34.5 net and just 1 was blocked. They did have to scramble to replace Chris Cunningham who was the top PR in 2001 (11.0), but Cody Cardwell averaged a super 17.3 on 27 returns ranking him #3 in the NCAA. Cunningham also averaged 33.9 on KR's in 1999. Unfortunately Cardwell departs but Cunningham returns and needs just 86 yards to break Doak Walker's career record for PR's. Cardwell's 169 yards in PR's vs UTEP broke Walker's single game record. Jonas Rutledge did a fine job on KR's (23.7) and is back. Chris McMurtray (PS#17) began the year as the kicker but missed a 32 yd FG vs TT and did not get another attempt until week 11. Walk-on Trent Stephenson hit 7 of 10 FG's but only 9 of 14 xp's in 8 games and quit the team. When McMurtray returned he hit just 1 of 3 FG's and the team only attempted 3 FG's from 40+, missing all of them. LS appears to be in good hands with Grant Eidson (2nd year). It will be tough to duplicate Cardwell's outstanding PR numbers so even with the majority of this unit returning, they may drop a notch in the rankings.

COACHES - Phil Bennett was the DC at Kansas St prior to taking over as head man here. His OC is Larry Edmondson who was the OC at Louisiana-Lft the previous three seasons. His DC is Jim Gush who is also in his second year and coached LB's at Kansas St the previous three years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1981-1984 SMU was among the best teams in the country going 41-5-1 but the "Death Penalty" hit them in 1987 and they've had just one winning season since. Under former head coach Mike Cavan the team always got off to slow starts and played much better in the second half of the year which always brought optimism for the next season. In 2001, his final season, the Mustangs opened up 0-4 but won four of their last seven. Phil Bennett inherited a veteran team with 13 returning starters and just 16 letterman lost, but seven starters or projected starters left the team prior to the season. Bennett's K-State defenses ranked #2, #4 and #3 in the country the previous three years. Last season played out similarly to Cavan's squads as they opened up 0-7 under Bennett, but won three of their last five games. Two of those wins were over beleaguered UTEP and Tulsa squads that were depleted due to injuries and low on morale. The Mustangs finished 3-5 in league play but were outscored by an averaged of 10.4 ppg which was third worst in the conference. Interestingly, they were only outgained by 31.1 ypg and were -12 in turnovers for the season, so good things should be in offing this year. SMU now has 14 starters back and is in the second year of Bennett's schemes. Overall they have my #5 rated defense in the WAC and should be much more potent on offense with RB's Kincade and Charles. They look like a solidly improved team in 2003.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB RICHARD BARTEL SO. 6-5 215 PS#96. Drafted by Cincy Reds. Last 5 starts LY, 1078 yds (60%), 8-8 ratio. Tate Wallis (6-3 228 So). 7 sts in '02, 834 yds (46%), 3-10 ratio.
RB KEYLON KINCADE SR. 5-11 210 421 yds (4.5) in '01, 12 sts LY, 1279 yds (3.9) 20 rec, **2nd Tm WAC. ShanDerrick Charles** (5-9 180 Jr) PS#124, 6 sts, 860 yds (6.4) in '01. Inj'd LY.
WR Trey Griffin Jr. 5-10 180 10.32 in 100m. 6 yds rush, 6 tkls as true. 1 st in '02, 13 rec (9.4). James Elliot (6-3 194 rFr) PS#75. Wesley Medlock (6-1 174 Jr) 5 tkls at CB LY.
WR DANIEL FRANCIS SO. 5-11 175 PS#179. 4.4 spd. 2 sts as **true**. #3 w/29 rec (9.5). Cedric Vinson (5-11 196 So) PS#124QB, 1 st, 3 rec in '02. Jay Taylor (6-4 190 Jr) PS#145.
WR Chris Cunningham Sr. 5-8 180 PS#43. 6 sts as true, 39 rec (14.6). 10 sts in 2000, 45 rec (9.9). 10 sts in '01, 45 rec (11.5), RS LY. Matt Rushbrook (5-10 182 Jr) 6 sts @ FS in 2000.
TE Ryan Kennedy rFr. 6-5 261 PS#125TE. Good hands. Trent Hrncir (6-5 233 Sr). 7 sts in 2001, 2 rec. Solid blk'r. 1 rec LY. Mark Hodges (6-4 215 rFr) PS#261QB.
C STEVE REINDL SR. 6-3 285 11 gms in 2000. L/6 sts at C in '01. 12 sts LY. Top OL Award, HM WAC. Grant Eidson (6-1 265 So) 10 games as true. Hulsey Smith (6-4 265 rFr).
RG TOWNSEND HARGIS JR. 6-4 300 PS#435. 2 gms as rFr. 8 sts in 2002, added 20 lbs. Dustin Morton (6-4 270 rFr) PS#215. Chris Poulos (6-2 287 rFr) PS#487.
LG BRAD KIESCHNICK SO. 6-3 290 PS#306. Sprained MCL as true. 12 sts as rFr. Hard nosed. Chris Urbanus (6-5 310 rFr) PS#479. Caleb Peveto is PS#349. Chad Meacham (6-3 274 rFr).
RT STERLING HARRIS SR. 6-6 310 **PS#47**. 10 games as rFr. Last 2 sts in '01. 12 sts in '02, solid run blocker. Matt Muns (6-6 270 Jr). 2nd string in '02. Justin Boren is PS#169.
LT Eric Neal Jr. 6-4 295 2nd string LT in '02 & 1 start. Darrin Johnson (6-6 283 rFr) PS#469OL. OL/DT in the spring. Martin Guidry (6-4 275 rFr).
K Chris McMurtray So. 6-1 220 PS#17K. 48 yd FG in HS. Did KO's here as rFr, hit 1 of 4 FG's, 10 of 11 on xp's. Ryan Wolcott is PS#27K, 12 of 14 FG's, long of 43 as HS Sr.

DE Melvin Williams Jr. 6-2 245 2 sts as rFr, 28 tkls, 1.5 sks. 6 sts in '02. 57 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl. Brent Karrington (6-3 265 rFr) PS#165DL. Clay Glockzin (6-4 245 Jr).
DT ALLAN ADAMI JR. 6-4 265 PS#375. 5 tkls as rFr. 12 sts in 2002, 77 tkls, 3.5 sks, 10 tfl, 17 QBH. Darrin Johnson (6-6 283 rFr). Brad Bean (6-3 245 So) 6 tackles LY.
DT Randy Denman rFr. 6-2 260 PS#373DL. Marcus Walker (6-3 270 So) PS#348OL. Inj'd in '02. Mike Benson II (6-5 265 rFr). Brandon Bonds is PS#314.
DE DON IEREMIA-STANSBURY SO. 6-2 240 PS#140DB. Backup LB in '02 then last 5 starts at DE, 43 tkls, 4 sks, 2 tfl. Justin Rogers (6-4 220 rFr). Michael Dineen (6-4 240 So).
SLB BRIAN BISCHOFF SR. 6-1 219 7 sts as rFr, 74 tkls, 4 tfl, 9 sts in '01, 63 tkls, 3 tfl, 12 sts LY, 59 tkls, 4 sks, 7 tfl. Jarrian James (6-0 207 Sr) 5 sts in 2000. 5 sts in '01. 6 LY, 111 tkls.
MLB D.D. Lee Jr. 6-2 234 PS#192. 2 sts as rFr, 40 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 pbu. Last 2 sts LY, 23 tkls, 1 sk (21 tkls in L/3 gms). Zachary Hall is PS#129. Reggie Carrington (6-1 240 rFr).
WLB D.D. JOHNSON SR. 6-0 223 PS#310LB. 13 tkls as true. 26 tkls, 2 tfl in 2000. 1 st, inj'd & RS in '01. L/6 sts LY, 50 tkls, 5 tfl. Avery Cleveland is **PS#45**. Cole Horton (6-5 220 rFr).
CB JONAS RUTLEDGE SR. 6-0 190 11 sts, 51 tkls. 11 sts in '01, 54 tkls, 4 int, 12 pbu. **1st Tm WAC**. 40 tkls, 1 int, 11 pbu LY. Anthony Barnett (5-9 175 rFr) **PS#54**. Robert Gilmore (6-2 190 rFr).
CB RUBEN MOODLEY SR. 6-0 185 4 sts as true, 2 int, 5 pbu. 10 sts in 2000, 54 tkls, 1 int. 12 sts LY, 72 tkls, 3 pbu at FS. Rolando Humphrey (5-9 170 So) PS#208. 4 sts, 38 tkls LY.
SS RICO HARRIS JR. 6-2 210 PS#104. 15 tkls as rFr. 9 sts LY, 71 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu. Chris Godfrey (5-11 188 Jr) 15 tkls, 2 pbu in 2001. Ervin McGee is PS#147.
FS Jamey Harper So. 6-1 190 PS#252. 2 sts as **true**. 19 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu. +15 lbs. Alvin Nnabuife (6-1 202 So) 12 tkls as true. 1 st LY but inj'd & RS. Joe Sturdivant is PS#110.
P RYAN MENTZEL SO. 6-0 193 Avg 40.1 as senior in HS, 70 punts here as true, 38.2 average, net of 34.5, 13 inside the 20, 1 block. Matt Bragman (5-10 168 So) is a walk-on.

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

LB	Avery Cleveland 6-3 205 PS#45
RB	Richuel Massey 5-11 210 PS#56
QB	Ricky Joe Meeks 6-3 215 PS#56
DB	Joe Sturdivant 6-2 190 PS#110
TE	Cory Muse 6-3 205 PS#44
LB	Zach Hall 6-3 225 PS#129
OL	Justin Boren 6-4 285 PS#169
DB	Ervin McGee 5-8 175 PS#147
DL	Desmond Jones 6-1 275 PS#169
K	Ryan Wolcott 5-9 170 PS#27
DL	Lucky DeLay 6-4 255 PS#214
WR	Blake Warren 5-7 170 PS#200
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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#78

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SMU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	at Texas Tech	A						Mustangs have been outscored 145-34 by Baylor their L/3 trips to Waco. SMU is 4-10 ATS in November home games the past 10 years. Pony Express is just 12-24 ATS as a favorite their last 36.
								SMU is 1-16-1 SU & 6-12 ATS vs Big 12 foes since 1983. The Mustangs are 0-7 SU & 2-5 ATS the last 7 vs Texas Tech.
Sep. 6								Bonus: SMU is 7-4 ATS after a bye since 1992.
Sep. 13	at Baylor	G						SMU is 0-13 SU & 2-10-1 ATS away in September L/13 matches. Mustangs are 1-8 SU & ATS vs Baylor going back to 1985.
Sep. 20	Oklahoma St	G						SMU is 6-2-2 SU all-time vs the Cowboys w/the last SU win in 1950. Mustangs are 1-10 SU & 4-7 ATS at home in September the L/11 games.
Sep. 27	at Nevada	A						SMU is 1-9 SU & 3-7 ATS as a road dog vs the WAC. Coming into 2003: SMU is 6-15 SU & 6-14-1 ATS on artificial turf.
Oct. 4	UTEP	G						SMU is 3-6 ATS their last 9 WAC home games. Mustangs lead the all-time series 8-2 SU, the 1st meeting was in 1932.
Oct. 11	at San Jose St	G						The home team is 0-3 ATS in this series. Mustangs are 1-2 SU & ATS L/3 vs San Jose St in this new series.
Oct. 18	Boise St	G						This is the 1st meeting between these 2 schools. Could apply: Mustangs are 10-6 ATS their last 16 as a DD dog since 1995.
Oct. 25	at Tulsa	A						SMU is 4-2 ATS as a conference road favorite since 1998. Mustangs are 7-1 SU & 6-2 ATS vs Tulsa the L/8 meetings.
Nov. 1	Fresno St (HC)	G						SMU is 1-3 SU but 3-1 ATS vs Fresno St the last 4 years. Mustangs are 8-2 SU & 7-2 ATS the last 10 Homecoming games.
Nov. 8	at Louisiana Tech	G						The Mustangs are 9-2 ATS the L/11 road finales. SMU is 4-1 SU & ATS as a road favorite in November since 1998.
Nov. 15	Rice	G						SMU is 3-0 SU & ATS at home vs the Owls outscoring them 88-28. Visitor is a dismal 0-6-1 ATS in this rivalry the last 7 years.
Nov. 22								
Nov. 29	TCU	G						The Mustangs are 0-4 SU & 1-3 ATS their last 4 vs TCU. SMU is 2-8 ATS their last 10 lined home finales.

PHIL BENNETT (Career 3-9)

2nd Year at SMU

Bennett's records AT SMU

3-9	Straight Up	0-2	Home Favorite
5-7	Vs The Spread	2-2	Home Dog
5-4	Off A SU Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
3-5	Vs Conference	2-3	Away Dog
		2-2	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (18,17,2)
Lost: 18 (8,9,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,292

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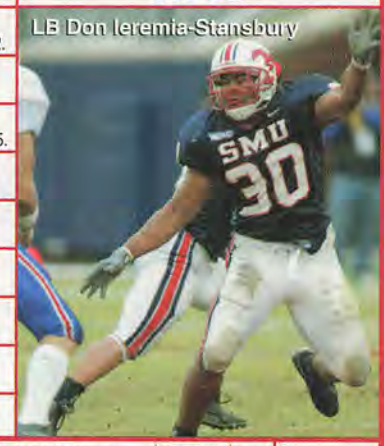

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PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	6-5	5-7	4-6	3-9	4-7	3-9	30-49
ATS	5-6	5-6	5-6-1	3-6	5-7	6-5	5-7	34-43-1
Home Fav	0-2	0-2	2-1	0-1	2-1	1-1	0-2	5-10
Home Dog	3-0	4-0	0-3	2-1	1-2	2-2	2-2	14-10
Away Fav	1-1	0-2	2-0	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	6-5
Away Dog	1-3	1-2	1-2-1	0-4	2-3	2-1	2-3	9-18-1
Favorite	1-3	0-4	4-1	1-1	2-2	2-2	1-2	11-15
Dog	4-3	5-2	1-5-1	2-5	3-5	4-3	4-5	23-28-1
Grass	4-5	5-5	4-6	2-3	5-4	5-4	4-4	29-31
Artificial	1-1	0-1	1-0-1	1-3	0-3	1-1	1-3	5-12-1
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	4-3-1	3-3	3-5	4-4	3-5	25-28-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	1-3	0-3	2-2	2-1	2-2	9-15
Off SU Win	2-2	2-4	1-3	2-1	1-2	3-1	0-2	11-15
Off SU Loss	2-4	3-1	4-3	1-4	3-5	3-3	5-4	21-24

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Keylon Kincade	327	1374	95	1279	7	3.9
Kris Briggs	84	563	16	547	8	6.5
Tate Wallis	72	321	89	232	0	3.2
ShanDerrick Charles	27	90	7	83	0	3.1
Richard Bartel	28	123	89	34	0	1.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Richard Bartel	148	89	60.1	1078	8	8
Tate Wallis	182	83	45.6	834	3	10

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Cody Cardwell	47	659	14.0	3	84
John Hampton	33	454	13.8	3	36
Daniel Francis	29	276	9.5	1	27
Keylon Kincade	20	143	7.2	0	22
Trey Griffin	13	122	9.4	0	16

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Mentzel	70	2673	38.2	64	34.5	1	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Trent Stephenson	9-14	6-6	1-3	0-1	0-0	7-10	30

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Vic Viloria	89	0	9	4	2
Allan Adami	77	3.5	10	2	0
Ruben Moodley	72	0	2	3	0
Rico Harris	71	0	1	1	1
Lute Croy	64	3.5	7	2	0
Brian Bischoff	59	4	7	4	0
Melvin Williams	57	2	5	1	0
D.D. Johnson	50	1	4	0	0
Kevin Garrett	48	0	0	6	2
Don Ieremia-Stansbury	43	4	2	4	0
Jonas Rutledge	40	0	1	11	1
Rolando Humphrey	38	0	2	3	1
Jarrian James	35	0	1	0	0
Eric Peterson	35	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Cody Cardwell	27	467	17.3	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jonas Rutledge	38	901	23.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
68	Bluebonnet	NL	Oklahoma	28-27	–
80	Holiday	-1	BYU	45-46	L
82	Cotton	E	Pittsburgh	7-3	W
83	Sun	-4	Alabama	7-28	L
84	Aloha	+1'	Notre Dame	27-20	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

SMU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	17.3	19	182	4.0	159	52.1	19.8	-12	2002	6	31.5	18	159	4.5	244	54.1	12.8
8	20.5	18	156	3.8	157	52.1	15.3	-7	2001	9	26.8	17	122	3.3	198	56.0	11.9
7*	15.1	19	116	3.2	209	52.5	21.5	-13	2000	7	29.3	18	138	3.9	241	56.5	12.9
6*	19.3	16	119	3.1	179	51.0	15.4	-4	1999	5	23.5	19	114	3.0	247	61.4	15.4
8	18.8	16	166	4.0	139	51.8	16.2	-3	1998	6	20.7	15	138	3.4	160	50.8	14.8
6*	22.5	16	200	4.5	111	46.7	13.9	+14	1997	6	21.6	18	144	3.5	186	56.0	15.3

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Navy	20	45-182	4.0	12-31	144	2	18	54-293	5.4	4-9	106	0	-5
Texas Tech	21	49-227	4.6	10-23	144	1	22	26-114	4.4	33-52	374	2	0
at TCU	12	43-124	2.9	9-21	101	2	14	37-94	2.5	17-29	265	1	0
at Oklahoma St	15	38-152	4.0	17-28	146	0	25	41-183	4.5	21-34	288	0	-2
at Hawaii	14	51-192	3.8	6-21	46	5	22	26-173	6.7	21-43	314	1	+3
San Jose St	22	61-267	4.4	6-18	70	0	17	24-57	2.4	17-35	277	1	-1
at Fresno St	18	43-149	3.5	21-34	213	0	17	36-234	6.5	13-24	198	4	-3
Louisiana Tech	24	58-162	2.8	21-30	296	1	13	22-135	6.1	14-35	259	3	-1
at Rice	27	40-132	3.3	30-42	267	2	14	47-245	5.2	5-12	68	2	-1
Nevada	16	31-151	4.9	14-35	159	2	22	39-151	3.9	23-35	270	1	-2
at UTEP	19	41-110	2.7	16-27	238	3	17	35-45	1.3	19-36	352	4	0
Tulsa	22	51-339	6.6	10-20	88	2	17	36-189	5.3	13-26	161	1	0
TOTALS	230	551-2187	4.0	172-330	1912	20	218	423-1913	4.5	200-370	2932	20	-12
AVERAGES	19.2	46-182	4.0	14-28	159	1.7	18.2	35-159	4.5	17-31	244	1.7	-1.0

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Rice	+6	17-23 OT	T
Tulane	+7	21-31	L
at Arkansas	+9	17-44	L
Mississippi	+5'	41-48 OT	L
at Hawaii	-7'	28-0	W
at Wyoming	+9'	7-12	W
TCU	-3	10-6	W
UNLV	-21	10-7	L
at Air Force	+20	7-31	L
Tulsa	-9'	33-3	W
Colorado St	+3'	10-32	L
at Navy	-3'	24-11	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas	+14	0-26	L
at Tulane	+3'	19-53	L
Hawaii	-14	0-20	L
at Kansas	+8	9-27	L
at UTEP	+9'	28-42	L
Fresno St	+14'	24-14	W
at San Jose St		Cancelled	
Rice	+10'	27-2	W
CS Northridge	NL	58-16	–
at Tulsa	-3'	28-14	W
at TCU	+11	0-21	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kansas	+4	31-17	W
at UTEP	-2'	20-37	L
at NC State	+9	0-41	L
Tulane	-1	17-29	L
at Houston	+10'	15-17	W
San Jose St	+2'	10-35	L
at Hawaii	+2'	15-30	L
Nevada	-13'	21-7	W
at Rice	+9	14-43	L
Tulsa	-2'	24-20	W
at Fresno St	+18	7-14	W
TCU	+23'	7-62	L

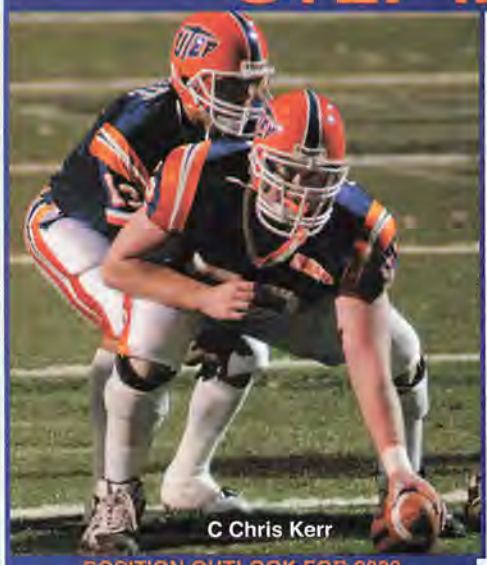
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at LA Tech	+5	6-36	L
TCU	+13	10-38	L
NC State	+15'	17-26	W
Hawaii	-5'	31-38 OT	L
at San Jose St	+7	24-17	W
UTEP	-10	40-14	W
at Nevada	-2	14-35	L
Fresno St	+16'	13-38	L
at Tulsa	-8	24-14	W
Rice	+6'	37-20	W
at N Carolina	+23'	10-19	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Navy	-10'	7-38	L
Texas Tech	+20	14-24	W
at TCU	+17'	6-17	W
at Oklahoma St	+16'	16-52	L
at Hawaii	+22'	10-42	L
San Jose St	+7	23-34	L
at Fresno St	+23'	7-30	W
LA Tech	+13	37-34	W
at Rice	+8'	15-27	L
Nevada	+6'	6-24	L
at UTEP	-5'	42-35	W
Tulsa	-7'	24-21	L

UTEP MINERS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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Jon Schaper (PS#178) was billed as the QB of the future in 2001 and got one start as a redshirt frosh throwing for 232 yards (41.7%) with an 0-5 ratio. Last year he started the first six games but struggled with 649 yards (42.4%) and a 3-8 ratio. He fractured his clavicle against N Mex St and was lost for the season. Orlando Cruz (6-0 205 So) started vs Rice but tore his ACL. As the #2 man he threw for 466 yards (48.3%) with a 3-6 ratio and of all the QB's last year, possessed the best arm. Walk-on Omar Duarte (6-2 190 Jr) started the final 5 and threw for 1,000 yards (49.1%) with a positive 6-4 ratio while rushing for 156 yards. The team also used Phillip Moss (6-0 185 So) who hit 3 of 13 vs Boise St and he will likely RS this year. They nearly took the redshirt off of Jordan Palmer (PS#116) who is Carson's brother. He has a solid arm and also has speed as he was fourth in California in the 110 meter high hurdles in HS. Schaper has said he doesn't mind moving to a different position, like WR, if Palmer wins the starting job. Four different players led UTEP in passing in a game for only the second time in school history (1964 was the first time). I look for significant improvement in UTEP's passing numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - UTEP has had some decent rush attacks under Nord. In 1999 they had a 1,000 yard rusher who was drafted in the fifth round by the NFL (Paul Smith). In 2000 they went to a TB by committee with four players averaging over 5 carries per game and Chris Porter led the team with 815 yards (4.9). In 2001 basically everyone returned and Porter led the team in rushing again but with just 454 yards (5.7). He graduated but everyone else was back last year and expectations were high. Unfortunately Sherman Austin, who began the year as a starter sprained his ankle vs Sac. St and kept re-injuring it and had just 284 yards (3.6). Diminutive Howard Jackson (5-10 155 Jr) who has 4.29 speed rushed for 730 yards in the first 8 games but then sprained his ankle and would have just 117 over the last four. Soph Matt Austin was the team's third leading rusher with 232 yards (5.0). This year the only loss is Sherman Austin. I list the FB's below, and both are capable of playing TB. This year they add JUCO transfer Victor Jones (4.29 spd) who rushed for 780 yards (4.2) at JUCO last season. Also in the mix are Josh Chamois (6-2 220 rFr) and this year's true frosh.

RECEIVERS - The Miners had to replace their all-time leading receiver in yards, Lee Mays (#6DC of PIT), as well as their starting TE Joey Knapp last year. Then their #2 returning receiver, Will Smith, suffered a knee sprain and had just 6 catches. TE Jonas Crafts (PS#92) is an excellent blocker and while he hauled in 19 rec's (12.2), he also dropped nearly twice as many passes. The leading receiver turned out to be Terrance Minor (12 sts, 41 rec) and he is basically the only loss. I list the 2 deep below and I expect big time improvement from Crafts. They also added some JUCO receivers. Not listed below at WR are Chris Marrow (5-9 170 Fr), Jacob Gonzales (6-1 215 So) and TE Jose Horner (6-2 230 Jr) who moves over from DT. While I do not see any all-star WR's in the group below, the unit does have good size with 9 players taller than six foot and decent speed. This unit is also much more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 UTEP's O-line paved the way for 3.8 ypc rushing and allowed 36 sacks. Last year they had four starters returning including eight of the Top 10. The team did lose RT Trey Darilek to injury after seven games, but was much more proficient at protecting the QB (27 sks) while they averaged 3.63 ypc rushing. This year they must replace two starters in LG Curtis Castle (12 sts) and LT Ariel Famaligi (11 sts, 4 yr st'r). Darilek is back and not only do three full-time starters return, but three others who logged a combined seven starts are also back. The group averages a hefty 296 lbs across and this has the makings of one of the WAC's better offensive fronts.

DEFENSIVE LINE - UTEP has not been that tough against the run over the last five years with their best defensive ypc in that span being 4.7. During their WAC Title year in 2000 the team recorded 37 sacks but has had just 33 combined the last two years. Last year the team appeared to be in great shape as all four starters returned and they were supposed to get back DT Bobby King who was even on the cover of the media guide. Unfortunately King did not return and the team also lost DT Jeremy Castillo prior to the year. During the season they lost starting DT Samuel Clark and backup DE Williams to injuries. They still had their second best defense vs the rush in the past five years allowing 4.86 ypc but the team recorded just 19 sacks. This year the team must replace DE Rick Fette (10 sts, 34 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl, 21 qbh), DE Karmul High (11 sts, 29 tkls, 5 tfl), DE Gabe Williams (21 tkls, 3 tfl) and DT Mike Hanna who was the team's "Rudy" last year getting in one game for one play after being a fifth year senior walk-on. They do have seven experienced players returning including five who have started and they also get a solid crop of rFr.

LINEBACKERS - For four straight years the Miners had to replace two starters from the LB unit but last year they had all three returning. They switched schemes to a 4-2-5 but I include the ROV position with the LB's. The 2001 flex-scheme, was designed to move the flow of the game right at the MLB and Robert Rodriguez simply led the WAC in tackles with 137. Last year Rodriguez started the first six games but would lose his job. This year the team must replace LB Camar Jackson (8 sts, 65 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl) and LB Bubba Wiseman (6 sts, 51 tkls) who took Rodriguez's starting job. ROV Tim Woodard was #2 in tackles. While this group is not as experienced it is now in its second year of the new system.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year they had to replace just one starter and two backups but then lost starting SS Mark Dowdy to injury after three games, leaving two full-time starters returning. Not much went right for UTEP's defense last year and they plummeted to #99 in my pass D rankings allowing 56.5% with 30 TD's and just ten interceptions. This year they must replace CB Weldon Cooks (12 sts, 37 tkls, 2 int), FS DJ Walker (11 sts, #1 tkl'r, 4 int, 4 pbu) who led the WAC in tackles (2nd straight Miner to do that) and SS Paul Smith (6 sts, 45 tkls, 3 pbu). Walker will be tough to replace but I can't see them dropping further in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1999 UTEP finished #115 out of 115 teams in the Division IA in my special teams rankings. The next two years they showed solid improvement moving to #77 and #51. Last year basically everyone was back but surprisingly they plummeted to #109. A bright spot was the punting of Bryce Benekos (PS#67) who averaged just 34.5 as a freshman but improved to 40.8. Jahmal Fenner averaged 8.9 on PR's and Howard Jackson 22.0 on KR's (two straight 500 yd KR years) and both are back. CB Aaron Francis led the state of Texas with a 29.5 avg on PR's as a Sr in HS. PK Keith Robinson suffered a sprained ankle against Hawaii on a late hit which resulted in a roughing the kicker penalty but hit 8 of 12 FG's and his 59 yarder with :11 left not only defeated Rice but set a school record. He missed spring and is questionable for the fall. True frosh Reagan Schneider hit 15 of 17 FG's the last 2 years in HS and will contend. This should be the MOST improved special teams unit in the NCAA.

COACHES - Gary Nord enters his fourth season here and he decided to go with all freshmen and zero JUCO's in his recruiting classes, then redshirted the majority of his frosh which bodes well for the future. This has made his senior and junior classes extremely small the last few years and as an example they have just 8 seniors this season but could have as many as 22 in 2004. The average age of the coaching staff prior to a hire in the spring was just 34 years old. Prior to UTEP Nord was the OC at Louisville from 1989-'94 and Oklahoma in '95 and then here prior to his hiring as head man. OC Pat Higgins enters his fourth year and the DC is Troy Reffett who is now in his second season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Gary Nord had a tremendous first season at the helm here in 2000 taking the Miners to an 8-4 record and a bowl bid. Since beating Rice for the WAC Title, the team is just 4-20 and two of four have been vs IAA teams. One season after their WAC Title I picked UTEP for the bottom half of the WAC standings even though the media had them #2. It was a very young team and they plummeted to just 2-9. UTEP is one of those rare teams that have had negative double digit turnovers for two consecutive years with -11 and -19. It's no surprise that a team with just 15 seniors finished 1-7 in WAC play including a loss to Tulsa, which was the Hurricanes only victory the entire year. They did get a new $11 million strength and conditioning center which opened last September but losses last season to Oklahoma and Kentucky in back-to-back weeks by a combined 145-17 were the worst in the school's 88 year history. Last year UTEP, including Div IAA games, lost by an average of 24.3 ppg. The team was hit hard by injuries and had 41 different players start whereas their 2000 bowl team had just 23. This year the team only has 6 senior starters (see coaches) and 8 total in the 2 deep but, as mentioned, they could have 22 in 2004. Last season UTEP was outgained by an average of 101 ypg in league play and outscored by an average of 19.7. While the turnover situation should improve and I look for them to easily beat last year's 2 win total, this could be yet another rebuilding year as UTEP may be one year away from getting back into WAC contention.

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OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JORDAN PALMER rFR. 6-5 225 PS#116. Carson's brother. **Omar Duarte** (6-2 190 Jr) L/5 sts LY, 1,000 yds (49%), 156 rush. **Jon Schaper** (6-2 220 Jr) 6 sts LY, 649 yds (42%), 187 rush.

RB HOWARD JACKSON JR. 5-10 155 PS#342. 4.28 spd. 289 yds (6.1) as true. 9 sts LY, 844 yds (4.9). 1010 KR yds, 2Y. Matt Austin (6-0 190 So) 232 yds (5.0) rFr.

FB JIMMY SMITH JR. 5-11 230 14 tkls, 2 QBH as true. 7 sts LY, 227 yds (4.4) strong. **Rovann Cleveland** (6-0 240 Sr) PS#184. 1 st, 317 yds (4.3) as true. 8 sts, 195 yds (3.5) L/2Y.

WR Dirk Dillard Jr. 6-1 190 1 st as rFr, 8 rec (9.4). 5 sts in '02, 16 rec (12.0), fastest WR. Aaron Givens (6-2 190 So) 15 rec (12.7) as rFr. Johnnie Lee Higgins (6-0 180 rFr) PS#331.

WR CHRIS FRANCIES SO. 6-2 190 5 sts as rFr, #2 w/27 rec (12.9). Will Smith (6-2 195 Jr) PS#290. 1 st, 15 rec (16.5) as rFr. 6 rec (14.5) LY. Joe West (6-2 195 Fr) PS#230.

TE JONAS CRAFTS JR. 6-4 250 PS#92. 1 st as rFr, 10 rec (7.7). 12 sts in '02, 19 rec (12.2) NFL body. Justin Hunt (6-5 235 Sr) 1 st, 19 rec (9.5) LY. Casey Mauch (6-3 225 rFr).

C CHRIS KERR SR. 6-4 280 PS#319. 2nd string as true but RS. Lettered as rFr. 11 sts in '01. 11 sts at C in '02 (inj). Bo Morris (6-4 260 Jr) PS#229, 2 games, 1 letter.

RG ROBERT CLAYTON SR. 6-4 300 PS#269. 2nd string as true, 1L. 11 sts in '01. 12 sts LY (11 at RG, 1 at C) +10 lbs. Alex DiMatteo (6-4 290 So) 1L as rFr. Andy Smith (6-5 285 rFr).

LG Ben Graniello Jr. 6-3 290 3 gms as rFr & lettered. 1 start at RG in '02, 10 gms, 2L. Jordan Tubig (6-3 305 So) 2 gms as rFr and lettered. Donald White (6-2 285 So).

RT TREY DARILEK SR. 6-6 300 12 sts as rFr. 11 sts in '01. 7 sts at RT LY until inj but still HM WAC. Added 10 lbs. Josh House (6-4 275 So) played one game in two years.

LT Jose Garcia So. 6-4 310 1 st at LT as rFr, 6 games, +10 lbs. Robert Espinosa (6-4 295 Jr) PS#375DL. 5 sts at RT in '02, 2L. Justin Gissendanner (6-4 290 rFr) +40 lbs.

K KEITH ROBINSON JR. 5-11 215 6 of 10 FG's as true. 8 of 12 FG's LY, L/59, HM WAC, missed spg. Bryce Benekos hit 8 of 12 FG's L/47 in HS. Reagan Schneider (5-11 165 Fr) PS#78.

DE Brandon Johnson So. 6-3 230 1 st as rFr, 23 tkls, 2 sk, 6 tfl. Joe Ward (6-3 225 rFr) PS#209DL, 17 sks as Sr in HS. Reggie Miles (6-2 235 rFr). Brent Robertson (6-5 285 Sr).

DT DANIEL KERR SR. 6-4 275 4 sts as rFr, 25 tkls, 1 sk. 8 sts in '01, 49 tkls, 7 tfl. 11 sts LY, 35 tkls, 6.5 tfl. Brian Givens (6-3 270 Jr) 8 tkls LY. Dane Gilbert (6-3 280 rFr) 17 tfl as Sr in HS.

DT CHRIS MINEO SO. 6-2 275 5 of L/6 sts at DT as rFr, 48 tkls, 4.5 tfl, 1 pbu. Aaron Osborn (6-5 270 Jr) PS#375. 6 tkls in 7 gms 2Y. Justin Hanel (6-4 275 rFr) added 25 lbs.

DE Samuel Clarke Sr. 6-2 270 8 sts, 22 tkls, 2 sks as rFr. 8 sts in '01, 46 tkls, 6.5 tfl, 6 sts at DT LY (inj), 17 tkls, 2 tfl. Ibok Ibok (6-5 245 Jr) 2 sts, 9 tkls LY. Zach West (6-4 285 rFr).

MLB ROBERT RODRIGUEZ JR. 6-1 235 10 sts as rFr. 137 tkls 1.5 tfl, **1st Tm WAC**, led WAC in tkls. First 6 sts LY (lost job) 50 tkls, 2 tfl. Thomas Howard (6-3 225 So) 4 sts at WLB, 31 tkls, 2 tfl LY.

WLB Godwin Akinduro Jr. 6-4 215 PS#145TE. 1 st in '01, 51 tkls, 3 tfl. 31 tkls LY, 1 tfl, 9 gms. JD Hearn (6-2 220 So) 24 tkls as rFr. Tevita Fifita (6-1 245 So) 5 tkls LY. Cory Vavala (6-2 205 rFr).

ROV TIM WOODARD SR. 5-11 190 PS#380DB. 1 st, 23 tkls as true, 2 tfl. 68 tkls, 7 tfl, 1 int, 5 pbu in '01. 12 sts LY, HM WAC, #2 w/108 tkls, 4.5 sks, 6 tfl. Matt Elwood (6-0 195 Jr) 42 tkls, 2Y.

CB Adrian Ward Jr. 6-0 175 **PS#70JC**. 50 tkls, 8 int, 20 pbu at JC LY. Nate Draughon (5-9 170 rFr) PS#231RB. Cedric Click (5-9 180 So) 11 tkls, 2 pbu, 11 games as rFr.

CB JAHMAL FENNER JR. 5-8 180 5 sts as rFr, 24 tkls, 727 ret yds. 10 sts LY, 31 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu, 374 ret yds (inj'd 2). Aaron Francis (5-8 175 rFr). Victor Jones (5-11 180 Jr) JC.

SS MARK DOWDY JR. 5-11 195 11 starts, 63 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 pbu in 2001. 3 starts LY until injury, RS but 8 tkls, 1 tfl, 2 pbu. Mike Perez (6-1 200 Jr) 3 sts LY, 31 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl.

FS Marshall Sanford So. 6-1 200 PS#270DB. 1 st at FS, 24 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 pbu. David Wardy (5-11 190 Jr) 8 tkls, 13 games, 2Y. John Austin-Emmons (6-0 210 Jr) 63 yds rush LY.

P BRYCE BENEKOS JR. 6-6 190 PS#67. 46.3 avg as senior in HS. 52 punts, 34.5 avg, 30.5 net yards as true. 70 punts, 40.8 avg, net of 33.1 in '02. May handle FG duties as well.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

RB	Michael White 5-8 205 PS#89
DB	Adrian Ward 6-0 175 PS#70JC
DB	Devin Johnson 6-1 190 PS#127
DB	Herb City 5-11 185 PS#255
RB	Jeremy Jones 6-1 190 PS#277
DL	James Riley 6-1 270 PS#325
LB	Jake Sears 6-3 220 PS#389
TE	Tim Ford 6-4 225 PS#145
TE	Sirron Simmons 6-2 230 PS#151
WR	Emeri Spence 6-0 200 PS#384
K	Reagan Schneider 5-11 165 PS#78
OL	Oneil Cousins 6-4 260 PS#566
QB	Matt Ellis 6-0 185 PS#305
DL	Matt Siska 6-2 225 PS#607

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UTEP	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	at Arizona	G					
Sep. 6	Cal Poly	A					
Sep. 13	San Diego St	A					
Sep. 20	at Louisville	G					
Sep. 27	Sam Houston St	A					
Oct. 4	at SMU	G					
Oct. 11	LA Tech (HC)	A					
Oct. 18							
Oct. 25	at Hawaii	A					
Nov. 1	Tulsa	A					
Nov. 8	San Jose St	A					
Nov. 15	at Boise St	A					
Nov. 22	at Rice	A					
Nov. 29	Fresno St	A					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

N Mexico St is a big rivalry game in the Battle for Interstate 10.
The Miners are 4-12 ATS as a double digit dog under Nord.
This is the 3rd time in over 50 years that UTEP doesn't play N Mexico.

UTEP is 0-8 ATS in non-conference play under Nord.
UTEP is 3-10 ATS in their last 13 road openers.

Cal Poly was 3-8 last year as a Div IAA Independent.
UTEP is 13-2 SU in non-lined games S/'86, outscoring foes 518-212.

The Miners are 2-12 SU & 4-6 ATS vs the Aztecs since 1980.
UTEP is 0-3 SU & ATS vs SDSU in their last 3 visits to the Sun Bowl.

Louisville is Coach Gary Nord's alma mater.
UTEP is 4-19-1 ATS away in September since 1991.

Sam Houston St was 4-7 last year in Div IAA Southland Conference.
Mention this ad & take $10 off this weekend's Late Phone Service.

UTEP is 2-8 ATS in their last 10 conference openers.
Miners are 2-6 SU, but 4-3 ATS their L/8 meetings vs SMU (2-1 ATS at SMU).

UTEP is 4-1 ATS their last 5 Homecoming games.
The Miners are 3-9 ATS their last 12 prior to a bye week.

UTEP is 4-8 ATS their last 12 the week after a bye.
Trouble in paradise, Miners are 0-4 SU & ATS the L/4 visits to the Islands.

UTEP is 3-10 SU & 5-8 ATS in November the last 4 years.
The visiting team is 9-2 ATS in the last 11 series meetings.

The SU winner has covered each of the last 7 meetings in this series.
The last 4 series meetings have averaged a combined 74 ppg.

UTEP is 0-2 SU & ATS vs Boise St the last 2 years in this short series.
Boise St has outscored the Miners 100-20 in those meetings.

UTEP is 5-1 the last 6 meetings vs Rice.
The Miners are 6-11 ATS the last 17 years in their final away game.

UTEP is 1-4-1 SU but 4-2 ATS the last 6 vs Fresno St.
The Miners have covered just 2 of their last 8 home finales.

GARY NORD (Career 12-23)

4th Year at UTEP

Nord's records AT UTEP

12-23	Straight Up	3-2	Home Favorite
11-21	Vs The Spread	3-5	Home Dog
7-11	Off A SU Loss	1-1	Away Favorite
11-13	Vs Conference	4-13	Away Dog
		0-8	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (25,23,2)
Lost: 15 (5,10,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 28,310

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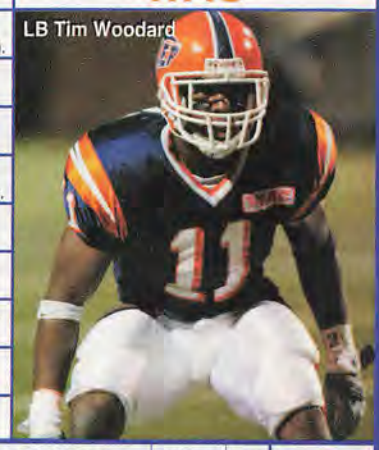


STADIUM: SUN BOWL (51,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	4-7	3-8	5-7	8-3	2-9	2-10	26-53
ATS	5-6	7-4	7-4	7-5	6-5	2-8	3-8	37-40
Home Fav	1-0	2-1	2-0	2-2	3-1	0-1	0-0	10-5
Home Dog	1-3	1-1	2-1	1-0	1-0	1-2	1-3	8-10
Away Fav	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-4
Away Dog	2-2	4-2	3-2	4-2	1-3	1-5	2-5	17-21
Favorite	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-3	4-2	0-1	0-0	12-9
Dog	3-5	5-3	5-3	5-2	2-3	2-7	3-8	25-31
Grass	2-3	2-2	3-2	2-1	1-3	0-3	1-4	11-18
Artificial	3-3	5-2	4-2	5-4	5-2	2-5	2-4	26-22
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	6-2	4-3	6-2	2-6	3-5	28-27
vs Non-Conf	3-0	2-1	1-2	3-2	0-3	0-2	0-3	9-13
Off SU Win	1-1	3-1	2-1	2-3	4-4	0-2	0-2	12-14
Off SU Loss	3-5	4-2	5-2	5-1	2-0	2-5	3-6	24-21

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Howard Jackson	173	904	60	844	7	4.9
Sherman Austin	79	312	28	284	2	3.6
Matt Austin	46	244	12	232	0	5.0
Jimmy Smith	52	234	7	227	3	4.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Omar Duarte	161	79	49.1	1000	6	4
Jon Schaper	139	59	42.4	649	3	8
Orlando Cruz	58	28	48.3	466	3	6

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Terrance Minor	41	630	15.4	7	83
Chris Francies	27	347	12.9	1	49
Jonas Crafts	19	231	12.2	0	31
Dirk Dillard	16	192	12.0	0	23
Justin Hunt	19	181	9.5	0	24

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Bryce Benekos	70	2855	40.8	66	33.1	3	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Keith Robinson	28-28	2-2	1-4	3-4	2-2	8-12	59

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
D.J. Walker	116	1	6	4	4
Tim Woodard	108	4.5	6	4	1
Camar Jackson	65	4	5	2	0
Bubba Wiseman	51	0	2	0	0
Robert Rodriguez	50	0	2	0	0
Chris Mineo	48	0.5	4	1	0
Paul Smith	45	0.5	0	3	0
Weldon Cooks	37	0	2	3	2
Dan Kerr	35	0.5	6	1	0
Rick Fette	34	4	5	0	0
Mike Perez	31	2	3	0	0
Thomas Howard	31	0	2	1	0
Godwin Akinduro	31	0	1	0	0
Jahmal Fenner	31	0	1	5	3

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jahmal Fenner	25	223	8.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Howard Jackson	23	507	22.0	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
56	Sun	NL	George Washington	0-13	–
65	Sun	NL	TCU	13-12	–
67	Sun	NL	Mississippi	14-7	–
88	Independence	-1	S Mississippi	18-38	L
00	Humanitarian	+9	Boise St	23-38	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UTEP'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	18.3	18	154	3.6	179	45.3	18.2	-19	2002	10	42.6	22	194	4.9	246	56.5	10.3
6	21.4	16	138	3.8	192	53.0	15.4	-11	2001	6	37.6	22	234	5.0	181	49.6	11.0
8*	31.5	22	156	3.6	244	57.6	12.7	+2	2000	6	28.0	19	156	4.7	221	47.1	13.5
6	25.5	21	132	3.5	262	60.7	15.4	-3	1999	5	32.4	19	208	5.0	183	52.1	12.1
10*	20.5	20	167	4.1	207	52.5	18.2	0	1998	6	27.5	20	234	5.4	211	56.3	16.1
3	14.7	18	137	3.0	169	44.6	20.7	-1	1997	7	28.3	16	165	4.4	184	55.5	12.3

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Sacramento St	24	52-300	5.8	15-34	143	3	11	30-87	2.9	13-28	141	3	+1
at Kentucky	19	41-220	5.4	12-26	151	1	27	44-364	8.3	12-19	227	1	-1
at Oklahoma	12	41-93	2.3	10-32	126	0	27	39-215	5.5	19-32	334	1	-5
Hawaii	22	50-114	2.3	12-37	151	3	16	25-125	5.0	15-38	244	1	-2
at San Jose St	24	35-157	4.5	19-44	303	2	25	37-179	4.8	25-36	330	2	-4
at N Mexico St	18	37-117	3.2	19-26	213	2	26	52-286	5.5	10-16	189	0	-3
Rice	20	39-209	5.4	12-27	177	3	24	59-225	3.8	8-16	172	1	-1
at Tulsa	11	40-116	2.9	12-27	94	3	19	52-210	4.0	12-23	97	4	-4
Boise St	16	54-204	3.8	6-23	46	1	21	42-237	5.6	10-20	233	0	-3
at Nevada	12	37-125	3.4	10-23	141	1	26	36-109	3.0	30-54	325	3	+1
SMU	17	35-45	1.3	19-36	352	4	19	41-110	2.7	16-27	238	3	0
at Louisiana Tech	26	48-149	3.1	24-40	248	4	27	23-184	8.0	29-43	421	0	+2
TOTALS	221	509-1849	3.6	170-375	2145	27	268	480-2331	4.9	199-352	2951	19	-19
AVERAGES	18.4	42-154	3.6	14-31	179	2.3	22.3	40-194	4.9	17-29	246	1.6	-1.6

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas Tech	+18	3-35	L
Oregon	+21	26-33	W
at N Mexico St	-7	24-33	L
Colorado St	+13'	17-20	W
at New Mexico	+4'	22-19	W
San Jose St	-6	28-21	W
at Fresno St	+10'	6-32	L
Hawaii	-15'	30-13	W
at Utah	+18	27-34 OT	W
BYU	+10'	14-31	L
at San Diego St	+13	29-34	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico	-4'	13-10	L
at Oregon	+22	28-47	W
at Kansas St	+32'	7-40	L
N Mexico St	+3	54-23	W
at Hawaii	-5'	3-33	L
SMU	-9'	42-28	W
at Arizona	+22	21-34	W
at Fresno St	+10'	23-24 OT	W
San Jose St	-6'	42-26	W
Tulsa	-14'	19-43	L
at Rice	+8'	30-29	W
at TCU	+10'	24-52	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oklahoma	+27	14-55	L
SMU	+2'	37-20	W
at Texas A&M	+26	17-45	L
Hawaii	-9	39-7	W
N Mexico St	-12	41-31	L
at Tulsa	-3	40-7	W
at San Jose St	+3	47-30	W
Fresno St	-3'	23-13	W
at Nevada	-25	45-22	L
Rice	-13'	38-21	W
at TCU	+12'	14-47	L

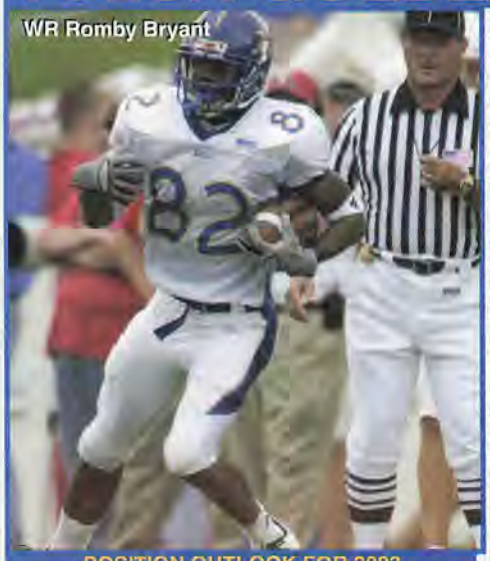
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at New Mexico	+2'	6-26	L
Texas Southern	NL	52-6	–
at Boise St	+5'	17-42	L
Tulsa	+2	26-10	W
at Alabama	+21	7-56	L
at Hawaii	+7	7-66	L
San Jose St	-3	28-40	L
at SMU	+10	14-40	L
LA Tech	+14	30-53	L
at Rice	+23'	17-27	W
Nevada	+5	31-48	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Sacramento St	NL	42-12	–
at Kentucky	+20	17-77	L
at Oklahoma	+43	0-68	L
Hawaii	+19'	6-31	L
at San Jose St	+17'	24-58	L
at N Mexico St	+17	14-49	L
Rice	+12'	38-35	W
at Tulsa	+2'	0-20	L
Boise St	+32'	3-58	L
at Nevada	+27'	17-23	W
SMU	+5'	35-42	L
at LA Tech	+23	24-38	W

TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE


WR Romby Bryant

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Tyler Gooch (PS#99) controversially took over the starting QB job in 2001 over Josh Blankenship (PS#53). Gooch became just the 2nd QB in UT history to run for 100+ yards in a game twice in one season. He threw for 825 yards (57.5%) with a 5-7 ratio while rushing for 419. James Kilian (PS#105) is another mobile QB who passed for 193 yards (42.1%) with an 0-1 ratio and rushed for 151 yards in 2001. The starting job was all Gooch's last year and he made a commitment in the weight room during the offseason adding a lot of upper body strength. Kilian was supposed to be out 6-8 weeks with a broken foot but made a quick recovery and played in the season's 4th game. For the season Gooch rushed for 493 yards while throwing for 2,100 (54.6) with an outstanding 17-8 ratio. He missed the Fresno game with a concussion and Kilian logged his 2nd career start. For the season Kilian threw for 208 yards (42.3%) with a 1-2 ratio while rushing for 123 yards. Those two both return and depth is provided by Shane Davison (6-1 198 rFr, PS#234) and Landon Keopple (6-0 180 rFr) who is a Cent Ark transfer. Also in the mix is true frosh Paul Smith (PS#74) and new coaches are usually partial to their own recruits. Gooch does have to learn a new system but Kragthorpe did wonders in Buffalo as the QB Coach last year with Bledsoe and should have success here as well.

RUNNING BACKS - Eric Richardson had a big debut for UT in 2000. After having just 17 yards in his first 10 games, he rushed for an incredible 194 and 206 yards in the final two, averaging 6.5 ypc in those contests while becoming the first back to top 190 in 2 straight games since 1952. Much was expected of him in 2001 and he started with 194 yards in the first two games but unfortunately suffered a neck stinger and while still leading the team, he finished with just 469 yards (3.6). Backup RB DJ Barnett missed 6 games that year and had 79 yards (3.6). Last year they had to replace their #2 rusher (218 yards) and prior to the season a couple of HT JUCO transfers, Preston Portee and Jamil Porter were both ruled academically ineligible. They made two late signings in Larry Lane (5-9 193 rFr) and Uril Parrish (5-9 192 So). Richardson regained his form and rushed for 957 yards which was the best for a UT back since 1997, and averaged 5.3 ypc with 34 rec's (7.3). He earned HM WAC honors. The team added a FB last year and Mark Holata (PS#168DL) had 9 starts (40 yards), but the top FB out of the spring is James Clancy (6-1 253 rFr, PS#181). Basically everyone returns and Parrish turned out to be the 2nd leading rusher among RB's although he had just 89 yards (1.6). With everyone back and some true frosh added, this unit can only improve in 2003.

RECEIVERS - This is a school with a history of some excellent WR's like Steve Largent, Howard Twilley and Drew Pearson. Last year the team had to replace their top WR Donald Shoals. Starting TE Jarrod Roach, who was the #2 receiver quit the team and their #3 man, WR Darrell Wimberly, was moved to DB. Backup TE Brad Hawkins was also lost to a severe knee injury in August. The team got a couple of notable additions in Jerome Janet (PS#7) who transferred in from Kansas St and JUCO Romby Bryant, but basically had no starters returning. Janet did not have the impact expected at WR with just 6 catches but he missed the last 3 games with a broken wrist and was an effective returnman. Bryant led the team with 49 catches (12.1). This year the unit is much more experienced as basically everyone returns including 4 players who combined for 6 starts as frosh last season. If Janet lives up to his VHT billing, he and Bryant could be one of the WAC's most formidable receiving duos, and this unit looks stronger in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001, Tulsa averaged 3.8 ypc rushing while allowing just 16 sacks despite having an injury plagued year. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup but had seven of the top ten back. The unit paved the way for 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 35 sacks, a surprising step backwards in terms of production. This year they must replace C Anthony Taylor (12 sts, 3 yr st'r, HM WAC) and RT Tony Katic (12 sts, 2 yr st'r). Five players return with starting experience and I list the 2 deep below. This is a bigger group than in the past with six 300+ pounders in the top 12. Despite having to learn new blocking schemes, this unit should put up better numbers in 2003.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001, Tulsa allowed 5.3 ypc rushing while recording 21 sacks and five straight rushers had career highs against Tulsa in consecutive weeks. Burns signed eleven DL's last year, six of whom weighed over 280 lbs, adding bulk to the line. They did have to replace two starters but had five players back with starting experience. Returning starter Brandon Lohr went down with an injury in the opener so they basically had only one full-time starter returning. Overall Tulsa allowed 5.7 ypc rushing while recording just 16 sacks. This year they lose DT Sam Rayburn (11 sts, 61 tkls, 17 tfl, 1st Tm WAC) as well as Cory Hathaway (38 tkls, 5 tfl) who started ten games but moves to TE. Rayburn's 39.5 career tfl was .5 off the school record. Seven of the top nine DL's do return and all seven have starting experience. The unit was hit hard by injuries as nine different DL's started in the first four games including true frosh Drew Lagow who weighed just 242 lbs. Not listed below are Lui Saafi (6-3 288 rFr), Brandon Jones (6-4 240 Jr, PS#348JC) and John Mila (6-3 319 rFr, PS#308). Even with the loss of their top DL, this unit can only improve upon last year's putrid numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Last year basically everyone returned including Oklahoma transfer Michael Dulaney who simply led the team in tackles in each of his two seasons here and last year had 100, earning him HM WAC. He departs as does BAN Reginald Reese (3 sts, 16 tkls). Three players are back with starting experience and even though their top guy is gone and they are switching to a 3-3-5 defense, I think Tulsa will have a stronger defense overall this year so they may be improved.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Tulsa finished just #104 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and last year only had to replace two players who combined for just nine starts. They also moved WR Darrell Wimberly to CB, and he would start all 12 games. Tulsa finished #71 in my pass D rankings allowing 58.8% but with only 15 TD's and 13 int's. Due to injuries, nine different players earned starts in the secondary and seven of them return. Gone this season are ROV Keithan McCorry (11 sts, 70 tkls, 5 tfl), CB Don Gibson (19 tkls) and 3rd stringers FS Terrell Siegfried (9 tkls) and CB Brett Butler (12 tkls). I list the 2 deep below and they also add a couple of JUCO's this year so I look for Tulsa to continue to climb in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tulsa finished just #114 in my special teams rankings in 2001 and struggled again last year finishing at #93. Their KR defense allowed 33.4 per return in 2001 and started off the year slowly allowing 31.2 after the Baylor game, but improved all the way to a 20.4 ypr average. The team had 2 punts blocked and also allowed 2 TD's on PR's. P Cort Moffit transferred from New Mexico and had a solid 40.2 average but the team's net was just 31.8. He should improve in his second year and his net at New Mexico was 35.5. K Brad DeVault (PS#26) took off his redshirt in Week 2 and hit 7 of 12 FG's with a long of 45 but missed 6 xp's. Ricky Tallant hit 1 of 3 FG's with a long of 29 and Moffit even took over some kicking duties but missed his only FG attempt. The top PR, Jermaine Landrum (7.0) is back but 3 other players, Sean Yoder (81), Romby Bryant (65) and Jerome Janet (21) each had 1 return for the above listed yardage greatly aiding Tulsa's PR average of 12.8. Top KR Sherman Steptoe (18.5) is back and Uril Parrish also had a 27.8 average on 5 returns. This is a far from overwhelming unit, but with basically everyone back they can only be stronger.

COACHES - Steve Kragthorpe takes over for Keith Burns who was let go after three years. Kragthorpe spent the last two years as the Buffalo Bills' QB coach and prior to that was the OC at Texas A&M from '98-2000. His OC is Charlie Stubbs who was the Alabama QB coach and passing game coordinator. In 1999 he was named SEC OC of the Year. He has also been the OC at UNLV ('96-'97), Memphis ('94) and Oregon St ('87-'90). The DC is Todd Graham who was the co-DC at W Virg last year and the LB coach there in 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Tulsa was actually the first team in the history of the NCAA to play in five straight New Year's Day bowl games. They've only been to five other bowls since 1964. Keith Burns took over the program in 2000 and guided the team to a 5-7 finish, their most wins since 1991, but was hurt by injuries and inexperience his last two years. They did not defeat a single IA opponent in 2001 and had their worst season since 1954. Last year they topped that by going just 1-11 with an extremely inexperienced team. Tulsa only had nine seniors on the preseason 2 deep and had 23 freshmen and soph's while WAC champ Boise had just 10 freshmen and soph's on theirs. Burns said Tulsa had the WAC's "worst facilities". Tulsa was pounded on a weekly basis being outgained by 135 ypg in WAC play, the most in the conference and outscored by an average of 15.4 ppg. This year they are a much more veteran group with 17 returning starters (tops in the league). They do have a new coach and the team must learn new schemes on both sides of the ball. Despite the wealth of returning starters and lettermen, Tulsa will likely experience another rebuilding season but should at least double last year's win total.

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OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB TYLER GOOCH JR. 5-11 188 PS#99. 6 sts in '01, 825 yds (58%), 5-7 ratio, 11 sts LY, 2100 yds (55%), 17-8 ratio, 493 rush. James Kilian (6-4 214 Jr) PS#105. 401 yds (42%) 1-3 ratio.

RB ERIC RICHARDSON SR. 5-10 175 400 yds in 2 gms, 6.5 ypc in 2000. Not 100% in '01, 10 sts, 469 yds (3.6). 11 sts, 957 yds (5.3), 34 rec (7.3) in '02. Uril Parrish (5-9 192 So) 115 yds.

WR JEROME JANET SO. 5-11 193 **PS#7WR!** Orig at K-St. 6 rec LY, 282 ret yds. Susp in spr. Richard McQuillar (6-3 200 So) PS#298. 3 sts, 12 rec. **FB** Mark Holata (6-1 243 Jr) **9 sts LY.**

WR MONTIESE CULTON JR. 6-2 174 Deep threat. 35 rec (11.9). 9 sts in '02. Broderic Jones (6-1 180 Fr) **PS#36** orig at **W Virginia**. Sean Yoder (5-10 177 So) 2 sts, 8 rec.

WR ROMBY BRYANT SR. 6-2 180 **4.3 spd.** 20 rec at JC in '01, 20.1 avg. 11 sts here LY, 49 rec (12.1). Jermaine Landrum (5-9 158 Jr) PS#175. 3 sts, 25 rec, 2Y, 571 ret yds.

TE CALEB BLANKENSHIP JR. 6-3 227 3 sts as **true**, 4 rec. 11 sts LY, 25 rec (11.6). Garrett Mills (6-2 214 So) PS#96. 1 st, 10 rec as **true**. **Cory Hathaway** (6-4 239 Jr) **10 sts at DE**, 38 tkl, 5 tfl.

C DEREK WAREHIME JR. 6-1 283 PS#122OL. 1 st as true, 6 gms. Last 8 sts at LG in '02. Strongest OL, solid run blocker. Aaron Danenhauer (6-5 286 rFr) PS#191OL.

RG MATT BLACK SR. 6-3 300 **PS#98OL**. 12 games as **true**. 9 sts in '01, +19 lbs. 12 sts at RG LY, 3 letters. Ashcon Madjid (6-4 303 Sr) PS#308. 9 sts at Cal Northridge in 2000.

LG Victor Mercado So. 6-3 312 **PS#96OL**. 1 st, 3 games in '01, med RS. First 4 sts at LG in '02. Dustin Traynor (6-6 332 Jr) 2L. Jesse Stoneham (6-4 316 So) 3 gms LY.

RT Jeff Perrett rFr. 6-7 312 PS#216OL. RS in '02. Tony Guined (6-7 291 Jr) PS#435. 2 games in '01. 10 gms LY. Wade Whitlow (6-4 280 Fr) is PS#414.

LT AUSTIN CHADWICK SR. 6-4 283 PS#145TE. 2 rec as true. 7 sts on OL in '01. 12 sts at LT LY. Dustin Kline (6-6 279 So) PS#323. 1 start, 10 gms in 2002 as a rFr.

K BRAD DEVAULT SO. 6-0 179 PS#26K. 8 of 11 FG's as senior in HS, long of 53. Hit 7 of 12 FG's in '02, long of 45, 11 of 17 xp's, only 1 of 4 from 40+ as a true.

DE BRANDON LOHR JR. 6-0 239 PS#185. 7 sts as **true**, 22 tkls, 2 tfl. RS LY. Sammy Umobong PS#183. 3 sts, 3Y, 25 tkls, 4 tfl. Drew Lagow (6-5 258 So) PS#216LB. 12 tkls, 2 tfl as **true.**

NG TSE OGISI SR. 6-2 288 PS#437JC. 6 sts (L/5) at NG in' 02, 28 tkls, 3.5 tfl. Antwan Floyd (6-1 279 Sr) 5 sts, 13 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Ryan Garrett (6-2 285 rFr) PS#254.

DE JOSH WALKER JR. 6-4 249 PS#64LB. 36 tkls, 6 tfl in '01. 7 sts LY, 24 tkls, 3 tfl. Jeremy Davis (6-2 255 Sr) 2 st, 25 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Jason Collier (6-4 236 Sr) PS#139.

OLB JORMA BAILEY SR. 5-11 199 3 sts, 18 tkls as **true.** 5 sts in '01, 50 tkls, 7 tfl. 9 sts LY, 71 tkls, 7 tfl. Brendan Swisher (6-1 211 Jr) 18 tkls as **true.** Mission. 11 tkls LY.

MLB Jason Wiltshire Sr. 6-3 229 PS#140. 1 st, 14 tkls as true. 3 starts in '01, 38 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl. 2 starts LY, 21 tkls, 1 int. Robert Latu (6-2 250 rFr) PS#369.

OLB JOSH DuPREE JR. 5-11 201 PS#261. 5 starts as **true**, 25 tkls, 3 tfl. 4 sts in '02, 30 tkls. Leroy White (6-1 215 rFr) PS#132. Brandon Fuqua (6-1 214 Jr) former FB.

BAN Max Kraus Sr. 6-1 175 4 sts in '01, 22 tkls. 1 st LY, 34 tkls, 1 sk, 1 pbu. Oliver Fletcher (6-1 185 Jr) PS#245JC. Michael LeDet (6-2 215 Jr) JC transfer.

CB JERMAINE HOPE JR. 5-7 154 PS#265. 14 tkls, 2 pbu as true, 1 st. 9 sts LY, 45 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. **CJ Scott** (5-7 160 Sr) 11 sts in 2000, 46 tkls, 5 int, 6 pbu. 7 sts in '01, 25 tkls.

CB DARRELL WIMBERLY SR. 6-1 196 11 sts, 23 rec (11.0) in '01 at WR. 12 sts at CB in '02, 48 tkls, 3 int, 2 pbu. Sherman Steptoe (5-9 180 Sr) 14 sts, 3 yrs, 55 tkls, 2 int, 9 pbu.

SPUR Kedrick Alexander So. 6-1 197 PS#213. Last 2 starts as **true**, 34 tkls, 1 int. Clint Rountree (6-0 193 Jr) PS#207WR. 9 recs as **true**. 3 sts LY, 28 tkls, 1 sk.

FS JEFF THIBODEAUX JR. 6-0 174 4 sts as true, 37 tkls, 1 int. 12 sts LY, 66 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu, HM WAC. Kinny Spotwood (6-1 208 Fr) PS#172. Courtney Fields (6-1 215 Fr) PS#342.

P CORT MOFFITT SR. 6-3 256 PS#59K. 60 punts as true at New Mexico, 32.0 avg. 86 punts, 39.7 avg, net of 35.5 in 2000. 75 punts here in '02, 40.2 avg, net of 31.8.

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QB	Paul Smith 6-2 175 PS#74	
WR	Roland Garrett 6-1 170 PS#114	
LB	Kinny Spotwood 6-1 208 PS#172	
LB	Kevin Hudson 6-1 220 PS#242	
DB	Donnie Johnson 5-9 185 PS#288	
RB	Cauvey Jackson 6-0 183 PS#243	
RB	Brandon Diles 5-11 190 PS#251	
WR	Cody Madison 6-3 240 PS#104	
CB	Oliver Fletcher 6-1 185 PS#245JC	
WR	Jamal McCullar 6-3 183 PS#294	
OL	Wade Whitlow 6-4 280 PS#414	
DB	Bobby Blackshire 6-3 190 PS#340	
DB	Courtney Fields 6-1 215 PS#342	
LB	Nelson Coleman 6-2 220 PS#338	

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TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#93

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UT	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Pending earlier results: Tulsa is 3-11-1 ATS on artificial turf the L2Y. Tulsa is 2-15 ATS their last 17 on grass. The Golden Hurricane has had 11 consecutive SU losing seasons.
Aug. 30	at Minnesota	A						Tulsa is 1-7 ATS in their 1st lined road game since 1995. Hurricane are 4-31 SU & 10-25 ATS their last 35 as a road dog.
Sep. 6	at Arkansas	G						Tulsa is 0-8 SU & 2-6 ATS vs the Razors since 1984. UT is 1-13 SU, 4-10 ATS since 1989 in their 2nd of B2B away games.
Sep. 13	SW Texas St	A						SW Texas St was 4-7 & is QB'd by Brett Hall (PS#97), a Temple transfer. UT is 10-0 SU, outscoring opponents 40-17 since 1988 in non-lined gms.
Sep. 20	Arkansas St	A						Tulsa is 2-8 SU & 3-6-1 ATS since 1993 in their 1st lined home game. Golden Hurricane are 1-4 ATS the last 5 before a bye week.
Sep. 27								Bonus: Tulsa is 15-29 ATS vs current WAC teams.
Oct. 4	Hawaii	A						UT is 2-9 SU & 2-8 ATS since 1994 after a bye week. The home team is 0-4 ATS the last 4 years in this series.
Oct. 11	at Boise St	A						Tulsa is 0-2 SU & ATS vs Boise St giving up 40+ in both gms. Golden Hurricane are 3-7 ATS L/10 WAC road games.
Oct. 18	Nevada	A						In their only meeting in 2000, Tulsa won 38-3, as 12.5 pt favorites. Tulsa had a 430-170 yd edge in the game, (running all over them 273-17).
Oct. 25	SMU (HC)	A						The Hurricane are 4-1 ATS the last 5 Homecoming games. SMU leads the all-time series 7-1 SU & 6-2 ATS.
Nov. 1	at UTEP	A						Tulsa is 4-1 ATS their last 5 trips to the Sun Bowl. Golden Hurricane are 8-13 ATS in November away games.
Nov. 8	at Rice	A						UT is 1-6 SU & ATS the L7Y vs the Owls and stopping the Rice option has been difficult for Tulsa as they are giving up 32.3 ppg in those contests.
Nov. 15	Louisiana Tech	A						UT is 1-6 SU & 2-3 ATS vs LT S/'86 (2-0 ATS when hosting the Bulldogs). Golden Hurricane are 4-2 ATS the last 6 years in home finales.
Nov. 22	at San Jose St	G						Tulsa is 1-3 SU & ATS vs San Jose St the last 4 meetings. Hurricane are 3-11 ATS in their last 14 road finales.
Nov. 29								

STEVE KRAGTHORPE (Career 0-0)
1st Year at Tulsa

Kragthorpe's records AT TULSA

0-0 Straight Up	0-0 Home Favorite
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0 Home Dog
0-0 Off A SU Loss	0-0 Away Favorite
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0 Away Dog
0-0 Vs Non-Conf	

2002 RECORD: (1-11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (21,20,3)
Lost: 14 (5,8,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,986

WAC

LB Jorma Bailey

STADIUM: SKELLY STADIUM (40,385)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Field Turf)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	2-9	4-7	2-9	5-7	1-10	1-11	19-60
ATS	4-7	5-6	3-7	2-8	7-5	1-9	4-7-1	26-49-1
Home Fav	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-0	0-1	1-0	3-6
Home Dog	2-1	2-2	2-2	1-3	3-1	1-3	0-4-1	11-16-1
Away Fav	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	3-3
Away Dog	1-3	3-3	0-4	1-4	1-4	0-4	3-2	9-24
Favorite	1-3	0-1	1-1	0-1	3-0	0-2	1-1	6-9
Dog	3-4	5-5	2-6	2-7	4-5	1-7	3-6-1	20-40-1
Grass	1-2	2-3	0-2	0-3	0-4	0-2	2-3	5-19
Artificial	3-5	3-3	3-5	2-5	7-1	1-7	2-4-1	21-30-1
vs Conf	2-6	4-4	2-6	2-5	5-3	1-7	4-4	20-35
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	1-1	0-3	2-2	0-2	0-3-1	6-14-1
Off SU Win	2-2	1-1	1-2	0-2	3-1	0-1	0-1	7-10
Off SU Loss	2-4	3-5	2-5	2-6	4-3	1-8	4-6	18-37

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Eric Richardson	182	1033	76	957	6	5.3
Tyler Gooch	127	493	274	219	1	1.7
Uril Parrish	54	145	56	89	3	1.6
James Kilian	23	123	37	86	2	3.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Tyler Gooch	348	190	54.6	2100	17	8
James Kilian	52	22	42.3	208	1	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Romby Bryant	49	593	12.1	7	35
Montiese Culton	35	415	11.9	4	35
Caleb Blankenship	25	290	11.6	2	28
Eric Richardson	34	249	7.3	0	37
Richard McQuillar	12	154	12.8	0	34
Jermaine Landrum	12	148	12.3	1	78

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Cort Moffitt	75	3016	40.2	61	31.8	2	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brad DeVault	11-17	3-4	3-4	1-4	0-0	7-12	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Michael Dulaney	100	1.5	4	1	2
Jorma Bailey	71	1	6	1	0
Keithan McCorry	70	1	4	4	0
Jeff Thibodeaux	66	0	1	6	3
Sam Rayburn	61	4	13	1	0
Darrell Wimberly	48	0	0	2	3
Jermaine Hope	45	0	1	3	1
Chad Smith	43	1	2	2	0
Cory Hathaway	38	1	4	0	1
Kedrick Alexander	34	0	0	2	1
Max Kraus	34	1	0	1	0
Josh DuPree	30	0	1	0	0
Tse Ogisi	28	0.5	3	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jermaine Landrum	16	112	7.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Sherman Steptoe	22	408	18.5	0
Jerome Janet	13	261	20.1	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
64	Bluebonnet	NL	Mississippi	14-7	–
65	Bluebonnet	NL	Tennessee	6-27	–
76	Independence	NL	McNeese St	16-20	–
89	Independence	+14'	Oregon	24-27	W
91	Freedom	+2'	San Diego St	28-17	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TULSA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	OFF PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	19.4	18	123	3.4	193	52.9	16.3	+6	2002	8	34.8	23	256	5.7	202	58.8	13.2
7*	17.4	19	131	3.8	215	55.1	19.9	-5	2001	8	35.2	22	222	5.3	224	64.4	12.7
5*	20.0	19	112	2.9	226	51.7	16.9	0	2000	8	23.6	19	210	5.1	176	55.6	16.4
5	20.9	18	114	3.3	203	55.0	15.2	-8	1999	6	35.1	21	188	4.4	225	61.3	11.8
6*	20.2	21	169	4.1	212	56.1	18.1	-6	1998	7	23.5	19	189	4.3	157	51.9	19.8
7	23.5	20	141	4.1	226	52.3	15.6	-19	1997	4	38.7	25	310	5.8	182	60.1	12.7

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Oklahoma	10	38-102	2.7	12-22	111	1	25	42-378	9.0	16-28	131	1	+1
at Arkansas St	14	41-51	1.2	14-27	168	6	18	51-295	5.8	7-15	51	0	+1
at Louisiana Tech	11	31-50	1.6	17-33	175	2	19	41-290	7.1	14-24	223	0	0
at Baylor	18	25-70	2.8	24-42	251	6	26	45-215	4.8	18-30	235	3	+3
Kansas	21	32-216	6.8	19-31	236	3	27	50-257	5.1	21-36	266	2	-2
Boise St	20	29-82	2.8	26-52	319	3	27	51-353	6.9	18-27	205	1	+2
at Hawaii	23	35-74	2.1	25-43	257	4	25	11-66	6.0	41-63	513	0	0
UTEP	19	52-210	4.0	12-23	97	4	11	40-116	2.9	12-27	94	3	+4
Rice	12	24-47	2.0	14-33	142	2	22	75-427	5.7	2-3	61	0	-1
at Fresno St	14	44-144	3.3	10-25	82	0	26	45-160	3.6	21-32	295	2	+3
San Jose St	33	43-245	5.7	27-46	322	3	24	35-179	5.1	21-37	267	2	-5
at SMU	17	36-189	5.3	13-26	161	1	22	51-339	6.6	10-20	88	2	0
TOTALS	212	430-1480	3.4	213-403	2321	35	272	537-3075	5.7	201-342	2429	16	+6
AVERAGES	17.7	36-123	3.4	18-34	193	2.9	22.7	45-256	5.7	17-29	202	1.3	0.5

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Missouri St	NL	49-14	–
Oklahoma St	+8'	35-20	W
at W Virginia	+13	21-44	L
San Diego St	-10	14-24	L
at Colorado St	+9'	7-34	L
at Rice	+3'	10-14	L
Air Force	+11	21-42	L
at UNLV	-3'	20-16	W
at SMU	+9'	3-33	L
TCU	+5'	7-17	L
Wyoming	+10'	35-0	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Missouri St	NL	45-21	–
at Oklahoma St	+9	9-46	L
at Texas A&M	+32'	13-62	L
at San Jose St	+4	10-34	L
Rice	+5'	10-20	L
at TCU	+17	17-56	L
Hawaii	+5'	21-35	L
Fresno St	+14'	14-28	W
at UTEP	+14'	43-19	W
UL Monroe	-7'	34-37	L
SMU	+3'	14-28	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Carolina	+17'	9-30	L
Oklahoma St	+14	26-36	W
at Rice	+10	23-16	W
LA Tech	-6'	22-10	W
at Hawaii	-3'	24-14	W
UTEP	+3	7-40	L
at N Mexico St	+7'	28-42	L
TCU	+27'	3-17	W
at Fresno St	+18'	12-34	L
at SMU	+2'	20-24	L
San Jose St	+10	28-17	W
Nevada	-12'	38-3	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana St	NL	51-0	–
Fresno St	+12	18-37	L
at UTEP	-2	10-26	L
N Mexico St	-4'	7-24	L
at Boise St	+12'	10-41	L
Hawaii	+7	15-36	L
at San Jose St	+7'	27-63	L
at Oklahoma	+41	0-58	L
at Rice	+19	32-59	L
SMU	+8	14-24	L
LA Tech	+20	7-19	W

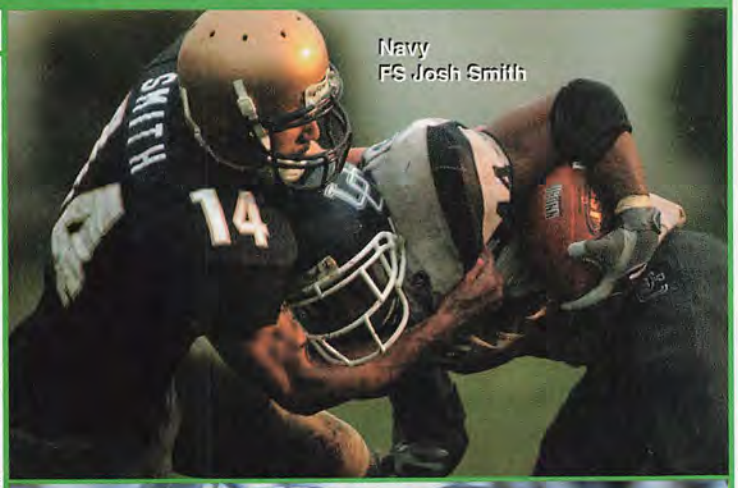
2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma	+37	0-37	T
at Arkansas St	-4'	19-21	L
at LA Tech	+21	9-53	L
at Baylor	+11'	25-37	L
Kansas	+4	33-43	L
Boise St	+26	24-52	L
at Hawaii	+30'	14-37	W
UTEP	-2'	20-0	W
Rice	+8'	18-33	L
at Fresno St	+26	12-31	W
San Jose St	+10	38-49	L
at SMU	+7'	21-24	W

INDEPENDENT

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 INDEPENDENT TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team
QB	Dan Orlovsky, UConn	Carlyle Holiday, Notre Dame	Craig Candeto, Navy
RB	Ryan Grant, Notre Dame	Kyle Eckel, Navy	Rashon Powers-Neal, ND
RB	Terry Caulley, UConn	Julius Jones, Notre Dame	Nate Schiccatano, ND
WR	Omar Jenkins, Notre Dame	Jason Williams, UConn	Rhema McKnight, ND
WR	Maurice Stovall, ND	Jason Samples, Troy St	Ronnie Rodamer, ND
TE	Gary Godsey, Notre Dame	Jared Clark, Notre Dame	Adrian Moore, Troy St
C	Zachary Giles, Notre Dame	Billy Irwin, UConn	August Roitsch, Navy
G	Sean Milligan, Notre Dame	Brian Markowski, UConn	Shane Todd, Navy
G	Donnie Bostian, Troy St	Mark LeVoir, Notre Dame	LeAndre Dupree, UConn
T	Branden Hall, Troy St	Josh Goodin, Navy	Grant Preston, UConn
T	Dan Stevenson, ND	Jim Molinaro, Notre Dame	Ryan Krug, UConn
DL	Justin Tuck, Notre Dame	Demarcus Ware, Troy St	Victor Abiamiri, ND
DL	Cedric Hilliard, ND	Sean Mulcahy, UConn	Derek Landri, Notre Dame
DL	Darrell Campbell, ND	Greg Pauly, Notre Dame	Ralph Henry, Navy
DL	Uyi Osunde, UConn	Kyle Budinscak, Notre Dame	Travis Leitko, Notre Dame
LB	Eddie Carthan, Navy	Derek Curry, Notre Dame	Alfred Fincher, UConn
LB	Courtney Watson, ND	Brandon Hoyte, Notre Dame	Jeremy Chase, Navy
LB	Mike Goolsby, ND	Maurice Lloyd, UConn	Leverne Johnson, Troy St
CB	Vontez Duff, Notre Dame	Marlon Jones, UConn	Vaughn Kelley, Navy
CB	Jason Beckstrom, ND	Shalimar Brazier, Navy	Freeman White, Troy St
SS	Chris Meyer, UConn	Rayshun Reed, Troy St	Garron Bible, Notre Dame
FS	Glenn Earl, Notre Dame	Josh Smith, Navy	Derrick Ansley, Troy St
K	Nick Setta, Notre Dame	Thomas Olmsted, Troy St	Eric Rolfs, Navy
P	John Skaggs, Navy	Adam Coles, UConn	Thomas Olmsted, Troy St
KR	Vontez Duff, Notre Dame	Tony Lane, Navy	Jason Dellaselva, UConn
PR	Vontez Duff, Notre Dame	Aaron Weedo, Navy	Toris Rutledge, Troy St


Navy
FS Josh Smith

UConn
BAN Uyi Osunde

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 INDEPENDENT FORECAST

1. NOTRE DAME - After having the fourth best record among Independents in 2001, the Irish returned to glory last year with an outstanding 10-3 record. Ty Willingham did a great job as the Irish opened up 8-0 last year but went 2-3 down the stretch losing their final two games by a 72-19 margin. They were very fortunate in their first 8 games, often being outfirstdowned by their opponents but still coming up on the winning side. This year's team is more talented on both sides of the ball and are now in year two of Willingham's offensive system. The Irish clearly rank as a National Title contender this year but do have a tough road slate with games at Michigan, Purdue and Pittsburgh all of whom rank among my Top 25. Notre Dame should still end up on top of the Independents and are by far, the most talented team of the four.

2. CONNECTICUT - The Huskies finished in a flurry last year winning their last four by a 199-55 margin, including their 37-20 upset vs Iowa St on the road. This year UConn should be favored in seven of their 12 games and have a shot at upsetting some of the teams they play from major conferences, especially in their opener against Indiana which will be the first game at Rentschler Field. This should be a winning season for the Huskies and they have an NFL caliber QB and continue to get stronger for the ascension into the Big East in 2005.

3. NAVY - The Middies doubled their win total from the previous two years but still only had two victories last season. This is the second year for Paul Johnson and I look for continued improvement. Navy does take on a tougher schedule than Troy St but are the more talented team this year and the 13 starters returning is unusually high for a Service Academy. The Middies do get to face a couple of IAA opponents which should result in victories and hopefully put an end to their dismal 0-15 SU home record (haven't won at home since 1999). They also face 2 MAC teams and a beatable Army team. I project them to at least double last year's win total.

4. TROY ST - The Trojans reeled off four straight winning seasons from 1998-2001 but it was mostly against IAA opponents. Last year they got a much tougher schedule and finished 4-8 with a veteran team that had 17 starters. This year Troy St has just nine starters returning. They face 2 IAA teams and may be able to bag a few victories in November so they have a shot at moving past Navy in the standings due to the schedule but this looks like a rebuilding year for the Trojans. Next year's team should be the one that returns them to the plus side of the ledger.

Independent Notes: The ranks of the Independents keep getting smaller each year and pretty soon will probably be reduced to just Notre Dame. I do not rank the Independents in terms of strength of the teams but by what I think their overall record will be this year so the schedule has a lot to do with the rankings. Connecticut will be headed to the Big East and I do expect Navy and Troy St to land conference deals in the near future if not this year.

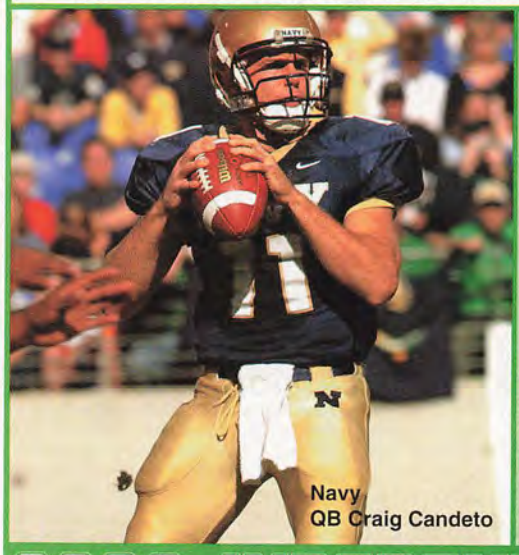
Notre Dame
RB Ryan Grant

2002 TEAM OFFENSIVE STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
66	Notre Dame	22.3	5	313.5	5	139.4	3	3.4	5	174.2	4	50.4	4	14.1	3	28	3	37	6
76	Utah St	27.7	3	392.5	1	84.5	6	3.1	6	308.0	1	53.0	3	14.2	4	29	4	32	5
78	S Florida	30.8	2	386.6	2	134.6	5	3.7	3	252.0	2	56.4	2	12.5	2	15	1	19	2
79	Navy	24.2	4	369.4	3	270.8	1	5.0	1	98.7	6	46.0	5	15.3	5	35	5	16	1
82	Connecticut	31.1	1	359.2	4	136.6	4	3.6	4	222.6	3	59.2	1	11.6	1	20	2	28	4
117	Troy St	18.2	6	303.6	6	176.3	2	4.0	2	127.3	5	43.3	6	16.7	6	35	5	19	2

2002 TEAM DEFENSIVE STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
6	Notre Dame	16.7	1	300.3	2	95.5	2	2.8	3	204.8	3	49.2	1	18.0	1	33	2	37	2
49	S Florida	18.6	2	308.9	3	87.2	1	2.3	1	221.7	5	52.5	4	16.7	2	36	1	40	1
52	Troy St	21.0	3	277.0	1	105.4	3	2.8	2	171.6	2	52.1	3	13.2	4	25	4	30	3
57	Connecticut	22.5	4	316.1	4	155.7	4	4.1	4	160.4	1	50.3	2	14.0	3	32	3	22	4
104	Navy	36.3	5	422.8	5	202.5	5	4.3	5	220.3	4	65.9	6	11.6	6	21	5	20	5
116	Utah St	39.3	6	471.1	6	234.8	6	5.1	6	236.3	6	53.6	5	12.0	5	18	6	14	6


Navy
QB Craig Candeto

2002 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

All Games

	W	L	PF	PA
Notre Dame	10	3	290	217
S Florida	9	2	339	204
Connecticut	6	6	373	270
Utah St	4	7	305	432
Troy St	4	8	218	252
Navy	2	10	290	436

2001 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

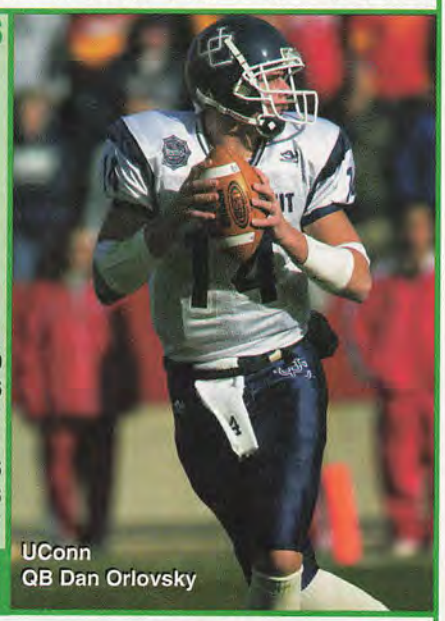
All Games

	W	L	PF	PA
S Florida	8	3	387	231
Troy St	7	4	246	269
UCF	6	5	333	204
Notre Dame	5	6	214	215
Utah St	4	7	316	421
Connecticut	2	9	192	370
Navy	0	10	183	344

2000 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

All Games

	W	L	PF	PA
Troy St	9	3	300	160
Notre Dame	9	2	344	226
UCF	7	4	333	221
S Florida	7	4	278	201
Utah St	5	6	292	356
Connecticut	3	8	220	368
Navy	1	10	182	391


UConn
QB Dan Orlovsky

2002 INDEPENDENT LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Dan Orlovsky, UConn	366	221	60.4	11	2488	6.8	19	128.6
Craig Candeto, Navy	103	51	49.5	4	843	8.2	5	126.5
Marquel Blackwell, S Florida	403	230	57.1	3	2590	6.4	18	124.3
Jose Fuentes, Utah St	454	246	54.2	15	3268	7.2	20	122.6
Carlyle Holiday, Notre Dame	257	129	50.2	5	1788	7.0	10	117.6
Pat Dillingham, Notre Dame	81	41	50.6	7	434	5.4	1	82.4
Hansell Bearden, Troy St	288	125	43.4	16	1462	5.1	6	81.8

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Jose Fuentes, Utah St	11	57	-104	454	3268	3164	287.6
Marquel Blackwell, S Florida	11	89	302	403	2590	2892	262.9
Dan Orlovsky, UConn	12	50	-86	366	2488	2402	200.2
Carlyle Holiday, Notre Dame	12	92	200	257	1788	1988	165.7
Craig Candeto, Navy	11	177	775	103	843	1618	147.1
Hansell Bearden, Troy St	12	98	211	288	1462	1673	139.4

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Devin Sanderson, S Florida	11	66	2768	41.9
John Skaggs, Navy	-	46	1896	41.2
Adam Coles, UConn	12	76	3030	39.9
Thomas Olmsted, Troy St	11	72	2871	39.9
Steve Mullins, Utah St	11	63	2500	39.7
Joey Hildbold, Notre Dame	13	78	3038	38.9

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Kevin Curtis, Utah St	11	74	1258	9	114.4	6.7	17.0
Arnaz Battle, Notre Dame	13	58	786	5	60.5	4.5	13.6
Hugh Smith, S Florida	11	62	661	5	60.1	5.6	10.7
Omar Jenkins, Notre Dame	13	37	633	3	48.7	2.9	17.1
Jason Samples, Troy St	12	45	552	3	46.0	3.8	12.3
Tommy Collins, UConn	12	39	497	6	41.4	3.3	12.7
Eric Roberts, Navy	12	17	429	2	35.8	1.4	25.2

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Terry Caulley, UConn	10	220	1247	5.7	15	124.7
Ryan Grant, Notre Dame	13	261	1085	4.2	9	83.5
Craig Candeto, Navy	11	177	775	4.4	16	70.5
LeBarron Black, Troy St	12	210	757	3.6	8	63.1
DeWhitt Betterson, Troy St	11	101	711	7.0	5	64.6
James Samuel, Utah St	10	120	633	5.3	7	63.3
Kyle Eckel, Navy	10	144	510	3.5	4	51.0
Tony Lane, Navy	12	57	480	8.4	1	40.0

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Vontez Duff, Notre Dame	19	526	1	27.7
Jerome Dennis, Utah St	14	388	0	27.7
DeAndrew Rubin, S Florida	15	402	1	26.8
Aaron Weedo, Navy	11	269	0	24.5
David Fiefia, Utah St	11	252	0	22.9

TFL

	NO	YDS
Osi Umenyiora, Troy St	20.5	93
Demarcus Ware, Troy St	19.0	80
Kawika Mitchell, S Florida	19.0	65
Tavares Jurineack, S Florida	18.0	58
Maurice Lloyd, UConn	18.0	44
Greg Walls, S Florida	18.0	38

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Osi Umenyiora, Troy St	16.0	81
Uyi Osunde, UConn	9.5	70
Demarcus Ware, Troy St	9.0	57
Shurron Pierson, S Florida	8.0	49
Pete Beuttenmuller, Navy	6.0	36
Maurice Jones, S Florida	6.0	28
Tim Jones, S Florida	5.0	36

FIELD GOALS

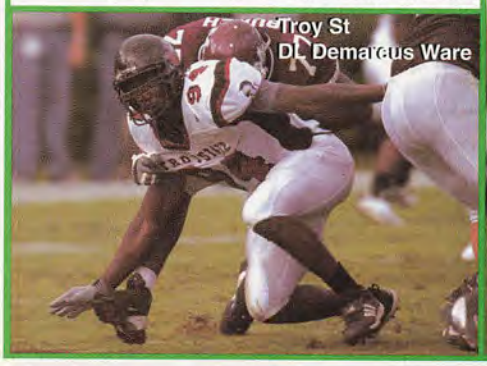
	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Dane Kidman, Utah St	11	14	17	82.4	43
Santiago Gramatica, S Florida	11	16	21	76.2	41
Thomas Olmsted, Troy St	11	11	15	73.3	43
Marc Hickok, UConn	12	12	17	70.6	48
Eric Rolfs, Navy	12	4	6	66.7	44
Nicholas Setta, Notre Dame	13	14	25	56.0	51

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
DeAndrew Rubin, S Florida	29	432	2	14.9
Heyward Skipper, Troy St	16	176	0	11.0
Vontez Duff, Notre Dame	40	385	1	9.6
David Fiefia, Utah St	11	100	0	9.1
Cliff Hill, UConn	23	129	0	5.6

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Jesse Busta, Utah St	11	64	71	135	12.3
Josh Smith, Navy	12	69	58	127	10.6
Naazir Yamini, Troy St	12	72	46	118	9.8
Kawika Mitchell, S Florida	11	72	45	117	10.6
Maurice Lloyd, UConn	12	78	35	113	9.4
Chris Meyer, UConn	12	71	26	97	8.1
J.R. Reed, S Florida	11	62	33	95	8.6
Maurice Jones, S Florida	11	58	36	94	8.5
Courtney Watson, Notre Dame	10	51	39	90	9.0


Troy St
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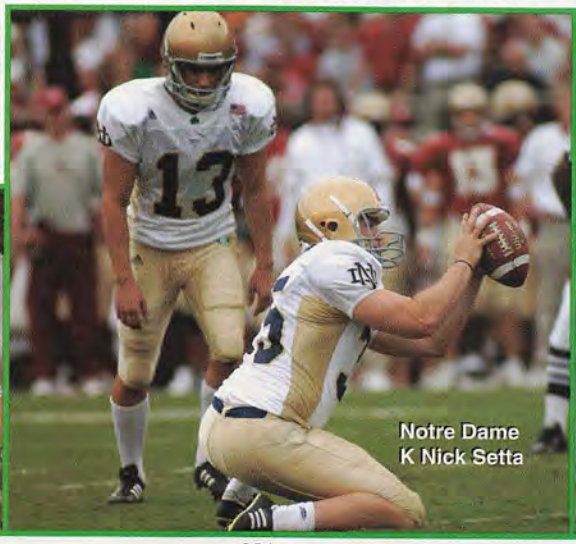
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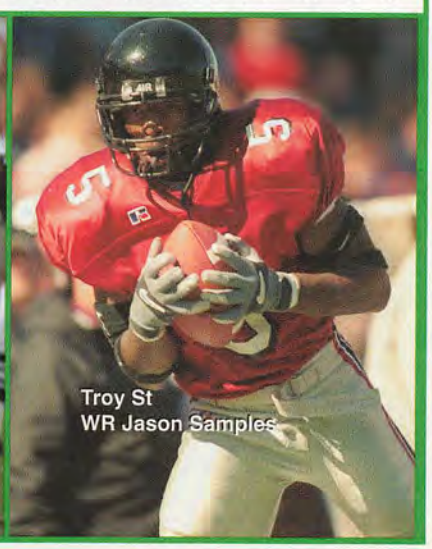
K Nick Setta


Troy St
WR Jason Samples

NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 Matt LoVecchio (PS#13) threw just one interception and led the team to a 7-1 finish down the stretch as a true frosh. In 2001 Carlyle Holiday (PS#8) took over the starting QB reins from LoVecchio and against Pitt, WV and USC hit 67% of his passes while rushing for 350 yards but unfortunately was injured vs BC late and struggled down the stretch. He beat out LoVecchio for the starting job last year and Matt decided to transfer over the summer. Holiday struggled early in the complex Stanford offense and hit just 44.6% in the first four games and was injured in the 4Q vs Mich St. Walk-on Pat Dillingham came off the bench and threw a short pass to Arnez Battle which turned into a 60 yard TD and the Irish got the win. Dillingham then started against Stanford and hit 14 of 27 for 129 yards but would not see significant action again until the bowl game. When Holiday returned, he would hit 52.9% the rest of the season including a big 272 yard effort against Navy leading a comeback victory. He had a rough effort against USC due to a cracked thumbnail and then the team's outcome in their bowl game was decided when Holiday was injured and lost on the second series. While Dillingham would end up setting school bowl records with 19 completions and 37 attempts, he threw for just 166 yards and three costly interceptions. While both QB's are back I expect Chris Olsen (PS#14) to be Holiday's main contender for the starting job and he was the MVP of the spring game. Olsen is a Willingham recruit and had a 24-5 ratio as a HS senior. This year they also signed Brady Quinn (PS#12). No matter who wins the job, all three talented QB's have a full year in the system and I look for significantly improved numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 and 2001 Julius Jones led the team in rushing but the group was injury plagued. Jones had 718 yards (4.3) in 2001 but was lost to academics prior to last season and overall the top three rushers departed. Jones became the first player in the history of my magazine to appear on a cover and then not play at all in the season. The leading returning rusher, Ryan Grant (PS#25), had 110 yards (3.8) in 2001. Early in the year the most impressive RB was Rashon Powers-Neal (PS#36). He and Grant each topped 100 yards against Stanford which was the first time that two backs topped 100 in the same game since 1997. Powers-Neal was then injured and missed three games while Grant was also injured vs BC. In the BC and Navy games, Grant had five fumbles losing three. He still maintained his starting job and finished with 1,085 yards. Powers-Neal was second with 333 (4.3) and Marcus Wilson (PS#95DB) had 110 yards (2.8). All three return and the only losses are FB's Tom Lopienski (10 sts, 48, 2.4), Mike McNair (PS#8, 25 yds) and TB Tim O'Neill (74 yds). Powers-Neal moved to FB prior to the spring and he battled for the job with fellow VHT (PS#25) Nate Schiccatano. Also likely back this year is Julius Jones (PS#12) so this group is vastly more experienced than it was last year and should be one of the deeper RB corps in the country, especially with the addition of this year's talented frosh.

RB Ryan Grant

RECEIVERS - Last season the Irish had to replace all 3 starters and all 3 were NFL draft picks and the leading returning WR or TE had just 7 rec's in 2001 in Omar Jenkins (PS#101). Willingham brought in two super true frosh in Maurice Stovall (PS#4) and Rhema McKnight (PS#9) and they combined for 27 rec's and should have a much bigger impact as sophomores. They do lose WR Arnez Battle (#6DC of SF) who led the team with 58 rec's (13.6). I list the 2 deep below and there are 12 VHT's to choose from. Also look for a bigger contribution from Jared Clark (PS#23QB) who moved from QB to TE last summer and had 7 catches. Billy Palmer is an excellent blocker at TE. Not listed below is Anthony Fasano (6-4 253 rFr, PS#8) and Marcus Freeman (6-4 242 rFr, PS#21). Not only is this group a lot more experienced than it was heading into last year, but with the more stable QB position, I expect a large increase in the receiving numbers as Willingham will be able to run more of the type of offense he ran at Stanford.

OFFENSIVE LINE - I've commented over the years on how precise the athletic department at ND is as they keep track of the minutes played for the OL, a position that garners few stats. This is a key piece of information. The O-line has been fairly experienced as of late with the five projected starters coming into the season in 2000 with 981 combined minutes and in 2001 with 875 combined minutes. The 2001 line opened holes for 3.9 ypc rushing while allowing 26 sacks. Last year it was an even more veteran group as the projected five combined for 1,246 minutes and the O-line had combined 79 career starts. They did have to retool their blocking schemes going from a run blocking option-oriented scheme to the pass blocking of the West Coast offense. The ypc dropped to 3.43 and they allowed 37 sacks. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are LG Sean Mahan (13 sts, top OL award, 2 yr st'r, #5DC of TB), LT Jordan Black (11 sts, 4 yr st'r, #5DC of KC), C Jeff Faine (13 sts, 2nd Tm AA, 3 yr st'r, #1DC of CLE), RT Brennan Curtin (11 sts, #6DC of GB), 2nd string LG Ryan Gillis (32 min, 12 gms) and C Ryan Scarola (1 st). This years projected starting five have combined for only 21 starts and just 378 minutes of playing time. The unit is loaded with VHT's and is now in the second year of Willingham's offense but must replace four NFL draft picks!

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Irish allowed 3.5 ypc rushing in 2001 while recording 25 sacks. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 24 starts including a 2nd round DC but returned four players with starting experience and basically two full-time starters. ND allowed just 2.84 ypc rushing while recording 37 sacks. This year the bulk of the front wall is back. The only loss is DE Ryan Roberts (13 sts, 42 tkls, 8 sks). This looks like one of the top DL's in the country.

LINEBACKERS - The Irish had to replace two starters who were 4th and 6th round DC's last year but did have four of the top six returning. The lone returning starter, Butkus finalist Courtney Watson was 3rd Tm AA and led the team in tackles. This year the group is far more experienced with the only loss being ILB Justin Thomas (7 tkls, 1 tfl) and four players return with starting experience with five VHT's in the 2 deep. This should be one of the top LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Irish finished #32 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and only had to replace six players who combined for 14 starts and 145 tackles. CB Jason Beckstrom then missed the year due to arm surgery so basically this unit had two starters returning. Overall ND still moved up to #15 in my pass D rankings allowing just 49.2% with an outstanding 12-21 ratio. This year they lose a couple of stars in CB Shane Walton (13 sts, 1st Tm AA, 7 int, 7 pbu, 68 tkls, #5DC of STL) and SS Gerome Sapp (11 sts, 71 tkls, 4 int, 7 pbu, #6DC of BAL). They do return two solid starters plus four other players who have starting experience. This should be one of the top secondaries in the country and is a little deeper experience-wise than it was heading into last year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In the Irish's 9-2 regular season in 2000 they finished #2 in my special teams rankings including 5 blocked kicks. In 2001 they slipped a little but still stayed at #15 overall. Ty Willingham's special teams in his final four years at Stanford finished #100, #102, #82 and #112 but he inherited everyone from that top 15 unit so I thought they had top 10 potential. They slipped a little finishing #23. Punter Joey Hildbold, in his fourth year, took a step back but still had a decent net of 35.2 (37.2 in 2000). The top returnman, Vontez Duff, proved dangerous with two TD's, one on PR's (9.6) and one on KR's (27.7, #8 in NCAA) and he is back. Julius Jones averaged 10.7 on PR's in 2001. Kicker Nick Setta opened up the year hitting 6 of his first 7 FG's but then hit just 2 of his next 9 finishing the year 14 of 25 with a long of 51. A new punter must be found but everyone else is back and this unit will contend for top 20 honors once again.

COACHES - Ty Willingham had an incredible debut getting the team off to an 8-0 start and beating ranked teams on the road back-to-back for the first time in school history when they upended Air Force and Florida St. He guided the team to its first ten win season since 1993. His OC is Bill Diedrick, who he brought over from Stanford and the DC is Kent Baer who also came over from Stanford. The Irish finished ninth in the NCAA in scoring defense in 2002. ND defeated as many teams that finished in the final AP poll as any team in the country (4).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Surprisingly ND has not won a bowl game since 1993. Last year Ty Willingham inherited an Irish team that had lost six or more games in two of the previous three years and shifted them from an option oriented offense to his pro-style West Coast attack. The Irish jumped out to an 8-0 start and a #4 ranking in the polls but a 2-3 finish including back-to-back thrashings at the hands of USC and NC St by a combined 72-19 ended the season on a sour note. This season they have five starters back on offense and even with an inexperienced O-line, I look for them to improve upon 2002's numbers in the second year of the new offense. The Irish had my #6 rated defense last year and have eight starters back on that side of the ball so they will be among the best in the country again. The Irish did catch some breaks last year in their 8-0 start, as a short pass was taken for a 60 yard TD vs Mich St, QB Holiday fumbled before the goal line but it was ruled a TD against Michigan, Pitt outgained them 402-185 with a 21-10 FD edge but still ND was victorious. They also caught some bad breaks as they had a 357-184 yard edge vs BC but lost. In their bowl game they lost QB Holiday to injury at 2nd and goal from the 1 and that was the turning point of the game. The schedule is not easy this year with six tough road games against Michigan, Purdue, Pitt, BC, Syracuse and Stanford. One note about Willingham when he was at Stanford, it seemed when expectations were high, the Cardinal underperformed and when they were low (like last year) his teams always did well. Expectations will be high for this year's Irish team. As we saw last year in their 8-0 start, the Irish are capable of being a National Title contender and even with the difficult road slate, have a shot at topping last year's win total.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CARLYLE HOLIDAY JR. 6-3 221 **PS#8**. 9 sts, 784 (51%) 3-7 ratio, 861 rush in '01. 12 sts LY, 1788 yds (50%) 10-5 ratio, 432 rush. **Chris Olsen** (6-4 220 rFr) **PS#14**.

RB RYAN GRANT JR. 6-1 209 PS#25. 117 tfl yds as true. 13 sts LY, 1085 yds (4.2). **Julius Jones** (5-10 200 Sr) PS#12, #1 rusher in 2000 & '01. Jeff Jenkins (6-0 211 rFr) PS#75.

FB Rashon Powers-Neal So. 6-2 227 **PS#36DB**. 333 yds (4.3) at TB as rFr, 69:54 min. Missed 3 w/inj. Nate Schiccatano (6-3 224 rFr) PS#25. Ashley McConnell is PS#137.

WR Maurice Stovall So. 6-5 221 **PS#4**. 1 st as **true** 13 gms, 18 rec (17.3). 3 TD's. Ronald Rodamer (6-4 211 Jr) **PS#11**, 3 rec, 2Y. Matt Shelton (5-11 177 So) PS#53. Sprinter on track.

WR OMAR JENKINS SR. 6-1 205 PS#101. 1 st, 7 rec in '01. 12 sts LY, 37 rec (17.1). Rhema McKnight (6-2 207 So) **PS#9** 9 rec (10.1) as **true**. Ambrose Wooden is PS#8DB.

TE GARY GODSEY SR. 6-6 250 **PS#7**. 2 sts at QB in 2000. 13 sts in '02, 16 rec (7.0). Jared Clark (6-4 242 Jr) PS#23QB, 7 rec (14.9) LY. Billy Palmer (6-4 251 Jr) PS#66DL.

C Zachery Giles So. 6-3 287 **PS#7OL**. RS in '01. 1 game, :59 in '02. Bob Morton (6-4 299 rFr) **PS#14OL**. Jeff Thompson (6-4 287 So) **PS#36DL**. 2:30 minutes.

RG SEAN MILLIGAN SR. 6-4 291 **PS#9**. 5 sts, 143:41 min in 2001. 12 sts last year, 266:27 min. James Bonelli (6-6 282 rFr) **PS#17**. John Sullivan is **PS#33**.

LG Mark LeVoir So. 6-7 320 **PS#4**. RS in '01. 4 gms LY, 10:05 min. Darin Mitchell (6-3 280 Sr) PS#80OL. 1 gm, 1:59 min. Ryan Harris is **PS#18**. No sks allowed L2Y HS.

RT Dan Stevenson So. 6-5 297 **PS#19**. RS in '01. 1 st (bowl) in '02, 11 gms, 82:23 min. Brian Mattes (6-6 266 rFr) **PS#27**. On DL LY. Jamie Ryan (6-5 290 rFr) **PS#29**.

LT Jim Molinaro Jr. 6-6 301 **PS#20DL**, 1 tkl as rFr. 1 game on OL, 2:50 min in '01. 3 sts in '02, 28:36 min in 13 games. Scott Raridon (6-7 300 rFr) PS#20TE, +15 lbs.

K NICK SETTA SR. 5-11 184 **PS#1K**. 9 of 15 FG's L/47 in 2000. Super 15 of 17 FG's in '01, L/47, 8 of 8 from 40+. 14 of 25 FG's in '02, L/51, 87 straight xp's. 4.4 spd on track.

DE Justin Tuck So. 6-5 246 PS#16TE. 1 st, 13 gms as rFr, 44 tkls, 5.5 sks (4 vs Pitt) 5 tfl. **Victor Abiamiri PS#1**. Chris Frome (6-5 264 rFr) **PS#23OL**. Jason Sapp (6-3 256 Jr) PS#57LB.

DT CEDRIC HILLIARD SR. 6-2 295 **PS#10**. 5 sts in '01, 27 tkls, 2 sks, 6 tfl. 10 sts LY, 31 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl. Greg Pauly (6-6 291 Jr) **PS#4**. 3 sts, 11 tkls, 3 tfl. Dan Santucci (6-5 270 rFr) PS#104.

DT DARRELL CAMPBELL SR. 6-4 296 **PS#22DL**. 9 sts in '01, 26 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl. 13 sts in '02. 33 tkls, 6 sks, 2 tfl. Derek Landri (6-2 265 rFr) **PS#5DL**. Trevor Laws is **PS#13DL**.

DE KYLE BUDINSCAK JR. 6-4 270 PS#97, 2 sts as rFr, 13 tkls. 12 sts, 20 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl. Travis Leitko (6-6 264 rFr) **PS#16DL**. +14 lbs. Brian Beidatsch (6-4 283 So) PS#183.

OLB DEREK CURRY JR. 6-3 241 **PS#25LB**. 2 tkls, 11 tfl as rFr. 12 sts LY, 34 tkls, 4 sks, 3 tfl, 2 pbu. Jerome Collins (6-4 250 Jr) PS#78WR, 1 tkl LY. 19:50 min in 12 games LY.

ILB COURTNEY WATSON SR. 6-1 234 PS#153RB. 11 sts in '01, 76 tkls, 2 sks, 11 tfl, 3 pbu. 10 sts LY, 90 tkls, 3 sks, 7 tfl, 4 int, 4 pbu. Brandon Hoyte (6-0 228 rFr) **PS#29**. 3 sts, 57 tkls, 4 tfl.

ILB MIKE GOOLSBY SR. 6-3 243 **PS#4LB**, 5 tkls in 2000 & '01. 13 sts LY, 75 tkls, 4 sks, 9 tfl, 1 int, 3 pbu. Corey Mays (6-1 238 So) **PS#22DL**, 4 tkls. Joe Brockington is **PS#36**.

CB Jason Beckstrom Sr. 5-10 186 PS#45, track. 3 sts, 19 tkls in '00, 3 pbu. 2 sts in' 01, 13 tkls, 1 int. RS LY. Preston Jackson (5-9 177 Jr) **PS#69**. 1 st LY, 26 tkls, 3 tfl. Dwight Ellick. Track.

CB VONTEZ DUFF SR. 5-11 194 **PS#12RB**. 8 sts, 3 int, 6 pbu in '01. 13 sts LY, **3rd Tm AA**, 36 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu. Carlos Campbell (5-11 186 Jr) **PS#18WR**. 2 sts, 5 rec (14.0) 2Y.

SS Garron Bible Jr. 5-10 197 PS#71DB. 14 tkls as rFr. 2 starts in 2002, 23 tkls, 1 sk, 3 pbu. Lionel Bolen (6-0 206 So) **PS#41DB**. 3 tkls as rFr. Freddie Parish is **PS#14**.

FS GLENN EARL SR. 6-1 204 PS#60. 1 st, 23 tkls, 1 int in '00. 3 sts, 33 tkls, 2 sks in '01. 13 sts LY, 81 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu. Quentin Burrell (6-0 180 Jr) **PS#21**. Jake Carney (6-0 190 rFr) PS#47.

P Nick Setta Sr. 5-11 184 PS#1. 47.8 avg as Sr in HS. 4 punts here, 40.0 avg. DJ Fitzpatrick (6-1 192 So) PS#76, 38.5 avg in HS. Geoffery Price is PS#30, 45.6 avg in high school.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

TE	Greg Olsen 6-6 245 PS#1
OL	John Sullivan 6-4 280 PS#3
DL	Victor Abiamiri 6-5 245 PS#1
QB	Tom Zbikowski 6-0 185 PS#9
QB	Brady Quinn 6-4 210 PS#12
DB	Ambrose Wooden 6-1 190 PS#8
DL	Trevor Laws 6-2 290 PS#13
OL	Ryan Harris 6-5 255 PS#18
DB	Freddie Parish 6-1 195 PS#14
WR	Jeff Samardzija 6-4 190 PS#22
RB	Travis Thomas 6-1 200 PS#22
RB	Isaiah Gardner 5-10 190 PS#28
DB	Chase Anastasio 6-2 190 PS#26
WR	Chinedum Ndukwe 6-3 190 PS#31

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0-1	Off A SU Loss	1-1	Away Favorite
0-1	Vs Independent	3-1	Away Dog
		9-2	Vs Non-Independent

2002 RECORD: **(10-3)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (18,19,1)
Lost: 25 (14,9,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 80,818

INDEPENDENT

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#1

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ND	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 6	Washington St	G						The Irish are 8-2 ATS their last 10 as a home underdog. Notre Dame is 9-3 ATS in their 2nd straight home game, 9-3 since 1996. The Golden Domers are 0-6 ATS their last 6 homestands vs Navy.
Sep. 13	at Michigan	A						Notre Dame is 6-1 SU & 5-2 ATS the last 7 home openers. ND is 15-7-1 SU & 16-7 ATS the last 23 vs the Pac 10.
Sep. 20	Michigan St	G						The dog is 7-0 ATS the last 7 in this series. The Fighting Irish are 2-6 ATS in their 1st road game since 1995.
Sep. 27	at Purdue	G						ND is 2-5 SU & 1-6 ATS the last 7 vs the Spartans. The dog in this series has won 6 of the last 7 outright.
Oct. 4								ND is 4-6 ATS the last 10 in this series, but have won the L/3 SU & ATS. Notre Dame is 2-15 ATS their last 17 games before a bye. Bonus: Notre Dame is 6-3 ATS vs the Big East the past 3 years.
Oct. 11	at Pittsburgh	G						Irish are 7-1 SU & ATS since 1991 vs the Panthers. The home team is 5-1 ATS the last 6 in this series.
Oct. 18	USC	G						Irish are 13-7-1 ATS vs USC the last 21, but 2-5 ATS the last 7. This classic rivalry began in 1926, ND leads SU all-time 42-27-5.
Oct. 25	at Boston College	A						ND is 7-5 SU but 4-8 ATS vs Boston College their last 12 series meetings. Notre Dame is 2-6 ATS on artificial turf the last 8 going back to 1997.
Nov. 1	Florida St	G						The Fighting Irish are 2-1 SU & 3-0 ATS vs Florida St since 1993. ND is 6-1 SU & ATS the last 7 games vs current ACC teams.
Nov. 8	Navy	G						Notre Dame is 3-10 ATS the last 13 vs the Midshipmen. The Fighting Irish have not lost to Navy SU since 1963 (66-9-1 SU all time).
Nov. 15	BYU	G						Irish are 3-9-1 ATS their last 13 home finales. The Golden Domers are 0-11 ATS their last 11 home games before a bye.
Nov. 22								
Nov. 29	at Stanford	G						Notre Dame is 7-3 ATS their last 10 vs Stanford. Irish are 4-2 ATS in their last 6 November road games.
Dec. 6	at Syracuse	A						Notre Dame is 2-1 SU vs Syracuse & the last time they played was in 1963. The Irish are 8-3 ATS in the 2nd of back-to-back road games.

CB, KR, PR Vontez Duff

STADIUM: NOTRE DAME STADIUM (80,795)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	7-5	9-2	5-7	9-2	5-6	10-2	53-27
ATS	6-5	4-8	5-5-1	4-8	8-3	4-7	9-3	40-39-1
Home Fav	4-1	1-5	2-2-1	2-5	2-2	1-3	4-1	16-19-1
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-1	1-0	5-2
Away Fav	2-3	1-3	1-2	0-1	4-0	0-0	1-1	9-10
Away Dog	0-0	2-0	1-1	2-2	0-1	2-3	3-1	10-8
Favorite	6-4	2-8	3-4-1	2-6	6-2	1-3	5-2	25-29-1
Dog	0-1	2-0	2-1	2-2	2-1	3-4	4-1	15-10
Grass	5-4	3-7	5-3-1	4-7	7-2	4-6	9-3	37-32-1
Artificial	1-1	1-1	0-2	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	3-7
vs Indep	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	3-4
vs Non-Indep	5-5	4-7	4-5-1	4-7	7-3	4-6	9-2	37-35-1
Off SU Win	4-4	1-5	4-4-1	2-3	6-2	2-2	8-2	27-22-1
Off SU Loss	2-0	3-2	0-1	1-5	1-1	2-4	0-1	9-14

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ryan Grant	261	1160	75	1085	9	4.2
Rashon Powers-Neal	77	344	11	333	2	4.3
Carlyle Holiday	92	432	232	200	3	2.2
Marcus Wilson	39	129	19	110	0	2.8
Pat Dillingham	6	2	37	-35	0	-5.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Carlyle Holiday	257	129	50.2	1788	10	5
Pat Dillingham	81	41	50.6	434	1	7

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Arnaz Battle	58	786	13.6	5	65
Omar Jenkins	37	633	17.1	3	67
Maurice Stovall	18	312	17.3	3	44
Gary Godsey	16	155	9.7	0	20
Jared Clark	7	104	14.9	0	37

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Joey Hildbold	78	3038	38.9	53	35.2	0	30

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nicholas Setta	32-32	4-4	6-10	3-7	1-4	14-25	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Courtney Watson	90	3	7	4	4
Glenn Earl	81	1	3	4	2
Mike Goolsby	75	4	9	3	1
Gerome Sapp	71	0	3	7	4
Shane Walton	68	0	5	7	7
Brandon Hoyte	57	1	3	0	0
Justin Tuck	44	5	5	2	0
Ryan Roberts	42	8	1	1	0
Vontez Duff	36	0	1	6	1
Derek Curry	34	4	3	2	0
Darrell Campbell	33	6	2	0	0
Garron Bible	32	1	0	2	0
Cedric Hilliard	31	2	3	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Vontez Duff	40	385	9.6	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Vontez Duff	19	526	27.7	1
Arnaz Battle	16	335	20.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Orange	+10'	Florida St	26-31	W
97	Independence	+6'	LSU	9-27	L
98	Gator	+2'	Georgia Tech	28-35	L
00	Fiesta	+3'	Oregon St	9-41	L
02	Gator	+1	NC State	6-28	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NOTRE DAME'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	22.3	15	139	3.4	174	50.4	14.1	+5	2002	7	16.7	17	96	2.8	205	49.2	18.0
7*	19.5	17	188	3.9	102	50.0	14.9	+3	2001	6	19.5	16	132	3.5	173	50.0	15.6
7	29.4	17	198	4.1	133	65.7	11.3	+12	2000	4	22.3	19	148	3.7	216	51.6	16.4
4*	29.0	20	182	4.2	238	57.8	14.5	-4	1999	6	27.6	21	142	4.0	242	58.0	13.9
7	27.3	20	212	4.6	168	52.9	13.9	+7	1998	7	20.7	21	146	3.6	208	59.0	17.2
7*	21.7	20	171	4.1	180	59.4	16.2	+4	1997	6	20.4	20	191	4.5	171	56.9	17.8

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
† Maryland	15	45 - 130	2.9	17 - 27	226	4	8	21 - 16	0.8	12 - 32	117	3	+3
Purdue	11	45 - 153	3.4	7 - 22	50	4	15	38 - 147	3.9	14 - 30	171	2	+3
Michigan	16	50 - 157	3.1	8 - 17	154	6	15	26 - 91	3.5	19 - 42	230	0	0
at Michigan St	15	39 - 127	3.3	9 - 24	198	4	19	34 - 53	1.6	19 - 34	281	6	+1
Stanford	17	43 - 249	5.8	14 - 27	129	2	16	30 - 61	2.0	21 - 43	201	4	+2
Pittsburgh	10	32 - 40	1.3	16 - 26	145	1	21	39 - 89	2.3	19 - 44	313	8	+1
at Air Force	22	56 - 335	6.0	8 - 15	112	2	10	38 - 104	2.7	6 - 14	57	0	-2
at Florida St	13	32 - 116	3.6	13 - 21	185	2	20	32 - 93	2.9	21 - 43	325	1	+4
Boston College	22	44 - 122	2.8	20 - 40	235	2	9	33 - 107	3.2	9 - 20	77	4	-4
† Navy	13	41 - 68	1.7	13 - 21	272	4	17	56 - 216	3.9	6 - 15	52	2	-1
Rutgers	20	41 - 190	4.6	14 - 28	288	1	15	27 - 18	0.7	20 - 49	158	5	+1
at USC	4	22 - 39	1.8	10 - 29	70	3	31	38 - 185	4.9	32 - 46	425	1	0
† NC State	23	38 - 86	2.3	23 - 44	200	2	21	26 - 62	2.4	25 - 41	255	1	-3
TOTALS	201	528 - 1812	3.4	172 - 341	2264	37	217	438 - 1242	2.8	223 - 453	2662	37	+5
AVERAGES	15.5	41 - 139	3.4	13 - 26	174	2.8	16.7	34 - 96	2.8	17 - 35	205	2.8	0.4

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Michigan	+6	36-20	W
at Michigan St	-7	23-45	L
Purdue	-7	31-30	L
Stanford	-17	35-17	W
at Arizona St	+3'	28-9	W
Army	-25	20-17	L
Baylor	-14'	27-3	W
at Boston Coll	-11	31-26	L
at Navy	-20'	30-0	W
LSU	-3	39-36	T
at USC	+8'	0-10	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kansas	-17	48-13	W
at Michigan	+7'	22-26	W
at Purdue	+4	23-28	L
Michigan St	-6'	13-23	L
Oklahoma	-6	34-30	L
Arizona St	-12'	48-17	W
USC	-8	25-24	L
Navy	-27	28-24	L
at Tennessee	+9'	14-38	L
at Pittsburgh	-9	27-37	L
Boston Coll	-8'	29-31	L
at Stanford	+5'	37-40	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Texas A&M	-3	24-10	W
Nebraska	+13'	24-27 OT	W
Purdue	+6	23-21	W
at Michigan St	+4	21-27	L
Stanford	-11'	20-14	L
† Navy	-20	45-14	W
at W Virginia	-3	42-28	W
Air Force	-13'	34-31 OT	L
Boston Coll	-8'	28-16	W
at Rutgers	-22	45-17	W
at USC	-1	38-21	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+13	10-27	L
Michigan St	-9	10-17	L
at Texas A&M	+3	3-24	L
Pittsburgh	-7	24-7	W
W Virginia	-12	34-24	L
USC	+1	27-16	W
at Boston Coll	+3'	17-21	L
Tennessee	+8	18-28	L
Navy	-27'	34-16	L
at Stanford	+7'	13-17	W
at Purdue	+2'	24-18	W

2002 RESULTS

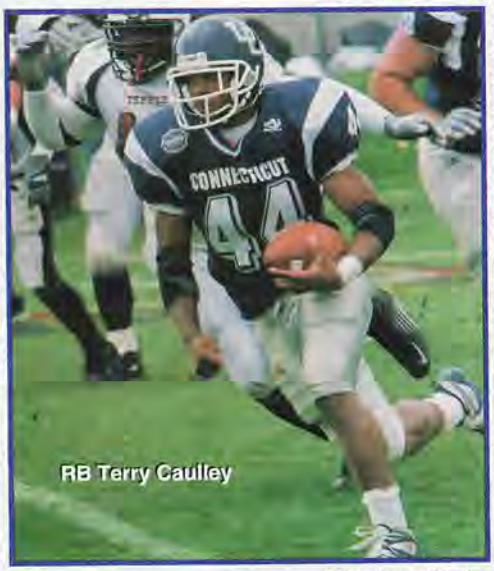
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Maryland	-2	22-0	W
Purdue	-5'	24-17	W
Michigan	+5	25-23	W
at Michigan St	+2'	21-17	W
Stanford	-8'	31-7	W
Pittsburgh	-7	14-6	W
at Air Force	+3	21-14	W
at Florida St	+10	34-24	W
Boston Coll	-9	7-14	L
† Navy	-27'	30-23	L
Rutgers	-28	42-0	W
at USC	+11	13-44	L

CONNECTICUT HUSKIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Dan Orlovsky was PS#62 and was forced into the starting role as a true frosh in 2001 even though they wanted to redshirt him. Against Cincinnati and Utah St he set a school record with 101 combined pass attempts and his 382 yards vs Cincinnati set a freshman record here. He finished the year with 1,379 yards passing (47.6%) with a 9-11 ratio. Orlovsky, who is 6-5 and has an NFL caliber arm, had a fine sophomore season throwing for 2,488 yards (60.4%) with a 19-11 ratio while rushing for 132 gross yards. He became just the 2nd Husky ever to throw a TD pass in every game of the season. Orlovsky broke his foot in spring practice but should be back to full strength by the opener. Jermell Williams (6-2 188 So) was PS#104 and played in four games throwing for 136 yards and rushing for 44. Keron Henry began 2002 as the backup and played in each of the first six games but started taking snaps at WR and then moved to WR full-time. Matt Bonislawski (6-4 203 rFr) was PS#348 and pushed for the #2 QB spot in the spring. Orlovsky is now in his third year and if healthy could be one of the best QB's in college this year.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 UConn had a TB by committee due to injuries and ineffectiveness. Last year they had to replace their leading rusher but he only had 326 yards (3.3) in 2001. The big news was true frosh Terry Caulley (PS#147) who is compared to Joe Morris at 5-7 180 and has 4.4 speed. Caulley had a huge impact last year rushing for 1,247 yards (5.7) which was the most by any true frosh in the NCAA since 1997. He scored 16 TD's and added 25 rec's (8.2) despite being held out vs Georgia Tech and Miami, Fla. In fact, he led all freshmen RB's in the country with 124.7 ypg topping OSU's Maurice Clarett (119). His most impressive game came in the finale with 191 yards vs Iowa St. Caulley also had four TD's in the 2Q against Kent St which tied an NCAA record. The starting FB was also a true frosh in Deon Anderson (5-10 234 So, PS#97) who rushed for 119 yards with six starts. This year basically everyone returns. Not listed below are Chris Bellamy (6-1 207 Jr) who has one start and 332 career rush yards, Jonathan Wholley (5-9 200 So) who was a transfer from Wagner College and Evan Benson (5-8 205 Sr, PS#251) who has 395 yards in three years. Caulley should be a better back as a soph and has added ten pounds this year but it will be tough to top the 5.7 ypc he recorded in 2002.


RB Terry Caulley

RECEIVERS - In 2001 UConn's top receiver was Cliff Hill who had 40 grabs (9.9). Everyone basically returned last year but Hill was not as fast as the newcomers and ended up losing his starting job showing the unit's upgrade in talent. WR Jasen Ridley, who had 7 starts and was the #2 receiver in 2001, quit the team prior to the year, transferring to Florida Atlantic. The team lost starting WR Matt Cutaia after four starts to a knee injury and he was leading the team with 14 rec's at the time. Shaun Feldeisen (6-1 218 Sr) a walk-on ended up #2 with 33 rec's (12.9). TE Tommy Collins (PS#67) finally lived up to his HT billing and led the team with 39 rec's (12.7). He departs as do WR's Wes Timko (12 sts, 29, 10.7) and Joe Villapiano (3 rec, 1 TD). Collins is a big loss and I list his replacements below. This unit does get Cutaia back from injury and adds Keron Henry who was at QB last year and I expect more improvement from Jason Williams who has 4.29 speed. The talent continues to get upgraded at this position and despite the loss of two of their top three, it looks even stronger in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - UConn's O-line is getting progressively bigger. In 2000 they averaged just 279 lbs per man but this year the projected starting five average 292 and there are plenty of 300 pounders in backup roles. In 2001 UConn averaged just 2.3 ypc rushing while allowing 29 sacks. Last year four starters were back but returnee LeAndre Dupree suffered a stress fracture in his foot in August and got in just one start. Overall the team averaged 3.6 ypc rushing while allowing 28 sacks versus a tougher schedule than they faced in 2001. This year the unit is in great shape. The only losses are RT Steve Cully (11 sts, 3 yr st'r) and OT Mike Henry (3 sts). Not only do four full-time starters return, but Dupree (a full-time starter in 2001) is back to fill the opening and I list a fairly experienced 3 deep below. I look for this unit to continue to make strides and this is UConn's best OL they've had since their move to IA ball.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Edsall had been forced to play a lot of true frosh on the DL early on and the team allowed 4.5 and 4.8 ypc rushing in 1999 and 2000. In 2001 they improved to 4.3 ypc. Last year all four starters on the DL returned but Auburn transfer Ryan Bushey would miss 5 games during the year and lost his starting spot. The top DL, Uyi Osunde, recorded 9.5 sacks and while he missed this spring, he should return 100% for the fall. Overall the team allowed just 155.7 ypg rushing, a large improvement from the 223 they allowed in 2000 and the defense as a whole recorded 23 sacks. This year the only losses up front are DT Greg Smoot (12 sts, 3.5 tfl), DE Matt Jackson (4 tkls in '01) and DE Frank Quagliano (20 tkls, 5 tfl). I look for Bushey to return to his 2001 form when he started all 11 games. This is a very experienced front and they bring in some excellent true frosh here who could play immediately (see Top Newcomers). Look for continued improvement from the Huskies defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - In 2000 soph Razul Wallace set a school record with 19 tfl despite only starting in the last seven games. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for eight starts and 74 tackles. Surprisingly Wallace lost his starting job to Alfred Fincher. This year the unit must replace HUSKY Jamal Lundy (10 sts, 77 tkls, 5.5 tfl) and MLB Wallace (16 tkls). The team's #1 and #3 tacklers return in Maurice Lloyd and Fincher and the HUSKY position appears to be in good shape with a couple of HT's backing up James Hargrave. Hargrave had two starts last year including a 17 tackle performance against Ohio when Lundy was out. This unit is even more experienced than it was heading into last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 UConn finished #102 in my pass D rankings. Last year the entire 2 deep returned. However, starting CB Justin Perkins went down in the first game of the season due to injury so basically only three starters were back. This year the only losses are CB Roy Hopkins (12 sts, 6 int, 18 pbu, Tm Def POY) and CB Dwaun Black (1 tkl). While Hopkins' coverage skills will be missed, if Perkins returns 100% this year, they will have four players available who have had full-time starting experience. I list the 2 deep below. Last year's experienced secondary did make strides as UConn moved up to #61 allowing just 160.4 ypg, 50.3% with a 14-20 ratio. They finished lower in my rankings than the NCAA's because mine take into account the strength of opposing QB (#18) and they took on numerous option teams during the year as well as some MAC and IAA competition. Still, I look for continued improvement in the pass D rankings from a veteran group in 2003.

SPECIAL TEAMS - UConn finished #83 in their first year in my special teams rankings in 2000 with P Adam Coles, who was an Australian rules football player, averaging 40.5 per punt including 17 inside the 20 in his first year. In 2001 he had an amazing 32 punts inside the 20 and while his average dipped some to 39.2, his net was 34.8 and the field position difference was huge. Last year they returned everyone to a unit that had finished #107 in 2001. Coles improved his net punting to 35.4 with 18 pinned inside the 20. K Marc Hickok had an up and down year missing some extra points early and some FG's but finished out strong hitting 12 of 17 FG's and connecting on a school record 47 straight xp's to end the season. He did however miss a FG in OT vs Ball St which cost the Huskies the game. CB Dwaun Black blocked two punts, both which were recovered for TD's. PR Cliff Hill lost his job early but then reclaimed it in the Ohio game and finished the season averaging 5.6 after averaging 3.6 in 2001. With all of this they moved up to #65 in my special teams rankings last year. The top KR was Jason Dellaselva who averaged 20.7 after averaging 26.7 in 2001. Dellaselva is back as is the punter but they must replace Hickok. David Butts (PS#73) took over KO's over the final two games and has a shot at the kicking duties along with Matthew Nuzie (PS#140). They also must replace LS Collins. Overall, even with the loss of Hickok, I think this unit is in good shape.

COACHES - Randy Edsall returns for his fifth year. He was the Georgia Tech DC in 1998 and was the Jacksonville Jags DB Coach from 1995-'97. His entire coaching staff remains intact this year. OC Norries Wilson is now in his second year as OC and fifth year here on the team. Hank Hughes enters his third year as the DC and he was the DC for the Montreal Machine for the WLAF in 1992 and last year his D ranked #19 in the NCAA.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Huskies finished last year in a flourish winning their last 4 including their impressive 37-20 win over Iowa St in the season finale which gave them an unexpected 6-6 non-losing season. In those four games they outscored their opponents by a 199-55 margin. UConn will be joining the Big East in 2005 and this season they are moving into a brand-new 40,000 seat stadium (old stadium held 16,200). They have also added a new $12 million practice facility. There will be at 85 scholarship players for the first time since they joined IA ball in 2000. The Huskies had a young offense last year but greatly improved from 17.5 to 31.1 ppg and are led by top-notch QB Dan Orlovsky who has NFL potential. I look for them to continue to improve on that side of the ball. They had allowed 33.4 ppg the previous four years heading into last season but in last year's magazine I called for them to allow under 30 for the first time in five years. They even exceeded my expectations by yielding just 22.5 ppg and 316 ypg. Once again, with 8 starters back on defense they look stronger coming into 2003. UConn's previous high for wins over IA opponents was two and they had five last season. I look for this loaded UConn team to pull off a winning season and even upset one or two of the big boys on their schedule in 2003.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB DAN ORLOVSKY JR. 6-5 229 PS#62. 6 sts as true, 1379 yds (48%), 9-11 ratio. 12 sts LY, 2488 yds (60.4%), 19-11 ratio. Jermell Williams (6-2 188 So) is PS#104.

RB TERRY CAULLEY SO. 5-7 180 PS#147. 9 sts as **true**, 1247 yds (5.7), 25 rec (8.2) 4.4 spd. Chandler Poole (5-11 204 Sr) 371 career yds (3.6). **Matt Lawrence** PS#83.

WR Matt Cutaia Jr. 5-11 173 PS#261. 1 st, 11 rec in '01. 14 rec LY, #1 until inj'd & out yr. Brandon Young (6-0 192 So), **4.38 spd**, 22 rec (12.2) as **true.** Tony Atkinson (6-0 191 Sr).

WR SHAUN FELDEISEN SR. 6-1 218 5 sts, #2 w/33 rec (12.9). **Keron Henry** (6-2 218 Jr) **5 sts at QB** in '01, 757 ttl yds. 5 rec (12.4) LY. Danny Desriveaux (5-9 182 rFr) PS#140. Canadian.

WR JASON WILLIAMS SO. 6-0 180 PS#219DB, **4.29 spd**. 3 sts as rFr, 23 rec (15.4). O'Neil Wilson (6-3 182 Jr) Canadian. 4 sts, 14 rec (14.1) in '01. 5 sts, 20 rec (9.1) LY.

TE Tim Lassen So. 6-5 270 PS#152. 2 sts as rFr, 3 rec (6.0). Terry McClowry (6-2 249 Sr) 67 yds at FB, 3Y. Justin Wolf (6-4 230 So) PS#51. Dan Murray (6-5 229 rFr).

C BILLY IRWIN JR. 6-2 281 1 game as rFr. 12 sts at C in 2002, added 14 lbs. Jeff Fox (6-2 285 Jr) 11 games as **true**, LS. Backup LY. 2 letters. TJ Dlubac (6-2 312 So).

RG LeAndre Dupree Jr. 6-2 301 11 sts at RG as rFr. Stress facture in foot in Aug LY, 1 start. Nick Graby (6-5 286 Sr) PS#352JC, 2nd string. Jason McKee (6-3 326 Jr).

LG BRIAN MARKOWSKI JR. 6-2 288 PS#265DL. 11 sts at C as rFr. 12 sts at RG in 2002. Laurence Oliver (6-4 274 Sr) PS#159DL. 1 st in 2000. 6 sts at LG in '01. 2nd string LY.

RT GRANT PRESTON SO. 6-5 295 PS#458, 11 sts at LG as rFr. Moved to OT. Brendan Borowski (6-4 286 So) PS#416. Craig Berry (6-5 327 rFr) PS#221. Derrick Lewis (6-4 357 So) PS#293.

LT RYAN KRUG JR. 6-4 297 PS#435. 11 starts as rFr. 10 sts at LT in 2002.

All Ind Tm. Michael Kodish (6-5 291 So), 2nd string last year. Aloys Manga (6-7 304 rFr).

K Matthew Nuzie rFr 5-11 189 PS#140. Hit 8 of 12 FG's in HS as senior. David Butts (6-2 251 So) PS#73K. Did KO's in 2 games as rFr last year. Robert Halpern (5-5 174 rFr).

DE UYI OSUNDE SR. 6-3 243 4 sts as **true**, 48 tkls. 9 sts in 2000, 87 tkl, 5 tfl. 12 sts LY 76 tkls, 9.5 sks, 6 tfl. Jason Ward (6-3 268 rFr) PS#182. Matt Applebaum (6-4 265 rFr).

DT Ryan Bushey Sr. 6-4 276 PS#251. **Auburn** trans. 11 sts here in '01, 22 tkls, 6 tfl. 11 tkls LY (miss 5 gms). Deon McPhee (6-2 273 So) 11 tkls as rFr. Maurice Wilson (6-3 245 Fr).

DT SEAN MULCAHY SR. 6-6 295 PS#120OL. 6 sts, 29 tkls as **true**. 11 sts, 41 tkls in '01. 12 sts LY, 29 tkls, 6.5 tfl. Rhema Fuller (6-3 270 rFr). Raymond Blagman (6-3 317 rFr) +42 lbs.

DE TYLER KING JR. 6-6 261 9 sts in '01, 29 tkls, 5.5 sks. 11 sts LY, 37 tkls, 6 tfl. Hakeem Kashama (6-5 267 Sr) Canadian. 7 sts in 2000, 25 tkls, 5 tfl. RS in '01. 1 st, 26 tkls, 3.5 tfl LY.

WLB MAURICE LLOYD JR. 5-11 228 PS#300DB. 5 sts as **true**, 60 tkls, 3 tfl. 12 sts LY, #1 w/113 tkls, **18 tfl**, 4 int, 5 pbu. Taurien Sowell (6-1 232 So) 4 tkls LY. Michael McIntosh (5-11 223 Sr).

MLB ALFRED FINCHER JR. 6-1 242 PS#301. 10 tkls, 2 tfl as **true**. 11 sts in '02, 92 tkls, 10.5 tfl. Cedric Baylor (6-0 217 Sr) PS#314JC. 2 tkls LY. Darius Leak (6-1 257 rFr) PS#381.

HUSKY **James Hargrave So.** 5-11 214 PS#285RB. 2 sts as **true**, 45 tkls, 7 tfl. 17 tkls vs Ohio. **Kinnan Herriott** (5-11 216 Jr) PS#83DB, 10 tkls, 2Y. Shawn Mayne (6-3 223 rFr) PS#107.

CB MARLON JONES JR. 5-8 163 PS#234RB. 14 tkls as **true**. 11 sts in '02, 65 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu. Cathlyn Clarke (5-11 186 So) 5 tkls as **true**. Keith Harrison (5-9 190 So) PS#302.

CB Justin Perkins Jr. 5-11 177 11 starts as rFr, 61 tkls, 6 tfl, 1 int, 9 pbu. 1 start LY until ACL inj. Ezra Carey (5-11 170 Sr) PS#351JC, 1 start, 14 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu here last year.

SS CHRIS MEYER SR. 6-0 207 11 sts in '01, #1 w/94 tkls, 4 int. 12 sts LY, 97 tkls, 8 tfl, 3 int, 12 pbu. John Fletcher (5-9 186 Jr) 39 tkls in 2Y. Ryan DeRubertis (6-0 203 So).

FS TERRANCE SMITH SR. 5-11 195 7 sts at CB as **true**, 60 tkls, 2 int. 11 sts in '01, 54 tkls. 12 sts LY, 72 tkls, 1 int, 8 pbu. MJ Estep (6-1 181 rFr). Jason Dellaselva (5-9 199 Sr) 4 sts, 30 tkls in '00.

P ADAM COLES SR. 6-6 227 Australian rules FB. 56 punts in 2000, 40.5 avg, 81 punts in 2001, 39.2 avg, net of 34.8. 76 punts in '02, 39.9 avg, net of 35.4, 18 inside the 20.

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RB	Matthew Lawrence 6-1 195 PS#83
WR	Seth Fogarty 6-1 190 PS#106
LB	Harold Stanback 6-1 220 PS#150
OL	Chad Atwell 6-5 295 PS#196
LB	Shaun Allen 6-2 220 PS#176
LB	Ryan Henegan 6-1 230 PS#211
OL	Brian Kersmanc 6-5 295 PS#293
DB	Jahi Smith 5-11 180 PS#251
TE	Brian Ushler 6-4 250 PS#89
DB	Marvin Taylor 5-11 180 PS#328
LB	Sam Dorvil 5-10 225 PS#350
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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#99

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UC	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	Indiana	G					
Sep. 6	at Army	A					
Sep. 13	Boston College	G					
Sep. 20	at Buffalo	G					
Sep. 27	at Virginia Tech	G					
Oct. 4	Lehigh	G					
Oct. 11	at NC State	G					
Oct. 18	at Kent St	A					
Oct. 25	Akron	G					
Nov. 1	W Michigan	G					
Nov. 8	Rutgers	G					
Nov. 15	at Wake Forest	G					
Nov. 22							
Nov. 29							

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Connecticut is 0-3 SU & 1-2 ATS vs Ball St.
UConn is 19-9 ATS vs all opponents all-time.
The Huskies will play 4 teams that won bowl games last year.

This will be the inaugural game at Rentschler Field, the new home of the Huskies.
UC will face Indiana for the 1st time in school history (1st Big 10 opp too).

Huskies are 13-5 ATS on the road & LY were a perfect 6-0 ATS in RG's.
UConn is 3-0 ATS in road openers.

Huskies are 1-9 SU but 9-1 ATS when they are a 20+ dog the last 3 yrs.
UConn has lost by an avg of 13.4-41.7 vs Big East teams the last 3 years.

Pending 9/6: UConn is 5-1 ATS on the road in September.
UConn is 7-4 ATS (3-1 ATS LY) vs MAC schools the last 3 years.

Only 2nd meeting vs Tech, Huskies lost 52-10 in '01 but covered as a 49 pt dog.
Connecticut is 11-4 ATS as an away dog.

UConn made the switch from a Div IAA school a to Div IA in 2000.
Lehigh Mountain Hawks were 8-4 LY as a member of the Patriot League.

NC St's Rivers vs UC's Orlovsky sets up a great QB duel in their 1st meeting.
UConn is 0-2 SU vs ACC teams, splitting ATS & being outscored 79-35.

Huskies are 1-6 SU but 5-2 ATS on artificial turf the last 3 years.
UConn beat Kent St LY as a 6' pt fav in the final game at Memorial Stadium.

When hosting a MAC opp UC has covered 4 of the last 5 games.
UC has outscored (current) MAC opp by an avg of 30.4-13.9 at home S/'97.

W Michigan & UConn will do battle for the 1st time in school history.
UConn is 6-3 ATS in November (6-1 L2Y ATS).

In 2001, UConn beat Rutgers 20-19 as 18' pt dogs on the road.
The Huskies are just 1-6 SU, but 2-0 ATS in home finales.

UConn has covered 4 of their last 5 November road games.
Connecticut is 1-3 SU & 1-2 ATS in season finales.

RANDY EDSALL (Career 15-30)

5th Year at Connecticut

Edsall's records AT CONNECTICUT

15-30	Straight Up	2-2	Home Favorite
19-9	Vs The Spread	4-2	Home Dog
11-6	Off A SU Loss	2-1	Away Favorite
2-2	Vs Independent	11-4	Away Dog
		17-7	Vs Non-Indep

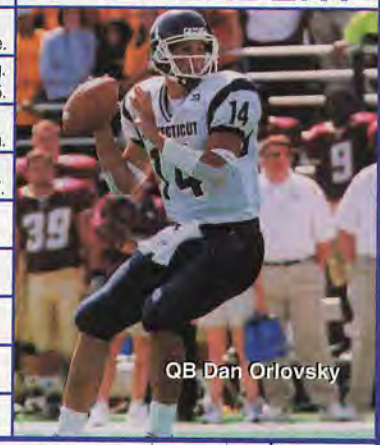
2002 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (16,19,1)
Lost: 18 (8,9,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,807

INDEPENDENT


QB Dan Orlovsky

STADIUM: RENTSCHLER FIELD (40,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-6	7-4	10-3	4-7	3-8	2-9	6-6	36-43
ATS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-4	7-3	9-2	19-9
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-1	2-2
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-0	1-1	4-2
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-0	2-1
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2	4-2	4-0	11-4
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	4-1	4-3
Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3	7-2	5-1	15-6
Grass	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	5-2	8-2	14-7
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-1	1-0	5-2
vs Indep	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	2-2
vs Non-Indep	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3	6-2	8-2	17-7
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	4-1	5-3
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	5-2	4-1	11-6

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Terry Caulley	220	1306	59	1247	15	5.7
Chandler Poole	53	225	10	215	0	4.1
Deon Anderson	34	124	5	119	1	3.5
Dan Orlovsky	50	132	218	-86	4	-1.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Dan Orlovsky	366	221	60.4	2488	19	11
Jermell Williams	15	8	53.3	136	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Tommy Collins	39	497	12.7	6	50
Shaun Feldeisen	33	425	12.9	2	49
Jason Williams	23	354	15.4	3	53
Wes Timko	29	309	10.7	3	25
Brandon Young	22	269	12.2	2	29
Terry Caulley	25	205	8.2	1	35

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Adam Coles	76	3030	39.9	64	35.4	1	18

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Marc Hickok	47-48	6-6	1-4	5-7	0-0	12-17	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Maurice Lloyd	113	2	16	5	4
Chris Meyer	97	1	7	12	3
Alfred Fincher	92	1.5	9	4	1
Jamal Lundy	77	1.5	4	2	1
Uyi Osunde	76	9.5	6	1	0
Terrance Smith	72	0	3	8	1
Marlon Jones	65	0	0	8	2
Roy Hopkins	53	0	3	18	6
James Hargrave	45	3	4	1	0
Tyler King	37	1	5	2	0
Sean Mulcahy	29	1.5	5	0	0
Hakeem Kashama	26	0.5	3	0	0
Greg Smoot	25	1.5	2	4	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Cliff Hill	23	129	5.6	0
Brandon Young	12	77	6.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jason Dellaselva	23	477	20.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

CONNECTICUT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	31.1	19	137	3.6	223	59.2	11.6	+12	2002	10	22.5	16	156	4.1	160	50.3	14.0
6	17.5	16	77	2.3	169	44.9	14.1	-5	2001	9	33.6	21	179	4.3	227	60.1	12.1
7	20.0	20	82	2.7	262	54.2	17.2	-7	2000	7	33.5	22	223	4.8	200	62.7	12.6
6	23.2	18	113	3.0	196	51.6	13.3	-11	1999	7	34.8	23	180	4.5	257	62.2	12.5
–	35.5	23	148	3.9	276	56.0	12.0	+10	1998	–	31.8	24	231	4.8	244	57.3	14.9
–	36.2	20	158	4.1	210	54.9	11.6	+6	1997	–	22.4	21	144	3.4	244	55.6	17.3

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Boston Coll	18	34 - 40	1.2	24 - 38	203	2	18	34 - 114	3.4	19 - 33	239	0	+1
Georgia Tech	13	34 - 64	1.9	15 - 32	185	5	17	43 - 226	5.3	14 - 21	189	2	-1
at Buffalo	21	47 - 187	4.0	18 - 30	242	1	11	25 - 45	1.8	11 - 31	123	2	+1
Ohio U	18	40 - 126	3.2	15 - 30	224	2	15	49 - 218	4.4	11 - 20	95	0	+1
Ball St	22	34 - 155	4.6	24 - 38	243	2	16	41 - 135	3.3	15 - 26	156	5	-1
at Miami, Fl	14	34 - 90	2.6	11 - 28	100	6	27	29 - 214	7.4	25 - 39	284	1	+1
Temple	19	35 - 21	0.6	21 - 38	251	8	19	45 - 242	5.4	8 - 23	117	1	-1
at Vanderbilt	16	22 - 101	4.6	23 - 35	236	0	21	51 - 221	4.3	11 - 18	171	2	0
Florida Atlantic	22	49 - 214	4.4	17 - 28	282	0	11	31 - (-12)	-0.4	13 - 25	176	3	+2
Kent St	16	33 - 202	6.1	15 - 22	200	0	17	47 - 278	5.9	13 - 31	112	1	+5
at Navy	28	49 - 237	4.8	29 - 35	272	0	3	29 - 35	1.2	3 - 11	47	2	+1
at Iowa St	24	39 - 202	5.2	20 - 38	233	2	20	35 - 152	4.3	19 - 44	216	3	+3
TOTALS	231	450 - 1639	3.6	232 - 392	2671	28	195	459 - 1868	4.1	162 - 322	1925	23	+12
AVERAGES	19.3	38 - 137	3.6	19 - 33	223	2.3	16.3	38 - 156	4.1	14 - 27	160	1.9	1.0

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Colgate	NL	45-35	–
Maine	NL	35-27	–
at Yale	NL	63-21	–
at New Hampshire	NL	20-34	–
Hofstra	NL	40-18	–
Massachusetts	NL	44-41	–
Rhode Island	NL	31-17	–
at Northeastern	NL	32-22	–
Delaware	NL	17-59	–
at William & Mary	NL	34-26	–
at Massachusetts	NL	28-27	–

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Hofstra	NL	17-56	–
at Kentucky	NL	14-45	–
Buffalo	NL	23-0	–
at Maine	NL	34-20	–
Rhode Island	NL	20-9	–
Villanova	NL	45-48	–
at James Madison	NL	14-48	–
Richmond	NL	21-28	–
Northeastern	NL	29-24	–
New Hampshire	NL	18-43	–
at Massachusetts	NL	20-62	–

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at E Michigan	+20	25-32	W
Colgate	NL	37-7	–
at Buffalo	-14'	24-21	L
Northeastern	NL	27-35	–
at Louisville	+30	22-41	W
at Boston College	+29	3-55	L
at Akron	+22	38-35	W
S Florida	NL	13-21	–
Middle Tenn	+10'	10-66	L
Rhode Island	NL	21-26	–
at Ball St	+16'	0-29	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia Tech	+49	10-52	W
E Washington	NL	17-35	–
Buffalo	-6'	20-37	L
at Rutgers	+18'	20-19	W
E Michigan	+1'	19-0	W
at S Florida	+17'	21-40	L
Ball St	+10'	5-10	W
at Cincinnati	+25	28-45	W
Utah St	+15	31-38	W
at Middle Tenn	+26'	14-38	W
at Temple	+19	7-56	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boston Coll	+33	16-24	W
Georgia Tech	+23	14-31	W
at Buffalo	-2	24-3	W
Ohio U	-4	37-19	W
Ball St	-6	21-24 OT	L
at Miami, Fl	+43'	14-48	W
Temple	+1	24-38	L
at Vanderbilt	+8	24-28	W
Fla Atlantic	NL	61-14	–
Kent St	-6'	63-21	W
at Navy	-4'	38-0	W
at Iowa St	+17	37-20	W

NAVY MIDSHIPMEN

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - The Mids had to replace Brian Madden last year who led the team in both rushing and passing. Craig Candeto (PS#75) saw action in eight games in 2000 and 2001 including two starts and threw for 336 yards (45%) with a 3-3 ratio while rushing for 162 yards. He is a rare HT here and former coach Weatherbie compared him to Chris McCoy, who led Navy to their bowl game in 1996. Aaron Polanco (6-0 207 Jr) excelled in last year's spring game with 231 total yards, and figured to challenge for playing time, but injured his hamstring in August. Lamar Owens (5-9 166 So) was called the "QB of the Future" and challenged Candeto during September as a true frosh until suffering a shoulder injury. Andy Michalowicz (6-0 210 Sr) was PS#86 and is a drop-back QB who Johnson said would be the starter if the team ran that type of offense. Michalowicz moved to WR this spring. Candeto won the starting job and on the season threw for 843 yards (49.5%) with a 5-4 ratio while rushing for 775 net yards (4.4). He had six rush TD's against Army which tied an NCAA record and finished with 16 rush TD's overall. Polanco scored three rush TD's vs BC and when Candeto went down on the fourth play vs ND, he almost guided the upset win. He got his first start the next week against UConn but in a game played in heavy rain, the team would gain just 82 yards total offense. Owens handled some KR's during the year but saw little time at QB attempting just one pass against UConn while rushing for 16 yards. All three QB's return and they add Lloyd Regas (6-5 200 So), EJ Black (5-11 190 So) and Billy Meraz (5-10 195 Jr) who were all on the JV team last year. This group is far more experienced, has solid depth and I look for much improved numbers.

QB Craig Candeto

RUNNING BACKS - Paul Johnson's spread offense uses a FB and two slotbacks with the FB getting the bulk of the carries. Since the slotbacks get more rush attempts than receptions, I'll list them here. Last season the team had to replace two of their top three players from this position but the top RB rusher in 2001 totaled just 195 yards. FB Kyle Eckel, who is 231 pounds, benches 355, and has 4.55 speed, ended up leading the RB's in 2002 with 510 yards (3.5). Backup FB Bryce McDonald rushed for 292 yards (6.2). Both FB's were injured down the stretch and Michael Brimage had 171 yards vs Wake Forest and 84 against Army finishing with an impressive 7.5 ypc. The starting slotbacks, Tony Lane and Eric Roberts, both have good speed and make plenty of big plays. Each averaged over 8 ypc and the two combined for 28 rec's but they both had some fumble problems and were benched at times. The good news for Navy is that Eckel, Lane, Roberts and Brimage are all back and the only losses are McDonald, FB Cee Harris (20 yds) and SB Brad Tepper (1 st, 36 yds). I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Not listed in the 2 deep are sophomores Marco Nelson (5-8 160), Marvin Dingle (5-11 220), Luke Penrose (5-10 175), Tyson Meadors (5-7 172) and Theo Williams (6-1 188). The RB's were much more productive in Johnson's first season then they were in 2001 and with all of the key players back, I look for continued improvement.

RECEIVERS - This group does not receive a lot of attention and last year they had to replace their top WR and were banking on the return of 2000's top WR, Brandon Rampani, but he was suspended for the year after two games. Chandler Sims (12 sts, 14 rec, 14.1) led the WR's but he departs along with Rampani, Dominic Bailey (1 rec), Brian Yarbrough (5 rec) and Mike McIlravy (2 sts). The leading returning WR is Lionel Wesley (6 sts, 8 rec). I list the rest of the 2 deep below. This is an area where I expect some plebes to have an immediate impact or possibly former QB Michalowicz. Overall the unit is about as experienced as it was heading into last season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 Navy had just one OL starter returning but the front wall averaged 280 lbs which is good for a service academy. Overall the group paved the way for 3.9 ypc rushing while allowing 21 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and one backup but with seven of the top ten back the unit put on a fine showing. They paved the way for 4.98 ypc rushing and allowed just 16 sacks. This year the losses are a little heavier. Gone are RG Matt Nye (12 sts, 2 yr st'r'), LG Grant Moody (11 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Derek Jaskowiak (12 sts), RT David Walsh (1 st, 2001 st'r), G Travis Peace (1 st), LS Heath Sanders and G Brett Cochrane (2nd string). C August Roitsch beat out Shane Todd for the starting C spot over the last three games and Todd now moves to RG so three players return with starting experience. This is a less experienced group, but is now in the second year of Johnson's system.

DEFENSIVE LINE - It seems like the Mids try to reinvent the wheel every year on defense. They played a 4-2-5 in 1998, a 3-4 in 1999/2000 and a 4-3 in 2001/2002. In 2001 they allowed 4.8 ypc rushing and recorded just 8 sacks. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 11 starts and only 43 tackles so it was a very experienced four man front. The team trimmed the ypc rushing to 4.32 and improved the sacks to 20. This, despite losing two players early in the year to injuries in Josh Brindel (3 sts, 10 tkls, 2 tfl) and Kevin Schwind. This year the losses are substantial. Gone are DE Pete Beuttenmuller (7 sts, 25 tkls, 6 sks), DT Joey Owmby (12 sts, 27 tkls, 5 tfl), DE Dan Person (10 sts, 27 tkls), DT Andy Zetts (6 sts, 29 tkls, 2 tfl) and DT Brindel. Schwind got a rare redshirt for Navy and is the biggest DL while the other two projected starters both have starting experience. I list a 3 deep below but not listed are Adam Horne (5-11 228 Jr), Eric Frey (6-2 255 Sr), Chris Wade (5-11 226 Sr), Ben Watkins (6-3 229 Jr, PS#394) and Matt McBride (6-2 220 So, PS#238). It's time to change again this year as they shift to a 3-4, so there is one less slot to fill. Even with no returning starters this unit could improve upon last year's numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Last season the Mids had to replace four players who combined for 15 starts and 112 tackles. Basically two starters returned last year. WLB Ben Matthews had attempted to move to MLB in 2001 but couldn't handle the extra weight so he trimmed down in the second half of the season and moved back to OLB. He ended up starting eight games, but is back inside at ILB. As mentioned in the DL writeup, Navy is switching to a 3-4 so one more spot has been added. The only losses this year are LB Andy Sinitiere (4 sts, 27 tkls) who was a returning starter that missed a few games with injuries, and 3rd string WLB Brian Stann (9 tkls). The team lost Dustin Elliott after six games to a broken foot and he returns. This is a very experienced unit. Eddie Carthan is generally noted as the best defensive player on the team and should have a fine senior year. This unit has the most HT's of any spot at Navy, plenty of experience and some solid athletic talent.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Navy finished dead last in my pass D rankings for the third time in four years in 2001. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for ten starts. A safety has led the team in tackles for seven straight years. In 2001 it was Lenter Thomas who was injured early last year and Josh Smith stepped into his place. Smith, who was the all-time leading rusher in Indiana history and scored 449 points as a HS senior (4 pts shy of national rec), exploded onto the scene and in just nine starts led the team with 127 tackles. The only losses this year are ROV's Lenter Thomas (9 sts, 57 tkls, 1 tfl) and Michawn Yuvienco (4 sts, 38 tkls, 1 tfl). CB Shalimar Brazier is a sprinter on the track team and the team's best cover corner giving them two all-star candidates in the secondary. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Overall Navy still finished a poor #116 allowing 65.9% with a 24-5 ratio. Part of the problem is that they don't face a top-notch pass attack in practice, but I look for Navy to make significant strides in the pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Weatherbie's last season Navy finished #37 in my special teams rankings with punter John Skaggs setting a Navy record averaging 44.8 per punt and exciting KR Tony Lane (26.4) setting a school record for KR yards in a season with 898. Last year they had to replace their kicker and top PR. The team had some major special teams problems at the start of the season including the game against NC State in which they fumbled a KO (returned for TD), suffered two blocked punts which led to TD's and had an xp blocked. They held tryouts for kickers after two games and would only attempt nine FG's on the season hitting 6. Skaggs saw his punting average drop to 41.2 with his net dropping from 37.9 to 35.2. Lane (22.0), Aaron Weedo (24.5) and backup QB Lamar Owens (18.0) handled the KR's. Their top PR, Mike McIlravy averaged just 3.7. Basically everyone returns, except for McIlravy, and after dropping to #78 last season, I look for the Mids to improve upon that ranking.

COACHES - Paul Johnson enters his second year here after compiling a 62-10 record at Georgia Southern and was IAA Coach of the Year for four straight years. He serves as his own OC. Last year they scored 28 first half points in the opener, as much as they had scored in any game in 2001. Notre Dame held Air Force's option offense to 104 yards rushing but Navy had 216 vs them and scored 23 points vs the tough Irish D. Mud slowed down the Middies offense last year as in two games played in rain and mud they had just 205 TOTAL yards against Rice and 82 yards vs UConn. The DC is Buddy Green who surprisingly left NC State where he held the same post to come here last season. Green was also head coach of UT-Chattanooga from 1994 to 1999 and is an NCSt alumni. They are switching from the 4-3 to a 3-4 defensive alignment this year.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

George Welsh led Navy to four straight winning years from 1978 to 1981. Gary Tranquill posted a 6-5 season in 1982, but then Navy recorded 12 consecutive losing years until Charlie Weatherbie using Paul Johnson's offensive system led them to 9-3 and 7-4 marks in 1996 and 1997. Unfortunately, since QB Chris McCoy left they are 11-45 SU. Georgia Southern had won 39 straight home games under Johnson who puts an emphasis on those games but Navy did not win a home game last year, and in fact, has not won at home since Nov. 13, 1999 (14 straight losses). Navy's offense improved greatly in the first year under Johnson going from 18.3 ppg to 24.2 and this year with seven starters back should continue to be more potent. Surprisingly the defense had eight starters returning last year, but the 36.3 ppg they allowed was the most since 1994. Navy has not defeated a team that has finished with a winning record since 1997 but the Navy Prep team finished 7-1 last year, so they should have some good help on the way. The two wins the varsity recorded last year doubled the total from the previous two years combined and they did lead Notre Dame by 8 with 5:00 left and led Wake Forest but gave up a TD with :53 left. The Mids were -14 in turnovers last year (page 310). Their 58 points vs Army was the most in the series history and the 46 point margin was the second largest. The Mids look stronger on both sides of the ball, and I will call for them to at least double last year's win total for a second consecutive season.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CRAIG CANDETO SR. 5-11 197 PS#75. 13 sts, 3Y, 1179 yds (48%), 8-7 ratio, 1070 gross rush. Aaron Polanco (6-0 207 Jr) 253 pass, 291 rush LY. Lamar Owens (5-9 166 So).

FB KYLE ECKEL JR. 5-11 231 4.55 spd, 450 squat. 9 sts (inj) in '02, 510 yds (3.5). Michael Brimage (5-7 203 Jr) 1 st, 291 yds (7.5) in 5 games! Ryan Barry (6-0 207 Jr) PS#426.

SB TONY LANE SR. 5-9 202 4.6 spd. 6 sts in '01, 185 rush (4.7), 12 rec (19.3) 34 KR (26.4). 11 sts LY, 480 rush (8.4). Sam Mathews (5-9 200 So) PS#300. 115 ttl yds as **true**.

SB ERIC ROBERTS JR. 5-10 193 4.54 spd. 10 sts LY, 469 yds (8.1), 17 rec (25.2). Aaron Weedo (5-10 187 Jr) 434 all-purp yds LY. Frank Divis (6-0 208 Jr). Marco Nelson (5-8 160 So)

WR Amir Jenkins Jr. 6-1 191 PS#197. 1 rec as true. 4 sts LY, 3 rec (7.3). Mike Brammer (6-0 160 So) PS#403. Mike Yokitis (6-2 204 So). Dan Gibbon (6-1 205 So).

WR LIONEL WESLEY JR. 5-11 182 1 rec as true. 6 sts in '02, 8 rec (14.4). Corey Dryden (6-3 213 Jr). Andy Michalowicz (6-0 210) **PS#86QB**. James Olsen (6-2 210 So).

C August Roitsch Jr. 6-1 255 220 lbs on JV team in '01. Started L/3 at C LY @ 255 lbs. Dan Peters (6-0 283 Sr). Marshall Green (6-1 265 So). Sam Brown (6-3 229 Jr).

RG SHANE TODD SR. 6-4 304 MVP of JV in 2000. 9 gms in '01, 2nd string. 9 sts at C in '02 (first 9), lost job. Matt McLaughlin (6-6 285 Jr) Brett Nungesser (6-4 250 So).

LG Sean Magee Sr. 6-5 287 Donny Ray Phillips (6-4 289 Jr). Nate Chase (6-0 284 Sr) JV tm in 2000. 3 tkls, 1 pbu in 6 gms in '01. Knee inj LY. Evan Moody (6-4 230 So).

RT JOSH GOODIN JR. 6-0 281 JV in 2000 at FB. OL in '01. 11 sts at RT LY Added 51 lbs as OL. One of top OL's. Casey Hughes (6-4 229 Jr). Michael Scott (6-1 250 So).

LT Nick Wilson Jr. 6-5 259 JV in '01. 2nd string LT LY. Tyson Stahl (6-4 250 Jr) Moved from DL in spg. Tucker Bennett (6-3 277 Sr). Scott Lemm (6-3 255 Fr) PS#538.

K ERIC ROLFS SR. 6-1 168 4 punts in '01. Hit 4 of 6 FG's LY, L/44, 20 of 21 on xp's. Geoff Blumenfeld (6-0 166 Jr). Hit 2 of 3 FG's, L/28, 14 of 15 xp's. Jared Clifford (6-1 165 So).

DE Pierre Moss Jr. 6-0 237 5 sts in '02, 17 tkls, 1 sk, 11 tfl. Steve Adair (6-2 253 Sr) 9 tkls, 1 tfl in '01. 4 tkls, 2 sks LY in only 5 games. Andrew Cole (6-4 205 So) PS#207LB.

NG Kevin Schwind Sr. 6-1 285 PS#377OL. 17 tkls, 2 tfl in '01. ACL in '02. Babatunde Akingbemi (6-0 260 Jr) 9 tkls, 3 tfl, 405 bench. 4.96 spd. Dan Wendolowski (6-2 240 So)

DE Ralph Henry Sr. 6-1 260 4 sts in '01, 17 tkls, 4 tfl. 3 sts LY, 18 tkls, 4.89 spd. Jeff Vanak (6-1 245 Jr) PS#231. 11 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl LY. Sean McElhannon (6-1 232 Jr) PS#350LB.

OLB LANE JACKSON JR. 5-11 204 PS#361LB. JV in '01. Last 7 sts in 2002, 53 tkls, 5 tfl, 2 pbu. Evan Beard (6-0 225 So) PS#321RB. Jason Monts (6-1 215, So) QB HS, 1 tkl as true.

ILB Jeremy Chase So. 6-2 235 4 sts as **true**, 33 tkls, 3 tfl. Dustin Elliott (6-0 226 Jr) 4 sts as **true**, 38 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. 1 st, 6 games in '02 until inj. 24 tkls, 2 sks 3 tfl. TJ Costello, 3 tkls.

ILB BEN MATHEWS SR. 6-1 220 3 sts as true. 35 tkls, 3 tfl. 2 sts in '01, 39 tkls at MLB. 8 sts LY, 53 tkls, 4 tfl at OLB. Bobby McClarin (5-11 211 Jr) 23 tkls. Josh Martin (6-2 220 So) PS#157.

ILB EDDIE CARTHAN SR. 5-11 218 4.64 spd, 37" VL. 6 sts as **true**, 21 tkls. 6 sts in '01, 36 tkls, 5 tfl. 11 sts LY, 74 tkls, 8 tfl. (not 100%). Reggie Sealey (6-0 219 Jr) Various inj LY.

CB SHALIMAR BRAZIER SR. 5-10 198 22.3 in 200m on track tm. Best cover CB. 10 sts, 46 tkls, 3 pbu in '01. 11 sts, 59 tkls, 3 pbu LY. Lord Cole (5-10 191 Jr). Jontavious Singleton (5-10 164 Jr)

CB VAUGHN KELLEY JR. 6-1 170 11 sts LY, 68 tkls, 4 pbu. Solid run support. Marcus Sanders (5-9 175 Sr) 2 sts, 11 tkls LY. Sina Ekundayo (5-11 180 Sr) track tm. 3 tkls LY.

ROV Eli Sanders Sr. 5-11 195 2 sts, 16 tkls in '01. 5 sts at FS LY, 27 tkls. Lane Montgomery (5-11 194 Jr) 1 int, 1 pbu LY. Paul Clarkson (6-2 200 Sr) L/4 sts, 25 tkls in '01. Inj LY.

FS JOSH SMITH JR. 6-2 197 PS#150LB. Indiana HS all-time rusher. 9 sts LY, #1 w/127 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu, **1st Tm All East**. Wayne Irons (5-9 179 Jr) 12 tkls in 7 gms in 2002.

P JOHN SKAGGS SR. 6-2 202 48 punts in '01. Solid 44.8 avg (**5th in NCAA**) net of 37.9. 46 punts LY, 41.2 avg, net of 35.2. Eric Rolfs had 4 punts (37.5) in '01. Eric Shuey (5-10 160 So).

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PAUL JOHNSON (Career 2-10)(Div IAA 62-10)
2nd Year at Navy

Johnson's records AT NAVY

2-10	Straight Up	0-2	Home Favorite
6-6	Vs The Spread	2-2	Home Dog
5-5	Off A SU Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
1-1	Vs Independent	3-2	Away Dog
		5-5	Vs Non-Independent

2002 RECORD: **(2-10)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 35 (16,16,3)
Lost: 29 (18,11,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 26,975

INDEPENDENT

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#114

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NAVY	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	VMI	G					
Sep. 6	at TCU	G					
Sep. 13							
Sep. 20	E Michigan	G					
Sep. 27	at Rutgers	G					
Oct. 4	Air Force (Landover, Maryland)	G					
Oct. 11	at Vanderbilt	G					
Oct. 18	at Rice	A					
Oct. 25	Delaware (HC)	G					
Nov. 1	Tulane	G					
Nov. 8	at Notre Dame	G					
Nov. 15							
Nov. 22	C Michigan	G					
Dec. 6	† Army (Philadelphia)	G					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Navy is 3-10 ATS in lined season openers since 1989.
Navy is 9-3 ATS the last 12 vs Boston College.
Navy is 19-11 ATS away on grass the last 30.

VMI went 6-6 last year as a member of the Southern Conference.
Navy is 9-0 SU in non-lined home games since 1993.

The Middies are 5-0 ATS in the State of Texas since 1970.
TCU (-27) beat Navy 24-0 in Annapolis in 2000, their only previous meeting.

Navy is 15-8 ATS the week after a bye.
Navy is 8-20 ATS at home in September their last 28 games.

Navy is 1-3 SU & ATS vs Rutgers since 1998.
Midshipmen are 0-7 SU & 2-5 ATS the last 3 years vs the Big East.

The Midshipmen are 2-9 SU but 7-4 ATS vs Air Force the last 11.
Navy has not been favored over the Air Force since 1982.

In only lined priors, Navy was swept SU & ATS in a '92-'93 home & home.
This gm will pit old Southern Conf coaching rivals in Bobby Johnson & Paul Johnson.

Navy is 1-4 SU but 4-1 ATS the last 5 vs the Owls.
The Middies are 15-5 ATS on artificial turf since 1994.

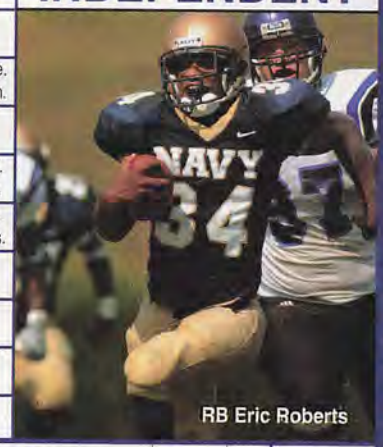
Delaware Blue Hens went 6-6 as a member of the Atlantic 10 Conf LY.
Navy is 2-4 SU & 0-4 ATS the last 6 years in their Homecoming game.

The Midshipmen are 8-2 ATS the last 10 vs the Green Wave, 0-2 L2Y.
The Naval Academy is 1-5 SU & ATS their L/6 November home games.

Navy has sunk the ND Battleship 11 of the last 15 meetings ATS.
Midshipmen are 0-6 SU but 6-0 ATS their last 6 visits to South Bend.

Middies are 1-4 SU & ATS in their last 5 home finales.
Navy is 6-3 ATS their last 9 before Army.

The prior year's SU loser is 14-7 ATS the next year in this series.
The underdog is 9-6 ATS the last 15 in this series.



RB Eric Roberts

STADIUM: NAVY-MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL (32,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	7-4	3-8	5-7	1-10	0-10	2-10	26-52
ATS	8-2	6-3	3-7	9-3	4-7	4-6	6-6	40-34
Home Fav	3-0	3-0	0-2	1-1	0-3	0-0	0-2	7-8
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-3	2-1	1-1	2-3	2-2	7-11
Away Fav	2-1	1-1	0-0	3-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	7-3
Away Dog	3-1	2-1	3-2	3-0	3-3	2-3	3-2	19-12
Favorite	5-1	4-1	0-2	4-2	0-3	0-0	1-2	14-11
Dog	3-1	2-2	3-5	5-1	4-4	4-6	5-4	26-23
Grass	7-1	5-3	0-7	5-2	3-6	3-4	5-6	28-29
Artificial	1-1	1-0	3-0	4-1	1-1	1-2	1-0	12-5
vs Indep	0-2	2-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-1	5-5
vs Non-Indep	8-0	4-3	3-6	8-3	4-6	3-6	5-5	35-29
Off SU Win	6-2	4-1	2-1	3-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	15-6
Off SU Loss	1-0	2-1	1-5	6-1	4-6	4-5	5-5	23-23

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Craig Candeto	177	908	133	775	16	4.4
Kyle Eckel	144	536	26	510	4	3.5
Tony Lane	57	492	12	480	1	8.4
Eric Roberts	58	481	12	469	4	8.1
Bryce McDonald	47	292	0	292	1	6.2
Michael Brimage	39	291	0	291	1	7.5
Aaron Polanco	74	291	80	211	7	2.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Craig Candeto	103	51	49.5	843	5	4
Aaron Polanco	47	21	44.7	253	0	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Eric Roberts	17	429	25.2	2	79
Chandler Sims	14	197	14.1	1	53
Tony Lane	11	174	15.8	1	35

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
John Skaggs	46	1896	41.2	69	35.2	2	12

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Eric Rolfs	20-21	0-0	3-4	1-2	0-0	4-6	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Josh Smith	127	0	1	3	2
Eddie Carthan	74	3	5	0	0
Vaughn Kelley	68	0	1	4	0
Shalimar Brazier	59	1	1	3	0
Lenter Thomas	57	0	1	4	0
Lane Jackson	53	0	5	2	0
Ben Mathews	53	1	3	1	0
Michawn Yuvienco	38	0	1	1	0
Jeremy Chase	33	1	2	1	0
Andy Zetts	29	0	2	0	0
Eli Sanders	27	0	1	1	0
Andy Sinitiere	27	0	0	1	0
Dan Person	27	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Mike McIlravy	12	44	3.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tony Lane	22	484	22.0	0
Aaron Weedo	11	269	24.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
63	Cotton	NL	Texas	6-28	–
78	Holiday	-5'	BYU	23-16	W
80	Garden	+5'	Houston	0-35	L
81	Liberty	+14'	Ohio St	28-31	W
96	Aloha	-1	California	42-38	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NAVY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	24.2	19	271	5.0	99	46.0	15.3	-14	2002	8	36.3	22	203	4.3	220	65.9	11.6
4	18.3	18	182	3.9	138	43.8	17.4	-6	2001	7	34.4	22	245	4.8	218	67.1	13.5
4*	16.5	18	178	3.6	139	52.3	19.2	-5	2000	6	35.5	22	189	4.3	230	61.1	11.8
6*	27.2	20	292	5.2	98	45.4	14.4	+7	1999	7	25.5	20	152	3.6	209	57.1	14.2
4	23.2	19	261	5.0	114	46.0	16.2	-11	1998	2	34.2	23	217	4.9	246	65.7	13.5
5*	36.2	21	304	5.4	113	51.4	11.5	+10	1997	7	19.0	14	115	3.1	148	52.5	13.8

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at SMU	18	54-293	5.4	4-9	106	0	20	45-182	4.0	12-31	144	2	+5
NC State	14	54-243	4.5	2-9	33	1	18	40-171	4.3	11-18	328	1	-3
Northwestern	30	65-378	5.8	15-25	300	0	28	51-285	5.6	20-26	260	2	-5
Duke	18	51-240	4.7	9-23	109	1	29	49-288	5.9	17-25	191	1	-2
at Air Force	15	52-260	5.0	5-12	87	2	27	67-429	6.4	6-7	107	1	-3
Rice	13	42-111	2.6	9-20	94	3	20	63-219	3.5	9-13	65	2	0
at Boston Coll	22	65-380	5.8	5-10	66	1	22	41-189	4.6	18-27	280	0	-4
at Tulane	24	53-355	6.7	5-11	76	2	23	36-106	2.9	25-35	329	2	-1
† Notre Dame	17	56-216	3.9	6-15	52	2	13	41-68	1.7	13-21	272	4	+1
Connecticut	3	29-35	1.2	3-11	47	2	28	49-237	4.8	29-35	272	0	-1
at Wake Forest	25	63-317	5.0	7-11	127	1	20	50-200	4.0	12-19	210	1	-3
† Army	27	68-421	6.2	4-5	87	1	16	30-56	1.9	17-30	185	4	+2
TOTALS	226	652-3249	5.0	74-161	1184	16	264	562-2430	4.3	189-287	2643	20	-14
AVERAGES	18.8	54-271	5.0	6-13	99	1.3	22.0	47-203	4.3	16-24	220	1.7	-1.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wake Forest	+9	14-26	L
Kent St	-21	38-24	L
at Tulane	+22	24-42	W
W Virginia	+16	24-45	L
at Air Force	+14'	7-49	L
Colgate	NL	42-35	–
at Boston Coll	+14	32-31	W
Rutgers	-10'	33-36	L
† Notre Dame	+20'	0-30	L
SMU	+3'	11-24	L
† Army	+6'	30-34	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Georgia Tech	+18	14-49	L
at Kent St	-18	48-28	W
Boston Coll	+7	10-14	W
at Rice	+7	17-20	W
at W Virginia	+10	31-28	W
Air Force	+10	14-19	W
Akron	-10	29-35	L
at Notre Dame	+27	24-28	W
at Rutgers	-14	34-7	W
Tulane	-8'	45-21	W
at Hawaii	-3	41-48	L
† Army	-7	19-9	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Temple	-10'	6-17	L
at Georgia Tech	+16	13-40	L
at Boston Coll	+19	7-48	L
TCU	+27	0-24	W
at Air Force	+15'	13-27	W
† Notre Dame	+20	14-45	L
Rutgers	-7'	21-28	L
Toledo	+18	14-35	L
at Tulane	+13'	38-50	W
Wake Forest	-2'	26-49	L
† Army	+2	30-28	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Temple	+17'	26-45	L
Georgia Tech	+25'	7-70	L
Boston Coll	+20	21-38	W
Air Force	+15	18-24	W
Rice	+7	13-21	L
at Rutgers	E	17-23	L
at Toledo	+29	20-21	W
Tulane	+2'	28-42	L
at Notre Dame	+27'	16-34	W
† Army	+1'	17-26	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at SMU	+10'	38-7	W
NC State	+17'	19-65	L
Northwestern	-3	40-49	L
Duke	-2	17-43	L
at Air Force	+22'	7-48	L
Rice	+8	10-17	W
at Boston Coll	+28	21-46	W
at Tulane	+16'	30-51	L
† Notre Dame	+27'	23-30	W
UConn	+4'	0-38	L
at Wake Forest	+27	27-30	W
† Army	-3	58-12	W

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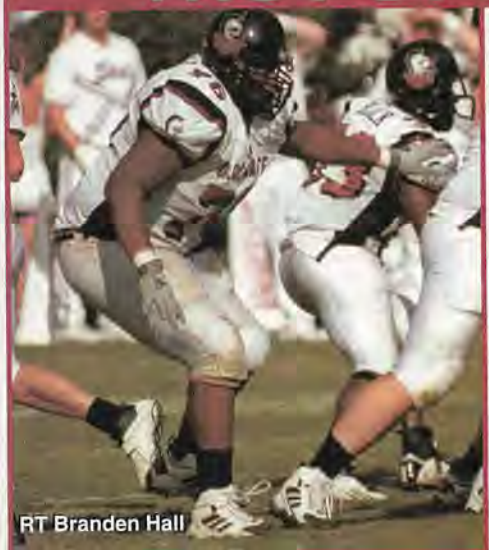
RT Branden Hall

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Last year Troy had to replace four year starter Brock Nutter. Hansell Bearden had played in seven games and threw 28 passes for 182 yards with a 2-3 ratio while rushing for 64 yards. He has a strong arm and is mobile which the OC thought that would be pivotal in cutting down on the team's 42 sacks allowed. Matt Ray (PS#130) started three games at UNLV in 1999 and at JUCO in 2001 threw for 1,990 yards (60%) with a super 15-2 ratio while rushing for 8 TD's, leading his team to the conference championship. He suffered an injury in August. He was the 2nd string QB for the first half of the year but underwent rotator cuff surgery and missed the rest of the year and all of this spring. Kacson Maddox (6-5 205 So) played in three games with 12 yards rushing. Bragg Knott (6-4 210 rFr) was PS#237 and had a 27-3 record as a starter in HS. Against the three weakest teams on the schedule (Austin Peay, Florida Atlantic, S Utah) Bearden had a 4-2 ratio but vs the other nine opponents he had a poor 2-14 ratio. After the season Blakeney said that his recruiting would all start at the QB position so he signed Franco Johnson who threw for 1642 yds at JUCO last year and was 21-1 as a starter. This unit was poor last year with Bearden completing just 43.4%. They have simplified the offense so he has less decisions to make. With the added talent and simplified offense I expect a lot of improvement.

RUNNING BACKS - Demontray Carter was a rare VHT for this team (PS#17) who had 10 starts at Auburn and after his transfer led Troy in rushing in 2000 (865 yards, 5.8) and 2001 (801 yards, 5.0). He departed last season. The leading returning rushers were DeWhitt Betterson who had 283 yards (5.4) including 96 vs National Champ Miami and LeBarron Black (151 yds, 2.4). While Black started last year, the two basically split the RB duties and put up decent numbers. Black finished with 757 yards (3.6) while Betterson, in less than half the carries that Black had (210-101) rushed for 711 yards and a super 7.0 ypc. Marrio Fraser (5-10 185 So, PS#210) rushed for 255 yards (5.3) but had problems with fumbles which must be corrected. FB Chris Cox added 131 yards (4.0) and they will use that position full-time this year. While Black departs, everyone else is back and I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Also added to the mix this year is Marlo East (6-0 180 rFr). Betterson actually led the team in rushing in each of the last three games and had the far better ypc so this unit should be stronger.

RECEIVERS - Last year the top two WR's were back including Heyward Skipper who with his 4.3 speed, was considered an NFL prospect and he led the team with double the catches of the next closest WR with 60 (16.6) in 2001. Jason Samples, however, became the go-to man with some spectacular catches including two vs Iowa St, a game in which he had ten receptions. He led the team with 45 (12.3) while Skipper surprisingly dropped down to 23 (16.8). Last season the team also added Drew Amerson who was the career receiving leader at CS-Northridge and had 97 rec's there in 2001. Amerson missed a good part of the start of the year due to injury and had just 7 rec's (10.6) with 4 starts. This year they must replace Skipper, Amerson, WR Eric Felton (6 sts, 14 rec), WR Chris Day (1 st, 3 rec) and TE Jonathan Tomlin (4 sts, 5 rec). Also in the mix and not listed below are Michael McCarty (6-1 165 So), Blake Broadhurst (5-10 165 So) and Jamaal Smith (5-10 175 So). The big part of the reason for the lack of production from the receivers last year was the poor QB play and while the numbers should go up, overall the talent level looks to be weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 Troy had to replace four starters, was hit hard by injuries and went from facing a IAA slate to a mostly IA schedule. Therefore it wasn't surprising that they went from averaging 4.0 ypc rushing to just 2.8 and they allowed 42 sacks that year. Last season all five starters returned for the Trojans although one lost his starting job. The unit averaged a solid 3.94 ypc rushing and trimmed the sack total to just 19. This year they must replace RG Rodney Jordan (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), LG Robin Lee (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Stan Curington (12 sts, 3 yr st'r), C Trent Garmon (9 sts in '01, little action LY) and LG Lee Walls (2 sts). While just two starters return, Troy brought in three new recruits (2 JC's, 1 frosh) who were in for the spring. Blakeney stated in the spring that the, "Offensive line looks discombobulated right now but I think it probably has a chance to be better across the board than it was last year. We are adding some bigger, more athletic guys." I will agree with that assessment and despite the loss of three starters, I'll call this group equal to the 2002 version.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Troy allowed 3.8 ypc rushing while recording 29 sacks in 2001 but last year had a veteran defensive front with three starters returning. I listed DE Osi Umenyiora as one of my Top 40 DE's coming into the year. He did not disappoint as he finished #2 in the NCAA with 16 sacks. Overall TSU's D was very tough allowing just 2.77 ypc while recording 30 sacks. This year the losses are heavy as five of the top six are gone. Beside Umenyiora (49 qbh, #2DC of NYG) they also lose DT Davern Williams (11 sts, 44 tkls, 4 sks, 11 qbh, #7DC of MIA), NG Jose Gamboa (12 sts, 49 tkls, 3 sks, 6 qbh), DE Shelton Felton (1 st, 24 tkls, 3 tfl) and NG Byron Knight (38 tkls, 3 tfl). There is a spattering of experience along the front and Demarcus Ware was 9th in the NCAA with 19.5 total tfl last year and they also add in three JUCO's who I list in the 2 deep. Blakeney also said he's looking for more players and may add some JUCO's over the summer. Despite the JUCO infusion, this group is a lot less experienced.

LINEBACKERS - TSU had to replace two full-time starters and a backup who had 95 tackles. Deloise Moore, who benches 400 lbs with 4.5 speed, ably filled in one spot (12 sts, 82 tkls, 5 tfl, 9 qbh). This year the losses are even heavier as gone are all three starters in Moore, MLB Naazir Yamini (12 sts, 118 tkls, 6 tfl) and WLB Gordon Williams (12 sts, 75 tkls). The three backups saw a lot of action combining for 113 tackles. Still, this group will be down a notch or two but not as much as one would expect with the loss of all three starters.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - TSU finished #90 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and last year appeared to be in great shape but unfortunately both starting CB's, Rayshun Reed and Freeman White were injured and missed the season and projected starting SS Damien Coleman also went down after four games. The unit still managed to improve up to #74. This year the only losses are SS David Philyaw (12 sts, 68 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu) and FS Deiric Jackson (2 sts, 8 tkls). Not only do they have three starters returning but they get back both White and Reed so basically have five full-time starters returning to four slots and Reed was the team's top NFL prospect heading into last season. Not even listed below are Travis Dunlap (5-10 180 Sr), Neal Oates (5-11 191 Sr), Mike Miller (6-1 195 Sr) and Brannon Condren (6-1 195 rFr) who is listed as a player to be watched in their spring prospectus. This is a very deep and experienced secondary and should continue to move up in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2001 Troy finished #65 in my special teams rankings. Last year they had to replace their punter, kicker and explosive KR, but did bring in FSU transfer Matt Munyon to handle KO's and compete for FG's. Munyon was injured most of August and true frosh Thomas Olmsted (PS#14) won both the starting P and K duties. Olmsted averaged 39.9 per boot but his net punting was hurt by four blocked punts (31.4). Breakdowns were commonplace on the special teams as they also allowed five punt return TD's (but 3 off of blocked punts). The KR's were poor (15.9) and all of the top KR's and PR's are gone. Overall the team finished a very poor #113 but should improve.

COACHES - This is Larry Blakeney's 13th year here and he is 102-42-1 as the team moved up from Div II to IAA and finally to IA in 2001 under his tutelage. The team won three Southland football titles in the final five years of IAA ball and in 1999 beat Cincinnati, S Florida and MTSU and finished ranked #6 IAA ball. He was 5-7 in the IAA playoffs. He is 11-12 since the team joined IA ball. He has a pair of new coordinators this year as Wayne Bolt left for UAB but he made an excellent signing with former Wyoming head man Vic Koenning. While Koenning was 5-29 in three seasons at Wyoming he was their DC for three years prior and had success in that role. The defense was terrific last year as it held Arkansas to a season low 65 yards rushing. The new OC this year is Mark Fleetwood who was The Citadel's QB coach the last two years. They will be switching from the spread offense (which seemed to confuse QB Bearden) to the I-formation.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Troy St suffered their first losing season in five years as they upgraded their schedule to take on more IA teams last year. They are expanding their stadium from 17,000 to more than 30,000 complete with a six story press box and new jumbo screen scoreboard display. Troy St has eight games on the road this year and will post the highest mileage total in school history travelling 7,270 miles. The team had a 17 game home winning streak snapped in the final game of 2002. The Trojans will play ten Div IA foes in 2003, the most in school history (8 last year). The team loses 22 seniors including 12 starters and Blakeney said "As far as numbers go with starters lost, this is about as depleted as I can remember it on both sides of the ball." The Trojans spread offense last year was great vs IAA teams putting up 455 ypg. In the other nine games they averaged just 253.2 ypg and OC Shannon was let go after the season. Troy ranked #4 in the NCAA in total defense last year (277 ypg) but has just four starters back on that side of the ball. Troy outgained Nebraska 347-313 and UAB 426-223 (including a 26-11 FD edge) but lost both. They led Utah St 16-7 with 4:00 left and dropped a TD pass in OT in a 3 point loss. They had a close 3 point loss to Miss St but did not beat a single IA team last year. Even in a rebuilding year Troy has a shot at topping last year's 4 win total.

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OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB HANSELL BEARDEN JR. 6-2 200 PS#188. 12 sts LY, 1462 yds (43%), 6-16 ratio, 468 rush. Franco Johnson (6-2 200 Jr) 1642 yds (48%), 17 TD's, 406 yds rush LY at JC.

RB DeWhitt Betterson Jr. 6-0 210 Sprinter in HS. 283 yds (5.4) in '01. 711 yds (7.0) LY. Marrio Fraser (5-10 185 So) PS#210. 255 yds as **true**. Jermaine Richardson (5-10 180 Jr) PS#171.

FB Chris Cox Sr. 5-9 200 PS#380DB. 10 tkls as true. 2 sts in '01, 49 yds. 4 sts LY, 131 rush (4.0), 7 rec (9.1). Jordan Lesley (6-2 223 Jr). Cody Williams (6-0 230 So).

WR JASON SAMPLES JR. 6-3 185 PS#256QB. 10 sts as **true**, 30 rec (12.2), 12 sts, #1 w/45 rec (12.3). Zsan Robinson (6-2 180 rFr) PS#220. James Earl Cray (5-11 174 rFr) PS#384.

WR Bryant Stewart Jr. 6-1 190 PS#267JC. 80 rec (17.1) at JUCO in '02, in for spring. Toris Rutledge (6-3 175 So) PS#326. 174 total yds LY. Martin Teal (6-5 210 rFr).

TE ADRIAN MOORE SR. 6-1 243 12 sts in 2000, 7 rec (14.6). RS in '01. 6 sts LY, 10 rec (7.6). Rob Austin (6-6 252 So) 1 rec, 11 gms as **true**. Garrett Anderson (6-0 230 Sr).

C Lee Milliner Jr. 6-3 270 2nd string C in 2002, 1 letter. James Gardner (6-4 280 Fr) PS#371OL in 2002. **Wes Garmon** (6-1 281 So) PS#342DL, 2nd string G in '02.

RG DONNIE BOSTIAN JR. 6-6 321 2nd string as rFr. 10 sts at RG in '02, 47 KD's, added 31 lbs. Kenny Griffin (6-4 275 rFr). Kyle Smith (6-3 325 Jr), 1 letter as a backup.

LG Junior Louissaint Jr. 6-2 285 PS#136JC, 0 sks allowed at JC. In for spring. Kirbie Bodiford (6-4 271 rFr) listed as #1 LG in the spring. Mike Province (6-2 268 Jr).

RT BRANDEN HALL SR. 6-4 318 11 sts in '01, 700 snaps, #1 w/60 blk's. 12 sts LY, 767 snaps, 70 KD's, Top OL. James Edwards (6-5 285 So) PS#491, 2nd string LY.

LT Joe Fowler So. 6-5 305 PS#152JC. 64 pancakes, 88% blk grade at JC LY. In for spg. Henry Tellis (6-5 297 Jr) 8 gms in '01, 2nd string all year. 2nd string all of LY. 2L

K THOMAS OLMSTED SO. 6-4 215 PS#14K. Hit 11 of 15 FG's as **true**, L/43, 2 of 4 from 40+. Matt Munyon (5-11 185 Sr) 3 of 8 FG's, L/44 at Florida St in 2000. Also WR!

DE Cedric Phillips Sr. 6-2 240 4 sts at TE in '01, 5 rec (14.8). 1 st at TE LY. moved to DL, 21 tkls, 1 sk, 3 tfl. Cedric Sullivan is PS#290JC. Ken Triplett is PS#517JUCO.

DT Eric Thomas Jr. 6-1 250 Sat out in '01. 1 st in '02, 28 tkls, 1 sk, 3 tfl. Quick. David Tramble (6-4 250 So) 4 tkls, 1 tfl in 3 games as rFr. Franklin Lloyd (6-0 305 So).

DT Torre Lankford So. 6-2 280 PS#396. 18 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl as rFr. Tagarius Spikes (6-3 283 Jr) PS#476JC, 7 sks at JC LY. Guyte Goodlow (6-3 285 rFr), David Cain (6-2 325 So).

DE DEMARCUS WARE JR. 6-5 220 14 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl as **true**. 11 sts in LY, #9 in NCAA w/ 19.5 tfl (9 sks), 72 tkls, 13 QBH. Larry Brown (6-3 220 So) 9 tkls, 1 sk. Jamaal Holt (6-1 242 Jr) 6 tkls.

SLB Robby Farmer Jr. 6-1 220 3 gms in '01, 20 tkl, 1 tfl until broke leg & RS. 32 tkl, 1 tfl LY. Keith Staple (6-2 220 So) PS#199. 14 tkls as rFr. Chris Dickerson (6-3 217 rFr) PS#286.

MLB Leverne Johnson So. 6-0 235 PS#135LB. 49 tkls as rFr, 5 tfl, 2 pbu, 12 games LY. Boo Smith (6-1 235 rFr) 4.6 spd, 410 bench. Hunter Adams (5-9 214 Sr) 3 tkls last year.

WLB Bernard Davis So. 6-1 230 PS#271LB. 32 tkls, 1 int as rFr. David Johnson (5-11 220 So) 9 tkls as **true**. Ced Brooks is PS#226. Jason Richardson (5-9 215 Jr).

CB FREEMAN WHITE JR. 5-9 175 11 sts in '01, 45 tkls, 3 int, 13 pbu. Inj'd LY. Adrian Ghent (5-8 183 So) 5 sts as **true** (incl L/3), 33 tkls, 4 pbu, 3 tfl. Erick Wright (5-11 160 Jr).

CB JOHNNY FAULK SO. 5-11 175 12 sts as rFr, 60 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu, 3 tfl. Jared Ruffin (5-9 175 rFr) PS#193. Jermaine Miller (6-0 175 So) PS#306, 4 sts, 18 tkls, 4 pbu LY.

SS Rayshun Reed Sr. 5-11 190 7 sts in 2000, 2 int, 15 pbu. 11 sts in '01, 57 tkls, 6 int. 8 pbu, Inj'd LY. NFL prospect. Arthur Adams III (5-10 200 Jr) PS#253LB, 23 tkls, 1 tfl LY.

FS DERRICK ANSLEY JR. 6-1 180 PS#247QB. 3 sts, 55 tkl, 3 int in '01. 12 sts LY, 82 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. Ronald Harper (6-0 180 Sr) 4 sts in '01. 48 tkl, 2Y. Damien Coleman (6-0 195 Jr) 24 tkl LY.

P THOMAS OLMSTED SO. 6-4 215 PS#14K. 72 punts as **true**. 39.9 avg and net of 31.4. Jason Wright (6-3 205 rFr). Greg Whibbs (5-9 175 Fr) 39.8 average in HS, 11 of 17 FG's.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

RB	Sean Dawkins 5-10 225 PS#104	
WR	Brandon Allen 6-4 200 PS#129	
OL	Junior Loussaint 6-2 285 PS#136JC	
OL	Joe Fowler 6-5 305 PS#152JC	
DB	Anthoney Merritt 5-11 185 PS#231	
LB	Ced Brooks 6-3 220 PS#226	
DB	Marcus Richardson 6-0 190 PS#256	
DL	Eddy Ruiz 6-3 268 PS#247	
OL	Dallas Sikes 6-6 297 PS#325	
RB	Javariour Lucy 5-10 180 PS#258	
WR	Rod Burden 5-9 175 PS#281	
WR	Bryant Stewart 6-1 190 PS#267JC	
DL	Cedric Sullivan 6-3 235 PS#290JC	
LB	Chris Lister 6-4 215 PS#373	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Richard M. Scrushy Field at Memorial Stadium has expanded to 30,000+ seats. Troy St has outscored Div IAA rival Jacksonville St 164-26 their L/5 gms. TSU is 0-4 SU, 3-1 ATS on artificial turf being outscored 151-54.
Aug. 30	at Kansas St	A						TSU is 7-4 ATS as double digit dogs the last 2 years. Troy St is 0-2 SU, but 2-0 ATS in road openers.
Sep. 6	at Minnesota	A						Minnesota is Troy St's 1st ever Big 10 opponent. TSU is 4-2 ATS in their 2nd of B2B away games.
Sep. 13	at UAB	G						TSU outpassed, outrushed & out FD'd UAB, but 11 fumbles & 7 TO's w/ a missed PAT (snap high) equaled a 1 pt loss LY (covered as 1' pt dog).
Sep. 20	SE Louisiana	A						This is SE Louisiana's 1st season of football since 1985. TSU will play it's HG's on a new turf (same used by the Seattle Seahawks).
Sep. 27	Marshall	A						TSU is 0-3 SU, losing only ATS meetings vs MU being outscored 19-68 in those contests. This will be only the 3rd lined home game in Trojan history (0-2 ATS L2).
Oct. 4	at Nebraska	A						TSU has been outscored 73-30, but has won both meetings ATS. The Trojans have been outrushed 130-529 vs the Huskers.
Oct. 11								
Oct. 18	Fla Int'l (HC)	A						Fla International is now in just their 2nd year of football & were 5-6 in their inaugural season & are coached by former Dolphins QB Don Strock.
Oct. 25	at Virginia	G						First meeting with Virginia & only 2nd matchup vs the ACC. Two veteran QB's square off here, UVA's Matt Schaub & TSU's Hansell Bearden.
Nov. 1	at N Texas	A						Although winning ATS, TSU looks to avenge a 16-18 loss in 2001. Troy St is 1-3 ATS vs the Sun Belt Conference.
Nov. 8	at Middle Tennessee	A						The Trojans are 1-9 SU lifetime vs the Blue Raiders. TSU was hammered 54-17, 2 yrs ago as 14 pt dogs at Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium.
Nov. 15	at Utah St	G						In their only meeting LY the Aggies won 19-16 as 7' pt dogs and Troy St had 10 fewer 1st downs than Utah St, being outgained by 389-192 yds.
Nov. 22	UL Monroe	A						This is the 1st time 2 Div IA schools will visit Troy St in the same season. Troy St is 4-2 SU but 0-2 ATS in home finales the last 5 years.
Nov. 29								Troy had their 17 home game winning streak snapped in LY's finale.

LARRY BLAKENEY (Career 102-42-1)
13th Year at Troy State
Blakeney's records AT TROY STATE

102-42-1	Straight Up	0-2	Home Favorite
9-6	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Dog
4-2	Off A SU Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
0-1	Vs Independent	8-4	Away Dog
	9-5 Vs Non-Indep		

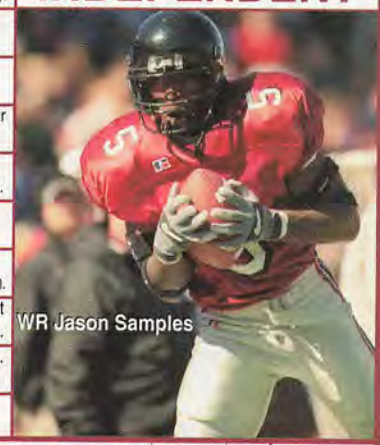
2002 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (23,25,1)
Lost: 26 (13,11,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 13,403

INDEPENDENT


WR Jason Samples

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (30,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	12-2	5-6	8-4	11-2	9-3	7-4	4-8	56-29
ATS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-3	5-3	9-6
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-2
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2	5-2	8-4
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-2
Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2	5-2	8-4
Grass	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2	3-3	6-5
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-0	3-1
vs Indep	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
vs Non-Indep	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-3	5-2	9-5
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	2-2	3-4
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-1	4-2

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
LeBarron Black	210	807	50	757	8	3.6
DeWhitt Betterson	101	734	23	711	5	7.0
Marrio Fraser	48	267	12	255	1	5.3
Hansell Bearden	98	468	257	211	2	2.2
Chris Cox	33	131	0	131	1	4.0
Matt Ray	14	14	37	-23	1	-1.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Hansell Bearden	288	125	43.4	1462	6	16
Matt Ray	11	7	63.6	65	0	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jason Samples	45	552	12.3	3	54
Heyward Skipper	23	387	16.8	2	60
Eric Felton	14	128	9.1	0	19
Adrian Moore	10	76	7.6	0	15

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Thomas Olmsted	72	2871	39.9	68	31.4	4	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Thomas Olmsted	21-24	5-6	4-5	2-4	0-0	11-15	43

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Naazir Yamini	118	3	3	4	0
Derrick Ansley	82	0	0	6	2
Deloise Moore	82	1	4	2	0
Gordon Williams	75	1	0	5	0
Demarcus Ware	72	9	10	0	0
David Philyaw	68	0	1	7	2
Johnny Faulk	60	0	3	7	2
Osi Umenyiora	59	16	4	0	0
Leverne Johnson	49	0	5	2	0
Jose Gamboa	49	3	2	0	0
Davern Williams	44	4	2	0	0
Byron Knight	38	0	3	0	0
Adrian Ghent	33	0	3	4	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Heyward Skipper	16	176	11.0	0
Andrew Amerson	17	142	8.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Heyward Skipper	19	307	16.2	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TROY STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 5 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	18.2	18	176	3.9	127	43.3	16.7	-10	2002	8	21.0	15	105	2.8	172	52.1	13.2
4*	22.4	19	103	2.8	210	56.5	14.0	-1	2001	8	24.5	19	173	3.8	193	49.8	15.0
6*	27.5	17	152	4.0	172	53.7	11.8	+12	2000	6	16.1	16	103	3.0	197	52.1	18.7
8*	29.5	18	195	4.3	221	57.0	12.8	0	1999	8	18.2	17	97	3.0	189	50.4	15.7
–	22.9	17	164	3.5	137	58.3	15.2	+8	1998	–	16.0	16	86	2.7	204	52.5	18.1

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Nebraska	16	41-155	3.8	11-29	192	1	17	54-199	3.7	8-16	114	0	-1
at UAB	26	52-223	4.3	19-37	203	1	11	30-86	2.9	13-22	137	2	-1
S Utah	28	52-464	8.9	8-14	58	1	12	47-132	2.8	5-14	37	2	-4
at Iowa St	19	38-118	3.1	17-36	195	2	17	35-68	1.9	17-25	295	1	0
at Missouri	18	28-69	2.5	18-31	231	3	27	52-277	5.3	19-36	218	0	-4
Austin Peay	26	52-336	6.5	12-22	147	3	8	28-24	0.9	10-25	120	2	+1
at Mississippi St	12	33-136	4.1	7-26	61	0	21	46-118	2.6	22-32	210	5	-2
at Marshall	17	47-63	1.3	10-25	101	5	19	32-90	2.8	23-35	275	2	-1
Florida Atlantic	16	59-230	3.9	6-15	130	0	8	30-15	0.5	9-22	122	3	-1
at Arkansas	14	50-95	1.9	8-27	47	2	5	30-65	2.2	7-16	60	1	-3
† Florida A&M	10	43-134	3.1	8-19	63	0	17	31-80	2.6	17-42	193	5	+2
Utah St	11	41-93	2.3	8-24	99	1	21	41-111	2.7	21-43	278	7	+4
TOTALS	213	536-2116	3.9	132-305	1527	19	183	456-1265	2.8	171-328	2059	30	-10
AVERAGES	17.8	45-176	3.9	11-25	127	1.6	15.3	38-105	2.8	14-27	172	2.5	-0.8

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Alabama St	NL	26-0	–
at Marshall	NL	12-42	–
at Tenn-Chatt	NL	23-6	–
Samford	NL	27-23	–
at Sam Houston St	NL	17-14	–
at Stephen F. Austin	NL	14-21	–
SW Texas St	NL	20-17	–
at Northwestern St	NL	14-13	–
Nicholls St	NL	31-10	–
McNeese St	NL	3-23	–
at Jacksonville St	NL	31-7	–

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	NL	31-24	–
at Alabama St	NL	27-20	–
S Florida	NL	41-24	–
at Mid Tenn St	NL	48-31	–
Northwestern St	NL	24-21	–
at SW Texas St	NL	24-17	–
Sam Houston St	NL	41-16	–
at Nicholls St	NL	20-0	–
Stephen F. Austin	NL	27-7	–
at McNeese St	NL	7-24	–
Jacksonville St	NL	35-16	–

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Alabama A&M	NL	28-13	–
at Appalachian St	NL	34-30	–
Alabama St	NL	62-19	–
at S Florida	NL	10-20	–
at Northwestern St	NL	17-24	–
SW Texas St	NL	31-17	–
at Sam Houston St	NL	23-21	–
Nicholls St	NL	41-9	–
at Stephen F. Austin	NL	6-0	–
McNeese St	NL	20-16	–
at Jacksonville St	NL	28-0	–

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+49	14-42	W
at Middle Tenn	+14	17-54	L
Nicholls St	NL	26-0	–
at Miami, Fl	+50	7-38	W
at Miss St	+24	21-9	W
CS-Northridge	NL	44-31	–
S Utah	NL	20-17	–
at Maryland	+22'	14-47	L
at UL Monroe	-12	44-12	W
Jacksonville St	NL	21-3	–
N Texas	-6	18-16	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+32	16-31	W
at UAB	+1'	26-27	W
S Utah	NL	40-15	–
at Iowa St	+17	12-42	L
at Missouri	+12	7-44	L
Austin Peay	NL	41-3	–
at Miss St	+11	8-11	W
at Marshall	+20	7-24	W
Fla Atlantic	NL	21-6	–
at Arkansas	+24	0-23	W
† Fla A&M	NL	24-7	–
Utah St	-7'	16-19 OT	L

MAC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 MAC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Ben Roethlisberger, Miami	Josh Harris, BGSU	Ryan Schneider, UCF	Charlie Frye, Akron
RB	Michael Turner, N Illinois	Astin Martin, Toledo	Luke Clemens, Miami	Bob Hendry, Akron
RB	Alex Haynes, UCF	Terrence Jackson, C Mich	Franklin Wallace, Marshall	Phillip Reed, W Mich
WR	Darius Watts, Marshall	Miquel Irvin, Akron	Tavaris Capers, UCF	Andre Henderson, Miami
WR	Kendrick Mosley, W Mich	Josh Davis, Marshall	Darrell Dowery, Kent	Dan Sheldon, N Illinois
TE	Jason Rader, Marshall	Michael Gaines, UCF	Matt Brandt, Miami	Kevin Zureki, E Mich
C	Todd Ghilani, N Illinois	Steve Smith, Kent St	Eric Ghiaciuc, C Mich	Jim Borrieci, Akron
G	David Ashkinaz, UCF	Darric Randolph, Toledo	Aaron Conley, Akron	Scott Golem, E Mich
G	Derek McLaughlin, C Mich	Travis Barclay, Ball St	Luke Salmons, Marshall	Michael Romeli, E Mich
T	Nate McPeek, Marshall	Erik Faasen, Toledo	Tom Kaleita, E Mich	Kris Berry, Ball St
T	Nick Kaczur, Toledo	Kyle Watkins, UCF	Dennis Thompson, Ohio	Ben Herrell, Miami
DL	Jamus Martin, Marshall	Jason Frank, N Illinois	Travis Moore, N Illinois	Phil Smith, Miami
DL	DeMarcus Johnson, UCF	Toriano Brown, Marshall	Larry Brown, UCF	Leonard Cooksey, N Illinois
DL	Marlan Hicks, Marshall	Chaz Williams, Toledo	Marques Hayes, Akron	Sagan Atuatasi, Buffalo
DL	Jason Babin, W Mich	Rashad Jeanty, UCF	Matt Wohlgemuth, C Mich	Paul Strabavy, Ball St
LB	Terrell Jones, Miami	Brock Dodrill, Toledo	Lamar Wilcher, Buffalo	David Lusky, E Mich
LB	Chad Mascoe, UCF	Chase Blackburn, Akron	Antoine Poe, UCF	Stanford Rhule, UCF
LB	Nick Duffy, N Illinois	Lorenzo Scott, Ball St	Brian Atkinson, N Illinois	Charles Tynes, Marshall
CB	Randee Drew, N Illinois	Michael Broussard, Toledo	Sam Reynolds, W Mich	Tony Carr, W Mich
CB	Brandon Hefflin, Toledo	Rovel Hamilton, UCF	Ryan Sprague, Miami	Janssen Patton, BGSU
SS	Akil Grant, N Illinois	Justin Beriault, Ball St	Rob Stover, Ohio	Matt Pusateri, Miami
FS	Peter Sands, UCF	James King, C Mich	Patrick Body, Toledo	Jason Morton, BGSU
K	Steve Azar, N Illinois	Jared Parseghian, Miami	Shaun Suisham, BGSU	Travis Mayle, Kent St
P	David Rysko, E Mich	Reggie Hodges, Ball St	Michael Wafzig, Miami	Andy Jerdon, Akron
KR	Matt Carter, Akron	Randee Drew, N Illinois	Larry Bostic, Ball St	Dion Byrum, Ohio
PR	Dan Sheldon, N Illinois	Kendrick Mosley, W Mich	Chris R. Roberson, E Mich	Stafford Owens, Ohio

MAC Notes: MAC teams averaged 17,537 fans for 81 home games finishing 11th among the 12 Div IA conferences in attendance, even with Marshall averaging 27,789 fans. While the fans might not be showing up in droves, the league is producing exciting play and has had Marshall, Bowling Green, Toledo all ranked in the Top 25 in the last two years and Northern Illinois received votes in the polls last year as well. They have had some explosive offenses and last year had 3 teams ranked in the top 9 of the NCAA in total offense. **The league is a super 6-2 SU in its last 8 bowl games!!** Last year the league had 10 RB's that topped 1000 yards rushing and 4 QB's topped 3,000 yards passing. The MAC has two bowl tie ins with the Motor City and GMAC Bowl. Marshall has dominated league play since joining and after their first non title season (2001) they reclaimed the crown last year. While the league was just 22-33 in non-conf play they did bag 5 wins vs teams from BCS conferences which was as many as CUSA did and more than the WAC and Sun Belt had combined (3).

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 MAC FORECAST

MAC EAST

1. UCF - Yes, I realize that Marshall has won the MAC East every single year, but this year the odds are stacked in favor of UCF. The Golden Knights talked big about MAC play last year but did have a tough schedule. This year they have my #2 rated offense and #1 rated defense in the MAC, plus they will be favored in all four of their MAC road games. They draw C Michigan and E Michigan out of the West and host both Miami and Marshall in November, which gives them a weather advantage. Add it all up and I call for this to be the first year that Marshall does not appear in the MAC Title game.

2. MIAMI, OH - Ben Roethlisberger led a Miami team that had four losses last year by four points or less and is one of the most experienced in the conference. They have 14 returning starters and I rate them the league's most explosive offense. They open the MAC schedule with three winnable road games and could easily be 7-0 in conference play heading into their season final. That makes Miami a legitimate conference contender.

3. MARSHALL - Marshall is loaded once again. In fact, four of my seven sets of power ratings rate them the best team in the league despite the loss of QB Leftwich. Their defense is vastly improved, their best in the last four years, and I rate them #3 in the league. How quickly Stan Hill takes over this offense will be the key to Marshall's season. In MAC play, they draw Toledo and W Michigan out of the West, which are two difficult foes, and have to face both Miami and UCF (their toughest two East opponents) on the road, as well as a tough trip to Waldo Stadium. This could be the first time ever that Marshall does not appear in the MAC Title game.

4. AKRON - Akron is one of the most experienced teams in the MAC this year. Despite going 3-5 in league play last year, they actually outgained MAC foes and outscored them as well. The Zips draw a favorable schedule pulling E Mich and C Mich from the West and host a good portion of winnable MAC home games. I look for the Zips to return to the plus side of the ledger, both in MAC play and overall.

5. KENT ST - Not a lot went right for Kent last year as they lost a ton of players to injury throughout the year and also finished -16 in the turnover category. One of the main players lost was the catalyst of their 6-5 season two years ago in Joshua Cribbs. Cribbs is back and the team should remain healthier and have better fortune turnover-wise. Of the teams in the lower half of the MAC East, they do draw Ball St from the West and should definitely improve upon last year's MAC and overall win total. If Cribbs can work some of the magic he did two years ago, Kent might move even higher in the division.

6. OHIO U - Last year OU had three winnable MAC home games and took care of business. They upset Kent St on the road to finish 4-4 and in the middle of the MAC East. They topped 50 points in consecutive games for the first time since 1920, with 55 vs E Michigan and 50 vs Kent. OU averaged 24.9 ppg but lose seven starters on offense. They will need the new O-line to gel to top last year's output. They shutout Kent allowing just 187 total yards but also gave up 72 points to Bowling Green, which tied for the most in school history. This year they'll have just one home game in which they'll be favored in MAC play. Although OU has pulled surprises before, they appear to be relegated to a finish in the lower half of the MAC East this year.

7. BUFFALO - Buffalo may have been the youngest team in the NCAA last year with 11 frosh starters in the season finale. They are still young this year with just 13 of their 22 starters being upperclassmen, the lowest total in the MAC. They were outscored by 21.1 ppg in MAC play and outgained by 162.4 ypg. This year's team is stronger but they pull a tough schedule, including drawing N Illinois and Toledo from the MAC West. It will be tough to escape the basement this year.

MAC WEST

1. N ILLINOIS - N Illinois was actually outgained in MAC games last year by an average of 12.1 ypg, but have had positive turnover ratios in each of the last three years. NI got a large break from the schedule maker this year in the fact that they draw Buffalo and Ohio U from the East. They are the most veteran team in the MAC, losing just 14 lettermen while returning 45. NI has a lighter road to hoe than any other MAC West opponents and arguably have the best talent in the division. NI gets my call to host the MAC Title game.

2. TOLEDO - Toledo was just 4-4 and needed to win their final four games to get to the MAC Title game. They did just that last year, including tough back-to-back road wins at W Michigan and N Illinois. This year's team, which has to replace 15 lettermen, is a lot more experienced than last year's which had to replace 23. The big this year question is who will replace QB Jones just as the big question last year was who would replace QB Bolden. I do think the offense will be weaker. The defense figures to be in much better shape with 8 starters back. Toledo deserves to be the preseason favorite to repeat as MAC West Champs.

3. W MICHIGAN - WM had been in first place in the West for 24 straight weeks, until they fell out of first in 2001. The last two years I've called for them to finish lower than expected and that they have. Last season, WM finished 3-5 in MAC play but did outgain MAC foes by an average of 42 ypg with -14 in turnovers being the culprit. This year WM should have their best defense in the last three years and the main question mark on offense is the offensive front. They do have two winnable MAC road games but they need to take care of business at Waldo Stadium where Coach Darnell is 23-9 in his tenure. This team should finally move back into the upper half of the MAC West standings.

4. BOWLING GREEN - After six straight losing seasons, BGSU has compiled a 10-5 record in MAC play the last two years, outscoring foes by 20.2 ppg. ! ast year they were ranked as high as 20th in the country, after opening the season at 7-0. They have super QB Josh Harris back and also host N Illinois and Toledo which makes them dangerous. I will point out the fact they are breaking in a new coach this year and have benefitted from +25 turnovers the last two seasons. Although I consider them clearly a MAC contender, I forecast them to fall short this year.

5. BALL ST - Bill Lynch led Ball St to a surprising 11-10 record over the last three years in MAC play and last year all six of Ball St's losses were to quality foes. Despite a 6-6 record, he was let go and generally teams struggle to learn the new schemes of first year head coaches. They also have to replace their top offensive weapon in RB Marcus Merriweather. With a fairly difficult schedule this year, I look for Ball St to have their first losing season in MAC play in four years.

6. C MICHIGAN - CM appeared poised for a big season last year and opened up 3-0. They were leading Indiana 26-16 at the half when the wheels fell off and they would win just one more game the rest of the year, which was over E Michigan. As opposed to 2001 where they gained 427.9 ypg on offense, CM had nine starters back and only averaged 350.4 last year. CM loses only 15 lettermen from 2002 and should be stronger defensively. The top four teams in the MAC West all appear to be bowl caliber and while CM looks equal to Ball St, they must face them on the road. They also draw UCF and Akron from the East and it looks like another finish at the lower half of the division.

7. E MICHIGAN - EM was -22 in turnovers last year, which generally means good things, are in the offing and they should get off to a solid 2-0 start as they host a couple of IAA foes. It looks like another long season for the Eagles as they must host W Michigan, Bowling Green and UCF. This does not present many chances for victory and it looks like another finish at the bottom.

2002 MAC vs MAC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
21	Marshall	34.4	5	520.8	1	153.8	8	4.4	7	367.0	1	68.2	2	15.1	11	20	11	11	5
23	Toledo	37.9	2	509.3	2	243.4	2	5.4	1	265.9	4	71.6	1	13.4	7	10	2	11	5
36	BGSU	44.0	1	469.9	3	230.9	3	5.4	2	239.0	7	59.6	6	10.7	1	13	5	9	3
52	C Florida	33.9	6	440.4	4	131.9	11	4.3	8	308.5	2	62.0	4	13.0	5	19	10	5	1
59	Miami, Oh	36.9	3	436.1	5	144.1	9	3.5	12	292.0	3	61.7	5	11.8	4	14	6	18	10
88	N Illinois	35.0	4	376.5	7	208.0	4	4.7	4	168.5	11	53.5	9	10.8	2	8	1	15	9
93	Akron	26.5	10	381.1	6	143.4	10	3.7	10	237.8	8	66.9	3	14.4	9	14	6	26	12
100	W Michigan	27.4	8	370.5	9	127.4	12	3.6	11	243.1	6	50.7	12	13.5	8	24	13	26	12
101	Ohio U	32.5	7	375.0	8	277.3	1	4.9	3	97.8	14	55.2	8	11.5	3	12	4	5	1
103	Ball St	27.3	9	360.9	10	167.1	7	4.1	9	193.8	9	52.6	10	13.2	6	15	8	9	3
104	C Michigan	21.5	12	350.4	11	208.0	4	4.6	5	142.4	12	48.8	14	16.3	12	11	3	11	5
106	E Michigan	24.1	11	349.4	12	100.0	14	3.0	14	249.4	5	57.3	7	14.5	10	30	14	23	11
111	Kent St	11.6	14	278.9	14	169.9	6	4.6	6	109.0	13	50.8	11	24.0	14	23	12	11	5
115	Buffalo	16.8	13	283.5	13	100.3	13	3.2	13	183.3	10	49.2	13	16.9	13	17	9	26	12

2002 MAC vs MAC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
56	N Illinois	20.9	1	388.6	7	127.4	1	3.6	4	261.3	13	55.8	5	18.6	1	25	1	28	1
67	C Florida	23.4	4	368.9	4	139.9	4	3.5	2	229.0	8	58.0	6	15.8	2	19	5	22	2
72	W Michigan	27.5	7	328.5	1	146.3	5	3.8	5	182.3	3	53.5	4	11.9	11	14	9	19	4
75	Toledo	21.6	2	333.0	2	153.9	7	4.3	6	179.1	2	52.6	2	15.4	3	19	5	11	9
76	Marshall	23.0	3	348.9	3	173.0	10	4.5	11	175.9	1	48.6	1	15.2	4	15	8	16	7
84	BGSU	28.0	9	375.0	5	187.4	11	4.5	10	187.6	5	53.0	3	13.4	9	20	3	7	13
85	Miami, Oh	27.0	6	399.6	9	137.3	2	4.3	7	262.4	14	58.8	7	14.8	5	13	12	19	4
92	Ohio U	30.6	10	415.8	12	155.3	8	4.3	8	260.5	12	62.3	11	13.6	8	17	7	10	10
97	C Michigan	34.0	12	399.1	8	146.8	6	3.5	3	252.4	11	65.1	14	11.7	13	14	9	20	3
99	Ball St	27.5	7	402.1	10	163.7	9	4.4	9	238.5	9	63.4	12	14.6	6	14	9	12	8
103	Akron	26.1	5	378.6	6	137.8	3	3.3	1	240.9	10	63.7	13	14.5	7	21	2	9	11
105	Kent St	33.6	11	414.9	11	231.6	13	4.9	13	183.3	4	58.8	8	12.3	10	11	13	9	11
113	Buffalo	37.9	13	445.9	13	220.9	12	4.8	12	225.0	7	60.4	9	11.8	12	20	3	18	6
117	E Michigan	48.5	14	503.6	14	284.4	14	6.0	14	219.3	6	61.5	10	10.4	14	8	14	6	14

2002 MAC STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
EAST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Marshall	7	1	275	184	11	2	457	315
UCF	6	2	271	187	7	5	391	315
Miami, Oh	5	3	295	216	7	5	384	325
Ohio U	4	4	260	245	4	8	299	374
Akron	3	5	212	209	4	8	325	379
Kent St	1	7	93	269	3	9	202	424
Buffalo	0	8	134	303	1	11	214	416
	Conference				All Games			
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Toledo	7	1	303	173	9	5	495	378
N Illinois	7	1	280	167	8	4	375	298
Bowling Green	6	2	352	224	9	3	490	304
Ball St	4	4	218	220	6	6	278	333
W Michigan	3	5	219	220	4	8	303	330
C Michigan	2	6	172	272	4	8	267	384
E Michigan	1	7	193	388	3	9	286	566

Coach of the Year: Joe Novak, N Illinois

2001 MAC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
EAST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Marshall	8	1	361	215	10	2	448	308
BGSU	5	3	228	137	8	3	333	215
Miami, Oh	6	2	215	168	7	5	319	309
Kent St	5	3	196	179	6	5	248	281
Akron	4	4	236	242	4	7	281	360
Buffalo	1	7	127	216	3	8	205	286
Ohio U	1	7	160	245	1	10	198	323
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Toledo	6	2	292	247	9	2	384	281
N Illinois	4	3	195	204	6	5	303	292
Ball St	4	3	199	191	5	6	268	296
W Michigan	4	4	208	190	5	6	277	266
C Michigan	2	6	178	257	3	8	251	346
E Michigan	1	6	164	254	2	9	197	356

Coach of the Year: Urban Meyer, Bowling Green

2000 MAC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
EAST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Marshall	5	3	240	222	7	5	342	283
Akron	5	3	240	181	6	5	333	295
Ohio U	5	3	253	152	7	4	343	208
Miami, Oh	5	3	208	184	6	5	272	286
Buffalo	2	6	149	306	2	9	177	452
BGSU	2	6	137	182	2	9	174	289
Kent St	1	7	91	258	1	10	128	359
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
W Michigan	7	1	269	99	9	3	359	139
Toledo	6	1	259	79	10	1	400	125
N Illinois	4	3	286	194	6	5	409	280
Ball St	4	3	150	209	5	6	212	349
E Michigan	2	5	121	204	3	8	209	350
C Michigan	2	6	117	250	2	9	137	376

Coach of the Year: Gary Darnell, W Michigan

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Randee Drew, N Illinois	**15**	**392**	**0**	**26.1**
Matt Carter, Akron	**36**	**867**	**0**	**24.1**
Dontà Greene, Toledo	36	809	0	22.5
Martez Johnson, BGSU	18	400	0	22.2
Milt Bowen, Miami	27	592	0	21.9
Larry Bostic, Ball St	**22**	**481**	**0**	**21.9**
Jason Caesar, Ohio U	24	505	0	21.0
Andre Forde, Buffalo	30	626	0	20.9
Dion Byrum, Ohio U	**26**	**541**	**0**	**20.8**
Chris R Roberson, E Mich	**16**	**328**	**0**	**20.5**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Dan Sheldon, N Illinois	**21**	**477**	**3**	**22.7**
Kendrick Mosley, W Mich	**29**	**440**	**2**	**15.2**
Dontà Greene, Toledo	30	443	1	14.8
Asante Samuel, UCF	19	233	0	12.3
Sean Schembra, Ball St	21	246	0	11.7
Chris R Roberson, E Mich	**21**	**232**	**1**	**11.0**
Stafford Owens, Ohio U	**27**	**271**	**1**	**10.0**
Dante McKnight, C Mich	**18**	**153**	**0**	**8.5**
Andre Forde, Buffalo	19	161	1	8.5
Eddie Tillitz, Miami	28	206	0	7.4

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
David Rysko, E Mich	**12**	**64**	**2660**	**41.6**
Kevin Kerr, Ohio U	12	55	2258	41.1
Jared Fritz, Kent St	12	59	2409	40.8
Andy Jerdon, Akron	**12**	**46**	**1856**	**40.3**
Reggie Hodges, Ball St	**11**	**57**	**2299**	**40.3**
Scott McMahan, Buffalo	12	81	3258	40.2
Brian Brandt, C Mich	**11**	**71**	**2815**	**39.6**
Pat Fleming, BGSU	12	51	2000	39.2
Jimmy Erwin, N Illinois	12	63	2412	38.3

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Tom Ward, Toledo	14	107	73	180	12.9
Duran Smith, Marshall	13	95	65	160	12.3
David Lusky, E Mich	**12**	**57**	**84**	**141**	**11.8**
Stanford Rhule, UCF	**11**	**69**	**58**	**127**	**11.5**
Akil Grant, N Illinois	**12**	**92**	**46**	**138**	**11.5**
David Gardner, Toledo	14	103	51	154	11.0
Larry Williams, N Illinois	12	90	40	130	10.8
Joe Sellers, Ohio U	12	64	64	128	10.7
Matt Pusateri, Miami	**12**	**85**	**40**	**125**	**10.4**
Lorenzo Scott, Ball St	**12**	**49**	**75**	**124**	**10.3**

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Jared Parseghian, Miami	**11**	**14**	**14**	**100.0**	**41**
Travis Mayle, Kent St	**12**	**12**	**14**	**85.7**	**42**
Shaun Suisham, BGSU	**12**	**12**	**14**	**85.7**	**43**
Jason Robbins, Toledo	**14**	**13**	**16**	**81.2**	**37**
Curtis Head, Marshall	13	16	21	76.2	53
Mike Gruzwalski, C Mich	**12**	**14**	**19**	**73.7**	**40**
Steve Azar, N Illinois	**12**	**18**	**25**	**72.0**	**51**
Dallas Pelz, Buffalo	**11**	**9**	**13**	**69.2**	**45**
Mike Langford, Ball St	**12**	**9**	**13**	**69.2**	**45**
Matt Prater, UCF	**12**	**14**	**21**	**66.7**	**53**
Kevin Kerr, Ohio U	12	10	16	62.5	48

2002 MAC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Byron Leftwich, Marshall	491	331	67.4	10	4268	8.7	30	156.5
Brian Jones, Toledo	423	297	70.2	9	3446	8.1	23	152.3
Ryan Schneider, UCF	**430**	**265**	**61.6**	**16**	**3770**	**8.8**	**31**	**151.6**
Ben Roethlisberger, Miami	**428**	**271**	**63.3**	**11**	**3238**	**7.6**	**22**	**138.7**
Charlie Frye, Akron	**380**	**250**	**65.8**	**9**	**2824**	**7.4**	**15**	**136.5**
Josh Haldi, N Illinois	**254**	**130**	**51.2**	**6**	**2027**	**8.0**	**15**	**133.0**
Josh Harris, BGSU	**353**	**198**	**56.1**	**11**	**2425**	**6.9**	**19**	**125.3**
Troy Edwards, E Mich	410	232	56.6	18	2762	6.7	22	122.1
Chad Munson, W Mich	**309**	**162**	**52.4**	**17**	**2160**	**7.0**	**14**	**115.1**
Derrick Vickers, C Mich	**320**	**175**	**54.7**	**5**	**1828**	**5.7**	**9**	**108.8**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Kevin Walter, E Mich	12	93	1368	9	114.0	7.8	14.7
Doug Gabriel, UCF	12	75	1237	11	103.1	6.3	16.5
Jimmy Fryzel, UCF	12	58	1126	5	93.8	4.8	19.4
Josh Davis, Marshall	**13**	**75**	**1191**	**5**	**91.6**	**5.8**	**15.9**
Darius Watts, Marshall	**12**	**71**	**1030**	**12**	**85.8**	**5.9**	**14.5**
Robert Redd, BGSU	12	83	973	9	81.1	6.9	11.7
Denero Marriott, Marshall	13	86	993	8	76.4	6.6	11.5
Carl Ford, Toledo	14	79	1062	9	75.9	5.6	13.4
Andre Forde, Buffalo	10	54	748	7	74.8	5.4	13.9
Dan Sheldon, N Illinois	**12**	**40**	**783**	**5**	**65.3**	**3.3**	**19.6**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Michael Turner, N Illinois	**12**	**338**	**1915**	**5.7**	**19**	**159.6**
Marcus Merriweather, Ball St	12	332	1618	4.9	12	134.8
Robbie Mixon, C Mich	12	255	1361	5.3	9	113.4
Ime Akpan, E Mich	11	267	1221	4.6	15	111.9
Joshua Cribbs, Kent St	**10**	**137**	**1057**	**7.7**	**10**	**105.7**
Alex Haynes, UCF	**11**	**204**	**1038**	**5.1**	**8**	**94.4**
Bob Hendry, Akron	**11**	**208**	**1021**	**4.9**	**8**	**92.8**
Chad Brinker, Ohio U	12	228	1099	4.8	10	91.6
Philip Reed, W Mich	**12**	**221**	**1053**	**4.8**	**10**	**87.8**
Luke Clemens, Miami	**12**	**223**	**1009**	**4.5**	**16**	**84.1**

SACKS

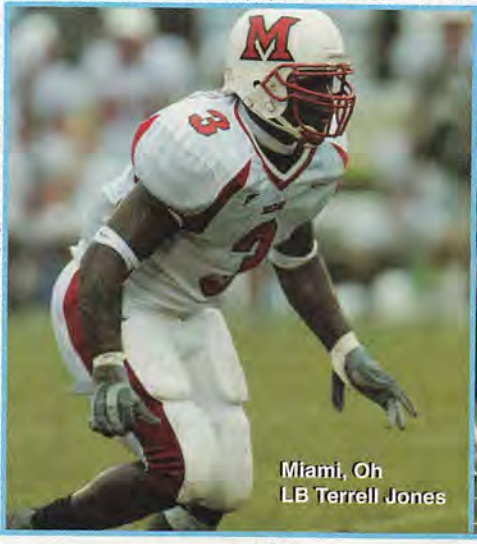
	NO	YDS		NO	YDS
Jason Babin, W Mich	**15.0**	**79**	**Mitchell Crossley, BGSU**	**7.0**	**47**
Larry Williams, N Illinois	10.0	77	**Vinson Reynolds, N Illinois**	**7.0**	**44**
Elton Patterson, UCF	10.0	65	**Matt Wohlgemuth, C Mich**	**6.0**	**52**
Matt Edwards, Miami	10.0	54	**Rashad Jeanty, UCF**	**6.0**	**36**
Travis Moore, N Illinois	**7.0**	**62**	Matt Robillard, Miami	6.0	30

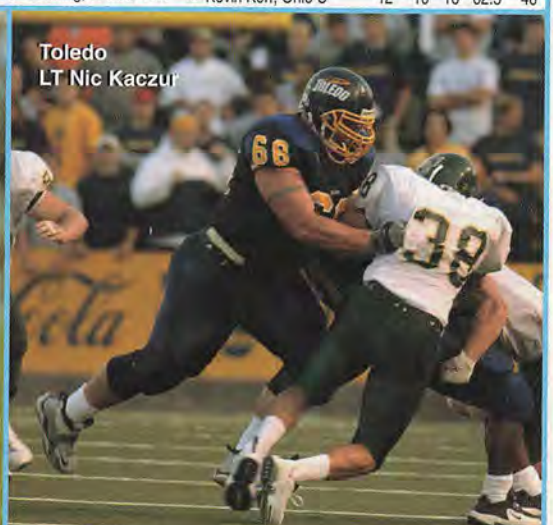
TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Byron Leftwich, Marshall	12	37	(-1)	491	4268	4267	355.6
Ryan Schneider, UCF	**12**	**37**	**(-89)**	**430**	**3770**	**3681**	**306.8**
Brian Jones, Toledo	14	85	414	423	3446	3860	275.7
Ben Roethlisberger, Miami	**12**	**82**	**(-54)**	**428**	**3238**	**3184**	**265.3**
Josh Harris, BGSU	**12**	**186**	**737**	**353**	**2425**	**3162**	**263.5**
Charlie Frye, Akron	**12**	**102**	**125**	**380**	**2824**	**2949**	**245.8**
Troy Edwards, E Mich	12	45	(-95)	410	2762	2667	222.2
Joshua Cribbs, Kent St	**10**	**137**	**1057**	**186**	**1014**	**2071**	**207.1**
Chad Munson, W Mich	**12**	**34**	**(-120)**	**309**	**2160**	**2040**	**170.0**
Josh Haldi, N Illinois	**12**	**59**	**(-90)**	**254**	**2027**	**1937**	**161.4**

TFL

	NO	YDS
Jason Babin, W Mich	**26.0**	**108**
Jovan Clarke, C Mich	20.0	62
Jamus Martin, Marshall	**19.0**	**44**
Matt Robillard, Miami	17.0	73
Elton Patterson, UCF	16.5	80
Jonathan Goddard, Marshall	**14.5**	**45**
Toriano Brown, Marshall	**14.5**	**44**
Matt Edwards, Miami	14.0	61
Larry Williams, N Illinois	13.0	86
Chris Browning, W Mich	13.0	46





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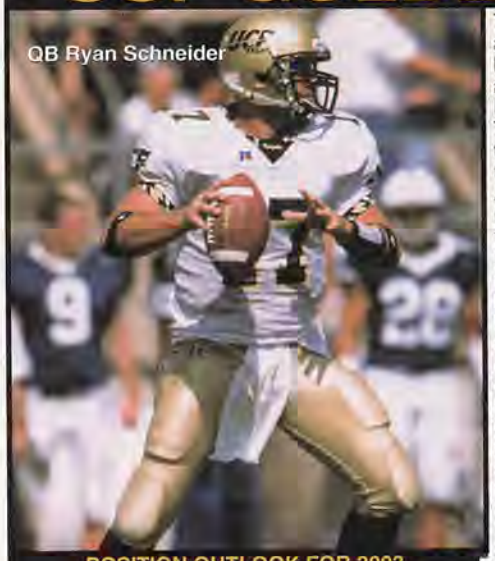

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - UCF has produced some fine QB's over the years including Daunte Culpepper. Ryan Schneider (PS#48) started the final seven games as a rFr in 2000 and threw 2,334 yards (62%) with a 21-11 ratio and was 9th in the NCAA in pass efficiency. In 2001, despite suffering numerous nagging injuries he started all 11 and threw for 2,923 yards (57%) with a 17-9 ratio. After the VT game that year the practice snaps were split between Schneider and Brian Miller. Miller saw action in 8 games throwing for 468 yards (53%) with a 4-3 ratio. He moved to TE last year. Also on hand last year was Jon Rivera (6-3 190 Jr, PS#60) and Brandon Sumner (6-4 215 Jr, PS#11) who originally signed at Georgia Tech. He suffered a spider bite in August which set him way behind. Last year, Schneider suffered some bruised ribs against Ariz St in the 3Q, missed a lot of practice the week of Marshall and played with a flack jacket. His ribs still bothered him for a couple of weeks and Schneider, who had just 9 int's in 2001, had eight int's in a five game stretch. Kruczek gave Rivera more snaps in practice. Answering that challenge, over the last six games, Schneider had an 18-7 ratio throwing for 342.5 ypg and 2,055 yards. His 440 yards against Syracuse set a UCF single game record and he also set single season records for both passing yards (3,770) and TD's (31). If Schneider were to duplicate last season he'd rank as the #2 QB of all-time behind only Ty Detmer in passing yards. Rivera and Sumner make excellent backups as does walk-on Gerry Connell (6-2 215) who has a strong arm and is now 100% rehabilitated from a knee injury and VHT true frosh Steven Moffett (PS#28).

RUNNING BACKS - Despite the presence of PS#1JC RB Terrance Williams, Alex Haynes (PS#50) turned out to be the feature back in 2001 rushing for 690 yards (4.9) in seven starts as a true frosh despite injuries. His four 100 yard games were more than UCF had the previous three years combined. Last year they added Keith Williams (PS#135) who has 4.42 speed and chose UCF over Miami and Florida St. Haynes had 268 yards in the first 3 games but then was injured on the third carry vs Liberty and was out vs WM. Williams was also injured and missed 5 games. Andreal Curry (PS#88) is 250 lbs and vs Liberty saw his first action at TB and rushed for 49 yards with 2 TD's. Versus W Michigan the top 2 TB's were both FB's in Curry and Dee Brown. Haynes had 73 yards against Toledo but really hit stride down the stretch. He had a career high 149 yards against Kent and topped that the next week with 156 vs Miami. In the season finale he had 151 to finish with1,038 yards (5.1). The good news for UCF is that most of the top backs return with the only loss being FB Sean Gaudion (12 sts, 39 yds). This year they add PJ Smith who has 4.4 speed and originally signed with Arkansas (PS#120) and true frosh Ron Williams (PS#68). This unit should be less injury prone and has more experience and talent and I'll call it one of the MAC's better RB corps in 2003.

RECEIVERS - Last year the receiving corps lost its top 2 receivers in terms of receptions but had Jimmy Fryzel (17.0) and Doug Gabriel (28.7) back. Gabriel (who originally signed with Miami, FL) and Fryzel simply became the first UCF tandem to each top 1,000 yards in a season combining for 16 TD's. Unfortunately this year both depart (Gabriel was the #5DC of OAK) and they must also replace TE Mario Jackson (10 sts, 7 rec), WR Josh Taylor (1 rec) and WR Ivery Gaskins (8, 19.6). TE Gaines (PS#18) originally signed with Alabama and they are 4 deep with talented TE's. Tavaris Capers (PS#63) is the leading returning receiver with 43 rec, and I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Last year TE Jackson broke his right leg vs Kent St and two other backups were also lost for the season including ex QB Brian Miller. TE depth was so thin that G Johnovan Morgan was moved to blocking TE. I like the talent that is available but when you lose an NFL caliber WR like Gabriel, and two 1,000 yard receivers in the same year, almost any team would be weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 UCF averaged 3.3 ypc rushing while allowing 26 sacks. Last year only two starters departed and eight of the top ten were back plus they brought in some solid JUCO's. The unit had good size averaging 6-5 305. They were nicknamed "The Moat" as they did a fine job protecting QB Schneider. They allowed 8 sacks in the first two games but only 7 sacks in the last ten. They were committed to redshirting all of the frosh and had just seven healthy OL's. They then lost G Garrett McCray to a knee injury in practice prior to W Michigan. Despite this the team averaged 3.9 ypc rushing and allowed just 15 sacks. This year they lose C Mike Mabry (12 sts, 2 yr st'r, #7DC of BAL), RG Taylor Robertson (10 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Brian Huff (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), RG McCray (4 sts until inj), LG Travis Muse (2nd string) and RT Thomas Andrews (2nd string). A pair of starters return but they are the only one's with any starting experience so it will be tough to match last year's numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 UCF allowed 3.5 ypc rushing while recording 28 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter who happened to be the Defensive MVP, and one part-time starter, then lost starting NG Jake McKibben prior to the season so basically only 1.5 starters returned last year and the unit allowed 3.6 ypc rushing while recording 31 sacks. This year the only loss is DE Elton Patterson (12 sts, 63 tkls, 9.5 sks, 1st Tm MAC, #7DC of CIN). This is a very talented 3 deep that I list below which includes a couple of VHT's. Patterson was arguably the top DL, but this group is more experienced and looks pretty tough up front in 2003.

LINEBACKERS - Last year UCF had to replace all three starters but brought in VHT Chad Mascoe (PS#4) who originally signed with Florida St and another HT in Antoine Poe (PS#89). Unfortunately Poe broke his fibula prior to the season. The team also lost one backup so it was a very lightly experienced group. The leading tackler was undersized (5-11) Stanford Rhule. This year the unit must replace SLB Chris Pilinko (11 sts, 79 tkls, 3 tfl) and MLB "Dee" Williford (20 tkls). Four of the top six are back including two starters and they get back Poe. They also add some solid JUCO's and rFr so this unit is in much better shape and looks like one of the MAC's best LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UCF finished #53 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and had to replace a super CB in Travis Fisher (#2DC of STL) as well as both starting safeties. Overall, as you would expect they dropped some in the rankings down to #67 allowing 56.8% with a 19-13 ratio. This year they lose their top player in CB Asante Samuel (48 tkls, 4 int, 15 pbu, 12 sts, 1st Tm MAC, #4DC of NE) as well as CB Carlos Thompson (34 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu) and CB Marcus Glover (12 tkls). Three starters do return and five players have starting experience, and I list the 2 deep below. Even with the loss of the top guy, this unit has more experience than last season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - UCF's special teams finished #98 in 2001 despite the presence of Javier Beorlegui who was both a Ray Guy and Groza candidate. He departed last year but they signed PS#43 Matt Prater who was also recruited by Ohio St. UCF had blocked nine punts the previous 3 years but had none in 2002. They shook up the special teams after the Ariz St game, and after the season Special Team Coordinator Huff (also DE coach) was reassigned. Despite that, UCF finished a respectable #40 in my special teams rankings including FG's. K Prater was everything he was cracked up to be hitting the 3rd longest FG (53 yds) in school history in his first game as a true frosh and had three blocks among his seven misses. P Ryan Flinn averaged 41.8 with a net of 37.5 and earned 2nd Team MAC honors. Doug Gabriel averaged 20.4 on KR's which was a little lower than Luther Huggins' 23.1 the previous year and Asante Samuel averaged 12.3 on PR's. Of those four key starters, only Prater returns although Huggins is still on the roster. Kruczek brings in Houston's former special teams coach Joe Robinson this year. I think it will be tough to duplicate Flinn's fine numbers, so I'll call this unit weaker in 2003.

COACHES - Mike Kruczek enters his sixth year as the head man here and was the OC for 13 years prior to that. He was just given a 3 year contract extension through 2007. His OC is Robert McFarland who enters his third year. The DC is Bill D'Ottavio who is in his second year, taking over for Gene Chizik who left for Auburn. D'Ottavio was the LB coach here previously.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

UCF entered the MAC last year talking big and bold. They said they would dominate the MAC immediately but unfortunately lost two games in MAC play and they were against the teams that appeared in the MAC Title game. The schedule was very difficult last year with road trips to W Michigan, Miami and Marshall. The team blew leads against Penn St, Toledo and Syracuse or else they could have finished even stronger than their 7-5 record. Also due to their preseason talk every MAC team was fired up to take them on. This year the schedule is much more favorable to UCF as all four MAC road games fall into the winnable category and they also pull C Mich and E Mich from the West. The two big games are both at home in the November Florida heat which should give them a large edge over cold-weathered Marshall and Miami. It also helps that UCF is very talented and if QB Ryan Schneider maintains the pace he had in the second half of last season, this team could top the 32.6 ppg they put up last year. Overall I rate UCF the #2 offense and #1 defense in the MAC and they have the best schedule. Also last year they outscored MAC foes by an average of 10.5 ppg and this year I will make UCF the favorite to win the MAC East. Should they upset one of their Big East foes on the road, they would actually have a shot at a double digit win season.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB RYAN SCHNEIDER SR. 6-2 230 30 career sts, 9027 yds (60.2%) in 3 yrs. 69-36 ratio, 123 rush. Brandon Sumner (6-4 215 Jr) **PS#11**, GT trans. Jon Rivera (6-3 190 Jr) PS#60.

RB ALEX HAYNES JR. 5-11 210 **PS#50**. 7 sts in '01, 690 yds (4.9). 11 sts in '02, 1038 yds (5.1). Keith Williams (5-10 200 So) PS#135. Dontavius Wilcox (5-11 205 rFr) PS#173.

FB Andreal Curry Jr. 6-2 250 **PS#88**. 1 st at TB in '02, 88 yds (3.7). **Willie "Dee" Brown** (5-11 235 Jr) PS#125. 53 rush as **true**. 170 rush (4.7), 12 rec (13.9) in 2002.

WR Tavaris Capers Jr. 5-9 165 PS#63. 4.4 speed. 2 sts, 11 rec (14.7) in '01. 43 rec (10.6) in '02. Al Peterson (6-2 190 So) PS#172, 4.4 speed. Mike Walker is PS#113DB.

WR Brandon Marshall So. 6-5 210 PS#198. 9 gms as **true**, 2 rec. Luther Huggins (5-11 180 Jr) Nat HS 200m track champ. 35 rec (7.9) 2Y. Andre Sumpter (6-0 175 rFr) PS#215.

TE Michael Gaines Sr. 6-3 280 **PS#18**. Bama trans. 22 rec (13.9) 2Y. Darcy Johnson (6-6 245 So) PS#67. 1 rec LY. Brian Miller (6-5 250 Sr) PS#74QB. 609 yds at QB, 3Y.

C Cedric Gagne-Marcoux rFr. 6-3 290 PS#491. Canadian. Mid year signee in 2002, #1 C out of spg. Adam Butcher (6-3 300 So) 2nd string C as rFr. Added 15 lbs.

RG Alex Mendez Sr. 6-6 315 PS#347JC. 2nd string in '02 & lettered. Joe Blackard (6-6 335 Sr) PS#365JC. 2nd string in '02. Sean Gihuly (6-5 310 rFr).

LG DAVID ASHKINAZ SR. 6-4 305 PS#158JC. 500 lb bench. In for spring in '02, 12 sts LY. Dan Veenstra (6-5 310 rFr) PS#124OL. Adam Toeniskoetter is PS#355JC.

RT KYLE WATKINS SR. 6-8 340 PS#257JC. 10 sts at RT LY here. Tallest OL ever here. Seth Ulsh (6-5 305 rFr). Richard Zulys (6-5 300 Fr) Canadian. NFL potential.

LT Marcus Clemons So. 6-5 300 PS#32TE. 6 tkls in '01 as true. 1 gm at DE LY, RS. Larry Peoples (6-6 280 rFr) PS#331. Norman Lewis (6-3 300 Jr) PS#260DL. 2nd string in '01.

K MATT PRATER SO. 5-11 175 PS#43K. 84% KO's were TB's in HS, 14 of 18, L/49. Hit 14 of 21 FG's as **true**, L/53. Ryan Feely (5-9 170 So) hit 1 of 3 FG's in spring game.

DE Josh Stephens Jr. 6-2 245 67 tkls, 12 sks at JC LY. Paul Carrington (6-6 250 So) 13 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Brent Bolar (6-3 265 Sr) 4 sts, 82 tkls, 9 tfl, 3Y. Dwight Perkins (6-1 215 Sr).

DT DeMARCUS JOHNSON SR. 6-4 295 **PS#54JC**. 7 sks at JC in '01, 9 sts LY, 58 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl. Frisner Nelson (6-2 295 So) 3 sts, 15 tkls. Mike Lynche (6-0 305 Jr) 1 st, 46 tkls, 6 tfl LY.

NG LARRY BROWN SR. 6-2 290 1 st, 34 tkls, 6 tfl in' 01. 11 sts LY, 43 tkls, 3 tfl. Roy Williams (6-2 275 Sr) **PS#29 & orig at Florida**. JC. 21 tkls, 2 sks LY. Ben Brinson PS#131 in 2000.

DE RASHAD JEANTY JR. 6-3 230 PS#174. 3 sts as **true**, 58 tkls. 4 sks, 4 tfl, 15 QBH. 12 sts LY, 79 tkls, 5.5 sks, 5 tfl. Trenton Jordan (6-4 230 rFr). Chris Welsh (6-5 225 rFr) PS#394.

SLB STANFORD RHULE JR. 5-11 235 25 tkls as **true**. 11 sts at WLB LY, #1 w/127 tkls, 3 sks, 7 tfl. Gerren Bray (6-0 220 Jr) PS#364DB. 1 st, 44 tkls, 4 tfl, 2Y. Chad Breeden (6-1 215 rFr).

MLB CHAD MASCOE SR. 6-3 255 **PS#4LB. Orig@FSU**. 12 sts LY, 97 tkls, 5 tfl. Craig Harvey (6-0 250 Jr) PS#247JC. Tywin Kalandyk (6-2 210 rFr) PS#96. G. Ohaegbulam (6-0 235 rFr).

WLB Antoine Poe Sr. 6-0 225 PS#89. 1 st, 27 tkls, 6 tfl in '00 & '01. Inj'd LY. James Cook (6-4 210 So) PS#198QB. 8 tkls. RJ Pullings (6-0 245 Jr) PS#170JC. Ronnell Sandy (6-1 210 rFr).

CB OMAR LAURENCE SO. 5-11 185 PS#441. 12 sts as rFr. 66 tkls, 1 int, 10 pbu. Big stick Award 2 times LY. Travonti Johnson (6-3 185 rFr). Trae Gomes (5-9 180 Fr) PS#518, track & 325 bench.

CB Rovel Hamilton Jr. 6-0 185 PS#82. 2 tkls as **true** at **Maryland**. 29 tkls, 1 tfl here LY. Rashard Johnson (6-0 185 Jr) 7 tkls in '01, 8 tkls LY, 2 sts. Ron Ellis is PS#120.

SS ATARI BIGBY JR. 5-11 215 1 st in '01, 38 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. 12 sts at SS in '02. 104 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 int, 4 pbu. Alphonzo Hopkins (5-11 185 Jr) 1 st, 59 tkls, 1 tfl. Renford Parkes is PS#77.

FS PETER SANDS JR. 6-2 215 PS#115. 23 tkls, 2 pbu as **true**. 12 sts LY, 119 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu, 1 tfl. Patrick Holland (6-2 185 Sr) QB in spring LY. 26 tkls at FS. Anthony Willis 7 tkls.

P Chris Kessler rFr. 5-11 175 #1 punter in spring. Scott Sevin (6-1 205 Jr) 40.7 avg per punt at JC LY. Kevin Beorlegui (6-1 185 So). Must replace Flinn who was 2nd Tm MAC.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

QB	Steven Moffett 6-3 190 PS#28
RB	Ron Williams 6-0 205 PS#68
DB	Renford Parkes 5-11 198 PS#77
WR	Chris Narsesian 6-0 188 PS#94
DB	Mike Walker 6-2 182 PS#113
RB	Ron Ellis 5-11 173 PS#120
TE	Dennis King 6-2 225 PS#56
TE	Mike Merritt 6-3 244 PS#57
LB	Brian Goins 6-1 205 PS#173
WR	Brooks Turner 6-0 193 PS#198
LB	RJ Pullings 6-0 242 PS#170JC
RB	PJ Smith 5-10 215 PS#178JC
OL	Brad Williams 6-6 270 PS#311
DB	Troy Washington 5-9 183 PS#247

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10-6	Off A SU Loss	7-4	Away Favorite
8-6	Vs Conference	10-8	Away Dog
		16-16	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (18,22,2)
Lost: 21 (14,5,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 17,268

MAC - EAST DIVISION

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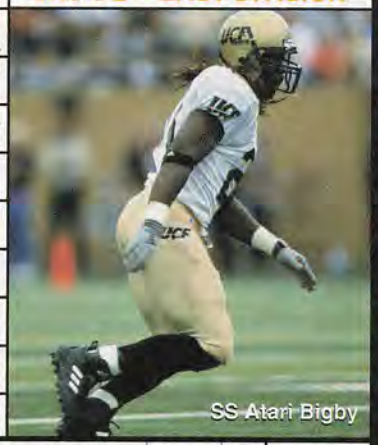
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#112

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UCF	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
								UCF is 1-5 SU but 6-0 ATS their last 6 road openers. The Golden Knights are 0-4 SU & ATS vs Big East teams. UCF was 6-2 SU & 5-3 ATS in conf games their 1st year in the MAC.
Aug. 31	at Virginia Tech (Sun)	G						The Golden Knights are 0-2 SU & ATS vs the Hokies. UCF is 0-4 ATS their last 4 lined games before a bye.
Sep. 6								
Sep. 13	Florida Atlantic	G						The Golden Knights are 11-0 in unlined games since 1997. Fla Atlantic was 2-9 LY & 0-3 vs Div IA teams with an avg loss of 44.3-10.
Sep. 20	at Syracuse	A						UCF is 0-2 SU & ATS vs Syracuse the last 2 years. The Golden Knights are 6-3 ATS on artificial turf since 1998.
Sep. 27	at Kent St	A						UCF is 2-0 SU & 1-1 ATS vs Kent St (failed to cover their last trip to Kent). The Golden Knights were 3-1 SU & 4-0 ATS in MAC road games LY.
Oct. 4	Buffalo	G						UCF was 3-1 SU but 1-3 ATS in conference home games last year. The Knights are 10-0 SU & 8-2 ATS their L/10 gms when favored by 14 or more.
Oct. 11	at Ohio U	A						UCF won the 1st ever meeting LY 42-32, but failed to cover as a 16' pt HF. This will be Ohio's 1st Homecoming game on artificial turf.
Oct. 18	at Akron	A						UCF is 2-3 SU & 1-2 ATS all-time vs Akron, but have won the L/2 meetings SU. The home team is 3-0 SU & 2-1 ATS the last 3 years.
Oct. 25	C Michigan (HC)	G						The Knights are 8-0 SU & 3-2 ATS their last 8 Homecoming games... and in those contests UCF is winning by an avg of 28 ppg.
Nov. 1	at W Virginia	A						This will be the 1st ever meeting between these two teams. C Florida is 5-3 ATS in November the last 2 years.
Nov. 8	at E Michigan	A						The Golden Knights are 3-0 SU & 2-0 ATS all-time vs the Eagles... and in those 3 games UCF has outscored EMU by an avg of 30-9 ppg.
Nov. 15								
Nov. 19	Marshall (Wed)	G						The Golden Knights are 5-1 SU & 4-0 ATS their last 6 games after a bye. Could apply here: UCF is 1-3 ATS as a home dog.
Nov. 28	Miami, Oh (Fri)	G						The Knights are just 1-3 ATS in their last 4 home finales. UCF won 48-31 as a 3' pt AD last year in these teams only other meeting.



STADIUM: FLORIDA CITRUS BOWL (70,188)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	5-6	9-2	4-7	7-4	6-5	7-5	43-35
ATS	0-0	5-4	5-4	4-5	4-4	6-4	6-5	30-26
Home Fav	0-0	2-0	1-2	1-1	1-0	3-0	1-4	9-7
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-3
Away Fav	0-0	0-2	2-1	1-0	1-2	1-1	2-0	7-6
Away Dog	0-0	3-2	2-1	2-2	2-1	1-3	3-1	13-10
Favorite	0-0	2-2	3-3	2-1	2-2	4-1	3-4	16-13
Dog	0-0	3-2	2-1	2-4	2-2	2-3	3-1	14-13
Grass	0-0	4-3	4-4	3-5	3-2	5-3	4-5	23-22
Artificial	0-0	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-2	1-1	2-0	7-4
vs MAC	0-0	1-1	1-3	1-1	1-2	1-0	5-3	10-10
vs Non-MAC	0-0	4-3	4-1	3-4	3-2	5-4	1-2	20-16
Off SU Win	0-0	1-2	4-2	0-3	3-4	1-3	3-3	12-17
Off SU Loss	0-0	3-2	0-2	4-1	0-0	4-1	2-2	13-8

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Alex Haynes	204	1104	66	1038	8	5.1
Dee Brown	36	180	10	170	2	4.7
Andreal Curry	24	90	2	88	5	3.7
Keith Williams	21	90	5	85	0	4.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Ryan Schneider	430	265	61.6	3770	31	16
Jon Rivera	8	4	50.0	60	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Doug Gabriel	75	1237	16.5	11	80	
Jimmy Fryzel	58	1126	19.4	5	76	
Tavaris Capers	43	456	10.6	5	65	
Dee Brown	12	167	13.9	1	30	
Luther Huggins	19	163	8.6	2	21	
Alex Haynes	24	132	5.5	1	21	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Ryan Flinn	40	1673	41.8	61	37.5	0	7
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Matt Prater	44-47	7-8	3-5	3-6	1-2	14-21	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Stanford Rhule	127	3	7	3	1
Peter Sands	119	0	1	6	3
Atari Bigby	104	0	5	4	1
Chad Mascoe	97	1	4	4	1
Rashad Jeanty	79	5.5	5	2	0
Chris Pilinko	79	1	2	1	0
Omar Laurence	66	0	0	10	1
Elton Patterson	63	9.5	7	4	0
Alphonzo Hopkins	59	0	1	1	0
DeMarcus Johnson	58	2	4	3	0
Asante Samuel	48	0	3	15	4
Mike Lynche	46	2	4	0	0
Larry Brown	43	1	2	0	0
Carlos Thompson	34	0	0	5	2
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Asante Samuel	19	233	12.3	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Doug Gabriel	31	632	20.4	0

UCF'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	32.6	22	116	3.9	320	61.1	13.4	-6	2002	2	26.3	20	150	3.6	204	56.8	13.5
4*	30.3	21	101	3.3	308	56.5	13.5	-2	2001	6	18.5	17	129	3.5	178	55.6	16.6
7*	30.3	20	79	2.8	295	60.0	12.4	-2	2000	6	20.1	20	131	3.1	193	54.0	16.1
3	25.2	23	130	3.9	287	56.8	16.6	-2	1999	7	28.9	20	119	3.5	255	58.6	12.9
10*	35.7	25	145	4.2	343	73.5	13.7	-6	1998	5	19.0	19	142	3.9	180	54.7	17.0
9*	34.0	20	127	3.9	290	61.7	12.3	+3	1997	7	27.5	21	131	3.5	262	57.7	14.3

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Penn St	24	31 - 65	2.1	32 - 46	345	3	20	39 - 153	3.9	13 - 20	194	0	0
at Arizona St	8	23 - 33	1.4	8 - 28	157	5	13	53 - 141	2.7	9 - 17	120	5	-2
at Marshall	18	31 - 138	4.5	17 - 34	260	0	27	42 - 171	4.1	28 - 49	340	1	-1
Liberty	28	30 - 144	4.8	26 - 37	427	0	17	40 - 186	4.7	11 - 31	104	1	-2
at W Michigan	24	20 - 62	3.1	31 - 45	341	1	19	24 - 36	1.5	26 - 50	310	4	0
Toledo	17	22 - 139	6.3	20 - 31	240	0	31	54 - 300	5.6	22 - 32	197	2	-1
Akron	21	30 - 84	2.8	22 - 28	287	0	27	41 - 138	3.4	30 - 42	283	6	+1
Syracuse	26	31 - 99	3.2	28 - 47	440	2	22	50 - 197	3.9	13 - 19	199	3	-2
at Buffalo	24	30 - 104	3.5	25 - 43	360	1	14	38 - 94	2.5	14 - 29	106	5	-1
Kent St	28	47 - 246	5.2	24 - 45	281	0	8	33 - 83	2.5	10 - 21	58	2	0
at Miami, Oh	23	32 - 146	4.6	20 - 30	374	1	25	35 - 107	3.1	27 - 51	328	2	+2
Ohio U	21	34 - 136	4.0	17 - 28	325	2	18	50 - 190	3.8	13 - 19	210	0	0
TOTALS	262	361 - 1396	3.9	270 - 442	3837	15	241	499 - 1796	3.6	216 - 380	2449	31	-6
AVERAGES	21.8	30 - 116	3.9	23 - 37	320	1.3	20.1	42 - 150	3.6	18 - 32	204	2.6	-0.5

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at LA Tech	+3'	64-30	W
E Illinois	NL	48-0	–
at Purdue	+4	7-35	L
at Bowling Green	-20	38-31	L
at Toledo	-3'	31-24	W
N Illinois	-36	38-17	L
at SW Louisiana	-28	42-10	W
Youngstown St	NL	44-32	–
at Auburn	+5'	6-10	W
Ball St	-31	37-14	L
New Mexico	-21	38-6	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Purdue	+17	13-47	L
at Florida	+36	27-58	W
at GA Tech	+29'	10-41	L
at Georgia	+27'	23-24	W
E Illinois	NL	31-21	–
Nicholls St	NL	28-0	–
LA Tech	+5'	35-46	L
E Michigan	-8	31-6	W
at Auburn	+10'	10-28	L
at Middle Tenn	-14	39-14	W
Bowling Green	-11	30-33	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at GA Tech	+15'	17-21	W
Northwestern St	NL	19-7	–
at Akron	-2'	24-35	L
William & Mary	NL	52-7	–
at E Michigan	-5'	31-10	W
at N Illinois	+4	20-40	L
E Kentucky	NL	34-3	–
UL Monroe	-31	55-0	W
at Alabama	+18'	40-38	W
at LA Tech	-6'	20-16	L
Virginia Tech	+12	21-42	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Clemson	+16	13-21	W
at Syracuse	+10	10-21	L
at Tulane	-5'	36-29	W
at Virginia Tech	+24'	14-46	L
UAB	+2	24-7	W
Liberty	NL	63-0	–
UL Monroe	-31'	38-6	W
at Utah St	-5	27-30	L
Akron	-14	57-17	W
at Arkansas	+5'	20-27	L
Louisiana-Lft	-28'	31-0	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	+13'	24-27	W
at Arizona St	+3	13-46	L
at Marshall	+11	21-26	W
Liberty	NL	48-17	–
at W Michigan	-1'	31-27	W
Toledo	-4	24-27	L
Akron	-19	28-17	L
Syracuse	-5	35-38	L
at Buffalo	-17	45-21	W
Kent St	-25	32-6	W
at Miami, Oh	+3'	48-31	W
Ohio U	-16'	42-32	L

MIAMI, OH REDHAWKS

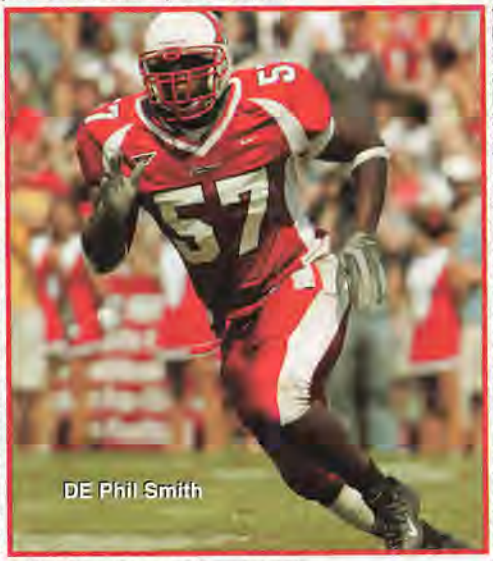
POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Miami had to replace Mike Bath who finished his career as the school's all-time passing leader but his records won't last long. Ben Roethlisberger (6-5 242 Jr) was PS#74 and turned down a scholarship offer from Ohio St. He would have had a much higher PS# but only played QB for one year in HS. In Roethlisberger's freshman season he threw for 3,105 yards (63.3%) with a 25-13 ratio and was voted MAC Freshman of the Year. He ended the season at 205 lbs and bulked up in the offseason to 242 for 2002. He missed the majority of the spring last year due to a hand injury but had another fine season throwing for 3,238 yards (63.3%) with a 22-11 ratio and broke his own school record with 525 yards passing vs N Illinois. He was also the MAC East Special Teams Player of the Week vs Toledo when he had 3 punts inside the 10 yard line. He figures to be the MAC's 2nd straight Heisman candidate and has more mobility than Byron Leftwich. Josh Betts (6-3 208 So) took the majority of the snaps in spring 2002 and got in 17 passes as a backup QB throwing for 93 yards with a 3-2 ratio. JD Vonderheide (6-0 191 Sr) is mostly the holder on FG attempts. Ryan Busing (6-3 195 rFr) was PS#214. As long as Roethlisberger stays healthy, he looks like one of the best QB's in the country.

RUNNING BACKS - Miami had 1,000 yard rushers for six straight years but just missed in 2000 when Steve Little rushed for 986 (5.2). The team averaged 4.2 ypc rushing in 2000 but it dropped to 3.6 in 2001 with Little topping the team with just 587 yards (4.3). The average dropped even lower last year to 3.4 ypc. Calvin Murray, who started 2 games over Little in 2001 and rushed for 342 yards and a super 7.3 ypc, began last year as the starter. Murray rushed for 101 yards vs NC in the opener but then was injured vs LSU and missed 3 games. Luke Clemens, who had just 75 yards in the first 3 games, took over as the feature back and actually broke the 1,000 yard barrier rushing for 1,009 yards (4.5). He had 16 rushing TD's which was the 4th best in school history with Travis Prentice having the top 3 totals (25, 19, 17). Mike Smith rushed for 232 yards (5.7) but left the team in the spring as did Jay Wallace (Pitt transfer) who rushed for 63 yards (3.0). When the team uses a FB they will use Andy Capper (6-2 263 Jr) and Adam Ciborowski (6-0 219 Jr). With both Clemens and Murray back this unit has even more experience than it did heading into last season and with the addition of true frosh Brandon Murphy (PS#108) who could play right away, this unit has added talent.

RECEIVERS - Ben Roethlisberger spread it around in 2001 and for the first time in school history three receivers topped 500 yards receiving and another had 421. The top 4 receivers were all back last year and they added Purdue transfer Andre Henderson (PS#52). Michael Larkin had 37 rec's after transferring from the Air Force prep school in 2001 despite not starting. He had 4 starts last year and was #2 with 39 rec's (11.2). He topped 1,000 career yards receiving quicker than any other player in UM history (19 games). Jason Branch was the only player who broke the 500 yard barrier last year and led the team with 40 rec's (12.6). Branch departs as does WR Eddie Tillitz (11 sts, 31, 11.5) and Randy Stegman (9 sts, 15, 11.9). I list the 2 deep below and TE Matt Brandt was #3 with 33 rec's (10.5). I look for a much bigger impact from Henderson who had 20 rec's (9.9) and naturally this group will put up some big numbers with Roethlisberger at QB, but overall the talent level looks a little weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Miami's OL has bucked conventional wisdom. In 1998 with an inexperienced O-line they averaged 4.6 ypc and allowed just 7 sacks. Everyone returned in 1999 but they only averaged 3.5 ypc rushing and allowed 36 sacks. They had to replace three starters in 2000 but improved to 4.2 ypc with 22 sacks. In 2001 three and a half full-time starters were back and much was expected but the numbers dropped to 3.6 while allowing 41 sacks. Last year they only had to replace two starters and had seven of the Top 10 back but once again the ypc dropped, this time to 3.4 although they allowed just 30 sacks (an improvement). That could mean this year's group is in bad shape as basically everyone returns from last year's lineup. The only loss is LT Justin Smith (12 sts, 2 yr st'r). Naturally with almost everyone back this unit should be stronger.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DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 Miami allowed 3.8 ypc rushing and the defense had just 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters including their top DL but had six of their top eight players back. Surprisingly Miami allowed 4.3 ypc rushing while recording just 24 sacks. This year they lose 2.5 starters in DT Ryan Terry (12 sts, 38 tkls, 6 tfl), DE Matt Edwards (12 sts, 48 tkls, 10 sks, 4 tfl) and DT Kurt Mester (5 sts, 16 tkls, 4 sks). The DL's who departed accounted for 17 sacks and the returning DL's combined for just seven so this year's unit looks even less experienced than it was heading into last season.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the team had to replace all three backups but did have all three starters returning and they were #1, #3 and #6 on the team in tackles. True frosh Terna Nande took over Nathan Clayton's OLB spot and started nine games. This year the only losses from the unit are OLB Matt Robillard (12 sts, 99 tkls, 6 sks, 10 tfl, 1st Tm MAC) and Clayton (3 sts, 30 tkls, 2 tfl). Robillard led the team in tfl and was #2 in tackles. Terrell Jones was 1st Tm MAC in 2001 and had 91 tackles last year and is back as is Nande. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. DC Narduzzi said this relatively young group was "coming together pretty well" in spring. I think this group is just about equal to last year's despite the loss of their top guy.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Miami was #52 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and last year had to replace two starters but had six of their top eight DB's back. Miami's pass D was weak last season allowing 273 ypg (59.2%) with a 20-13 ratio and ranking #89 in my pass D rankings. This year they must replace CB Milt Bowen (12 sts, 84 tkls, 6 int, 10 pbu) and FS Paul Tripp (5 sts, 34 tkls, 2 tfl) who started the last five games at that position. While they return just two players who started the last five games, they have three players back with seven or more starts. Not listed below is Dwight Smith (5-10 174 Jr), Marcus Tate (5-10 146 rFr), Joey Card (6-1 187 rFr, PS#244) and Hanover St transfer John Lucas (6-3 232 Jr). The new DC Narduzzi was pleased with the secondary's progress in the spring. This group has a little more experience than it did heading into last year and last year's group underperformed, so I expect some good sized improvement in the pass D rankings in 2003.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Miami finished #61 in my special teams rankings in 1999. Then in 2000 Hoeppner made a coaching change moving longtime assistant Ron Johnson (his right-hand man) from the offensive backfield duties to special teams and said he would put the best players on the unit. He achieved the desired results as Miami sprang up to #25. After not having a PR TD since 1974 Miami had two in 2000. They had to replace their 4 year punter in 2001 and dropped all the way to #67 and would have been even lower had FG accuracy been included. They added Todd Soderquist who had 94% of his KO's in HS for touchbacks and a long FG of 52, but he was able to take a redshirt as Jared Parseghian had a huge year hitting all 14 of his FG's and being a finalist for the Lou Groza Trophy. Parseghian has hit a school record 17 straight FG's. Punter Michael Wafzig has a strong leg and did well as a frosh but the team just had a net punting average of 32.8 in 2001. Last year they improved to 34.2 and Wafzig is back as is Roethlisberger. The team had blocked 11 punts in the 5 years prior to last year, but did not get any in 2002 and in fact had 2 punts blocked vs them after having zero the previous two years and also allowed a PR TD. Overall Miami finished #87 and #79 including kickers. They must replace PR Eddie Tillitz (7.4) and top KR Milt Bowen (21.9) but with 4 solid K's I think this unit will move up the rankings in 2003.

COACHES - Miami is known as the "Cradle of Coaches" with Sid Gillman, Woody Hayes, Ara Parseghian, John Pont, Bo Schembechler and Bill Mallory among those who have coached here. When Randy Walker moved on to Northwestern in 1999 Terry Hoeppner took over and continued the streak of winning seasons which has now reached nine straight years. His DC Jon Wauford got in trouble for a fight after the Marshall game and has resigned. The new DC is Pat Narduzzi who spent the last three years as the LB coach at N Illinois. He was the DC at Rhode Island for two years and his unit finished #2 in the Atlantic 10 during his first year. The OC is Shane Montgomery who is in his third year after being a UT-Chattanooga assistant from 1993-2000.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Miami last went to a bowl in 1986 and has gone sixteen straight years without a title despite the fact that they've had nine straight winning seasons and have beaten six teams in the last eight years from a BCS conference. 1973-1975 were Miami's best years when they finished #15, #10 and #12 in the final polls compiling a three year record of 32-1-1 and winning three straight Tangerine Bowls all over teams that are now in the SEC. The RedHawks made solid gains in the weight room increasing the number of players that are bench pressing at least 400 lbs by ten. Last year's schedule saw Miami face six 2001 bowl teams including five that won their bowl. They almost upset Big 10 co-champion Iowa having two TD's called back by penalties during the game. Later they led N Illinois 27-7 but allowed NI six TD's on their last seven possessions. They almost came away with a win at Marshall and had three losses last year by 7 points or less. Surprisingly Miami was 2-3 at home and 5-2 on the road in 2002. They snapped Toledo's 17 game home win streak and also upset ACC member N Carolina on the road. Losing a lot of close games last year should give this team value this year. Overall I rate them the most potent offense in the MAC and the team must replace just 21% (13) of last year's lettermen. In their season finale last year only 8,000 fans were on hand as the noon kickoff clashed with the Ohio St/Michigan game and a deflated Miami team that had just lost a heart-breaker to Marshall, saw them lose at home to UCF. This year, Miami's first three road games in MAC play all fall into the winnable category and if they can regain their home field edge and beat Bowling Green and Marshall there, they should be 7-0 in MAC play heading into the season finale. This team is clearly a contender for the MAC Title and I expect them to knock off one or two of their big league non-conference foes and have a good shot at ending their non-bowl streak of 16 years.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER JR. 6-5 242 12 sts in '01, 3105 yds (63%) 25-13 ratio, 508 rush. 12 sts LY, 3238 yds (63%) 22-11 ratio, 215 rush. Josh Betts (6-3 208 So) PS#127QB.

RB LUKE CLEMENS SR. 5-10 217 431 yds in '01, 9 sts LY, 1009 yds (4.5) 16 TD's, 27 rec (12.4), **2nd Tm MAC**. Calvin Murray (5-10 198 Sr) 8 sts, 3Y, 933 yds. Brandon Murphy is PS#108.

WR Michael Larkin Jr. 5-8 165 Air Force prep. 37 rec here in '01 (18.2), #1 in yds. 4 sts, 39 rec (11.2) LY. RJ Corbin (5-11 192 rFr) PS#248. Calvin Blackmon (6-4 203 Jr).

WR Korey Kirkpatrick Sr. 6-1 200 2 sts in '01, 9 rec (18.7), 10 KR (21.9). 3 sts LY, 26 rec (14.4). Martin Nance (6-4 210 So) PS#316, 12 rec (15.8). Jamie Cooper (6-3 188 Jr) PS#128.

WR Andre Henderson Jr. 6-2 202 PS#52. 7 rec at **Purdue** in 2000. 20 rec (9.9) here LY. Mike Iriti (6-0 185 Jr) 9 rec (14.0). Josh Williams (6-1 190 rFr) PS#131.

TE MATT BRANDT SR. 6-5 248 10 sts LY, 33 rec (10.5). Geoff Robinson (6-4 261 Sr) 2 sts, 1 rec LY. Dan Tyler (6-4 241 So) PS#171. Tyler Vogel (6-3 245 So) PS#223LB.

C TODD LONDOT SO. 6-7 284 8 sts at C as rFr after adding 41 lbs. David Rehker (6-5 275 Jr) PS#180OL. 10 games in '01. 4 sts in '02. Joe Serina (6-2 284 Sr).

RG Nate Bunce So. 6-6 287 2nd string all year in 2002 as rFr. Zac Elcess (6-5 274 So) PS#356OL. 9 games in '01, 3 sts at RG in '02. Chris Fessel (6-5 290 So).

LG FRANK SMITH SR. 6-3 295 Backup C in 2000. 10 sts at LG in 01. 12 sts at LG in '02, calls out blocking adjustments. Dan Kosta (6-2 285 Sr) 2nd string for two years.

RT JACOB BELL SR. 6-5 295 11 sts at RT as rFr. 2 sts at LT in '01 until inj. 11 sts LY (9 at RG, 2 at RT). Ryan Meyer (6-5 278 So) PS#505. Jared Evans (6-3 290 Fr) PS#174.

LT BEN HERRELL SR. 6-7 316 10 starts as rFr in '01. 10 starts at RT in 2002. Increased bench to 400+. Mark Kracium (6-5 291 So) 2nd string LT in 2002 as rFr.

K JARED PARSEGHIAN JR. 5-10 194 Hit 6 of 10 FG's, L/42 in 2001. Hit 14 of 14 FG's LY, L/41, **1st Tm MAC**. Todd Soderquist (6-2 209 rFr) 10 of 11 FG's, L/52, 94% TB's in HS.

DE PHIL SMITH SR. 6-1 269 PS#261. 3 sts, 43 tkls, 2 tfl in 2000. 11 sts in '01, 57 tkls, 5 sks. 12 sts in '02, 51 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl. Mike Barz (6-4 264 So) PS#218. 31 sks 3Y HS.

DT WILLIAM RUEFF JR. 6-4 265 PS#150DL. 1 start, 12 tkls, 2 tfl in 2001. 7 starts LY, 25 tkls, 3 tfl. John Glavin (5-11 269 So) 9 tkls as rFr, 1 sack. Bill Lautar (6-2 238 So).

DT Larry Burt Jr. 6-4 299 11 tkls, 1 tfl in '01. 19 tkls, 3 tfl in '02. Marcus Johnson (6-3 261 So) PS#238DL, 3 tkls as rFr. Mark Fragel (6-5 251 So) PS#276.

DE Jarrod Rich So. 6-3 251 PS#291LB. 7 tkls as rFr. Added 15 lbs. Will Stanley (6-1 245 Sr) PS#402RB. 13 tkls in 3Y. Jeremy Thompson (6-4 242 Jr) PS#168QB.

OLB John Busing So. 6-3 225 PS#216DB. 17 tkls as **true**, 1 int. David Hutzelman (6-2 218 So). Dontae Wright (6-3 211 rFr): "Dramatic strength gain in offseason."

MLB TERRELL JONES SR. 5-9 218 PS#166RB. 6 starts, 94 tkls, 8 tfl as **true**. 12 starts, 124 tkls, 7 tfl in 2001. 10 sts, 91 tkls, 5 tfl last year. Jerome Bennett (6-2 215 Fr) PS#271.

OLB TERNA NANDE SO. 6-1 214 PS#325DB. 9 sts, 49 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl **as true**. Matt Cohen (6-2 226 So) PS#341. Derek Rehage (6-1 225 So) 39 tkls LY. Alan Eyink (6-4 233 Sr).

CB ALPHONSO HODGE JR. 5-11 205 1 st, 8 tkls, 2 pbu in 2001. 7 sts last year, 40 tkls, 2 sks, 7 pbu. Ryan Redd (5-10 168 So) PS#406. 19 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu as **true**.

CB RYAN SPRAGUE SR. 5-10 191 PS#289RB. 3 sts at SS in 2001, 43 tkls, 1 int, 8 pbu. 12 sts at CB LY, 71 tkls, 2 int, 11 pbu. Darrell Hunter (6-1 201 So) **4.29 speed**, PS#225.

SS MATT PUSATERI JR. 5-11 199 PS#176. 11 sts in '01, #1 w/122 tkls, 4 tfl. 12 sts LY, #1 w/125 tkls, 2 tfl, 9 pbu. Bryan Tyson (6-0 193 So) 4 tkls as **true**. Sherman Smith (5-11 192 Jr).

FS Steve Burke So. 6-0 184 7 tkls in 11 games in '02. Van Monroe (6-3 205 Jr) 16 tkls as rFr, 1 int. 6 tkls, 1 pbu, 8 games in 2002. Ben Isler (6-1 206 Jr).

P MICHAEL WAFZIG JR. 6-4 229 59 punts as rFr, 38.6 avg, net of 32.8. 40 punts in 2002, 41.7 avg, net of 34.2. Ben Roethlisberger had 11 punts in 2002, 43.8 average.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

RB	Brandon Murphy 5-8 170 PS#108
RB	Austin Sykes 6-0 220 PS#120
OL	Jared Evans 6-3 290 PS#174
DB	Jerrid Gaines 6-0 190 PS#180
QB	Mike Kokal 6-2 175 PS#137
OL	Charles Norden 6-5 250 PS#221
WR	Ryne Robinson 5-10 170 PS#196
DL	Otto Linwood 6-1 285 PS#232
WR	Darren Paige 6-1 180 PS#242
LB	Jerome Bennett 6-2 215 PS#272
WR	Patrick O'Bryan 6-1 185 PS#288
WR	Justin Davis 6-5 220 PS#328
DL	Tranaine Sills 6-1 220 PS#420
DL	Craig Mester 6-3 220 PS#521

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#89

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug.30	at Iowa	G					
Sep. 6							
Sep. 13	at Northwestern	G					
Sep. 20	at Colorado St	G					
Sep. 27	Cincinnati	G					
Oct. 4	Akron (HC)	G					
Oct. 11	Buffalo	G					
Oct. 18	at Ball St	G					
Oct. 25	at Kent St	A					
Nov. 4	Bowling Green (Tues)	G					
Nov. 8							
Nov. 12	Marshall (Wed)	G					
Nov. 22	at Ohio U	A					
Nov. 28	at UCF (Fri)	G					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Miami is 4-7 SU, but 8-3 ATS vs non-conf opponents the last 3 years.
Last year was the 1st year Miami did not play Bowling Green since 1949.
Miami is 14-3 ATS their last 17 as a home dog.

The Redhawks are 2-8 SU & 7-2-1 ATS the last 10 vs Big 10 teams.
Miami is 6-2 SU & 7-1 ATS in road openers since 1995.

MU is 4-0 SU & 2-0 ATS their last 4 meetings vs Northwestern.
Redhawks have won L/3 gms in Evanston by a combined score of 85-44.

This is Miami's 1st game ever vs a member of the Mountain West Conf.
Miami is 4-1 SU & ATS when playing a game the week before rival Cincy.

MU is 4-2 ATS at home vs Cincinnati their last 6.
Miami is 6-1 SU & ATS in their home openers since 1996.

The home team is 8-2 SU & 7-2-1 ATS in this series.
Miami is 2-5-1 SU & 1-7 ATS their last 8 Homecoming games.

Miami is 4-0 SU but 2-2 ATS their last 4 vs the Bulls.
The Redhawks are 12-5 ATS as a DD conference home favorite S/'95.

Miami is 6-2 SU & ATS in conference road games the last 2 years.
The Redhawks are 4-2 SU & ATS vs MAC West teams the last 3 years.

Miami is 12-1 SU & 8-5 ATS vs Kent St since 1990.
During that time Miami has outscored Kent St 459-161 avg 35-12 ppg.

Miami is 7-2 ATS vs Bowling Green since 1993.
The underdog is 8-4 ATS the last 12 in this series.

Bonus: MU is 9-2 SU & 8-3 ATS their last 11 home finales.

Miami is 0-5 SU & ATS vs Marshall their last 5.
MU is 10-2-1 SU & 9-3-1 ATS since 1990 the game before MAC rival, Ohio

Miami is 8-1 SU & ATS their last 9 vs arch rival Ohio University.
MU is 2-6 ATS their last 8 November road games.

Miami lost last year's 1st ever meeting w/UCF 48-31 as a 3' pt HF.
Redhawks are 2-3 SU & 0-5 ATS in road finales the last 5 years.

TERRY HOEPPNER (Career 27-19)
5th Year at Miami, Oh

Hoeppner's records AT MIAMI, OH

27-19	Straight Up	5-8-1	Home Favorite
23-22-1	Vs The Spread	3-2	Home Dog
8-8-1	Off A SU Loss	6-7	Away Favorite
14-17-1	Vs Conference	9-5	Away Dog
		9-5	Vs Non-Conf

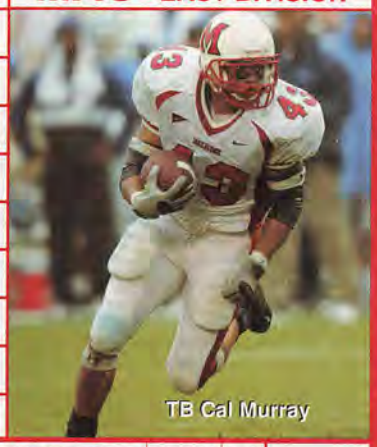
2002 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (22,25,2)
Lost: 13 (7,6,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,285

MAC - EAST DIVISION


TB Cal Murray

STADIUM: FRED C. YAGER STADIUM (30,012)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	8-3	10-1	7-4	6-5	7-5	7-5	51-28
ATS	6-4-1	8-3	6-5	3-7-1	6-5	7-5	7-5	43-34-2
Home Fav	3-0	3-1	3-1	1-2-1	2-1	1-2	1-3	14-10-1
Home Dog	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-1	1-0	5-3
Away Fav	2-2	2-1	2-3	2-3	1-2	1-1	2-1	12-13
Away Dog	0-1-1	2-1	1-1	0-1	2-2	4-1	3-1	12-8-1
Favorite	5-2	5-2	5-4	3-5-1	3-3	2-3	3-4	26-23-1
Dog	1-2-1	3-1	1-1	0-2	3-2	5-2	4-1	17-11-1
Grass	5-1	6-2	4-2	3-4-1	5-2	6-4	4-4	33-19-1
Artificial	1-3-1	2-1	2-3	0-3	1-3	1-1	3-1	10-15-1
vs Conf	6-2	6-2	4-4	2-5-1	4-4	4-4	4-4	30-25-1
vs Non-Conf	0-2-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	3-1	3-1	13-9-1
Off SU Win	2-2-1	5-2	5-4	0-6	2-3	4-3	5-2	23-22-1
Off SU Loss	3-2	2-1	0-1	2-1-1	3-2	2-2	1-3	13-12-1

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Luke Clemens	223	1054	45	1009	16	4.5
Cal Murray	69	266	13	253	3	3.7
Mike Smith	41	244	12	232	3	5.7
Ben Roethlisberger	82	215	269	-54	1	-0.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Ben Roethlisberger	428	271	63.3	3238	22	11
Josh Betts	17	7	41.2	93	3	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jason Branch	40	505	12.6	7	51
Michael Larkin	39	436	11.2	8	39
Korey Kirkpatrick	26	375	14.4	2	50
Eddie Tillitz	31	358	11.5	2	34
Matt Brandt	33	348	10.5	1	31
Luke Clemens	27	334	12.4	1	49

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Mike Wafzig	40	1666	41.7	56	34.2	1	7

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jared Parseghian	44-46	9-9	3-3	2-2	0-0	14-14	41

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Matt Pusateri	125	0	2	9	0
Matt Robillard	99	6	11	2	0
Terrell Jones	91	1	4	2	1
Milt Bowen	84	0	1	10	6
Ryan Sprague	71	0	0	11	2
Phil Smith	51	5	5	1	1
Terna Nande	49	2	3	1	0
Matt Edwards	48	10	4	1	0
Alphonso Hodge	40	2	0	7	0
Derek Rehage	39	1	0	0	0
Ryan Terry	38	3	3	0	0
Paul Tripp	31	0	2	3	0
Nathan Clayton	30	1	2	0	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Eddie Tillitz	28	206	7.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Milt Bowen	27	592	21.9	0
Korey Kirkpatrick	13	282	21.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
62	Tangerine	NL	Houston	21-49	–
73	Tangerine	NL	Florida	16-7	–
74	Tangerine	NL	Georgia	21-10	–
75	Tangerine	NL	S Carolina	20-7	–
86	California	NL	San Jose St	7-37	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MIAMI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	32.0	23	128	3.4	278	62.3	12.7	+7	2002	7	27.1	21	140	4.3	273	59.2	15.2
6	26.6	21	134	3.6	265	62.8	15.0	-1	2001	6	25.8	19	142	3.8	208	53.4	13.6
4*	24.7	20	155	4.2	232	48.8	15.7	-14	2000	7	26.0	21	213	4.6	192	53.6	15.6
10*	30.5	19	147	3.5	255	46.5	13.2	+9	1999	6	24.0	20	169	3.5	206	48.2	15.6
5	28.8	19	226	4.6	143	51.6	12.8	+9	1998	6	12.9	17	149	3.5	151	47.7	23.2
7*	37.5	24	208	4.7	236	58.6	11.8	+7	1997	6	24.4	17	149	3.5	149	50.6	12.2

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at N Carolina	22	56-175	3.1	16-33	204	2	24	28-94	3.4	28-46	353	1	+7
Iowa	25	17-14	0.8	33-51	343	4	22	40-188	4.7	18-27	256	0	0
at LSU	13	17-29	1.7	22-34	195	3	23	45-207	4.6	15-26	215	0	0
Kent St	24	49-176	3.6	18-31	198	2	21	29-152	5.2	19-32	189	1	-2
at Akron	20	40-131	3.3	16-22	240	2	31	39-114	2.9	29-46	348	5	+1
at Cincinnati	23	34-161	4.7	28-38	253	3	22	27-89	3.3	27-48	353	4	+1
N Illinois	30	39-47	1.2	41-61	525	6	16	25-222	8.9	11-21	292	2	-2
at Buffalo	24	43-236	5.5	18-30	251	0	13	27-50	1.9	18-44	125	2	0
at Toledo	21	39-164	4.2	22-31	299	2	24	33-155	4.7	30-46	341	3	+1
Ohio U	25	46-165	3.6	21-31	248	1	12	33-151	4.6	11-19	138	3	+2
at Marshall	18	36-127	3.5	16-33	247	3	24	35-108	3.1	25-39	292	2	+1
UCF	25	35-107	3.1	27-51	328	2	23	32-146	4.6	20-30	374	1	-2
TOTALS	270	451-1532	3.4	278-446	3331	30	255	393-1676	4.3	251-424	3276	24	+7
AVERAGES	22.5	38-128	3.4	23-37	278	2.5	21.3	33-140	4.3	21-35	273	2.0	+0.6

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Carolina	+19	13-10	W
at Army	-7	14-13	L
Toledo	-6'	28-14	W
at Marshall	+2'	17-31	L
Bowling Green	-14'	24-12	L
at Ball St	-19	28-17	L
at Cincinnati	-14	41-0	W
Ohio U	-10	35-21	W
at N Illinois	-16	41-10	W
Kent St	-34	56-0	W
at Akron	-15'	20-14	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Northwestern	-4	28-3	W
at W Virginia	+3'	27-43	L
E Michigan	-24'	35-14	L
at C Michigan	-19	24-16	L
Marshall	+4	14-32	L
at Bowling Green	-7	45-31	W
at Kent St	-24	17-10	L
Cincinnati	-4	42-52	L
Akron	-9	32-23	T
at Ohio U	-5	28-40	L
Buffalo	-33	43-0	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Vanderbilt	+7'	33-30	W
at E Michigan	-10	34-17	W
at Ohio St	+23	16-27	W
Kent St	-23	45-14	W
at Akron	-5	20-37	L
Ball St	-28	10-15	L
Bowling Green	-13'	24-10	W
at Cincinnati	+5	15-45	L
Ohio U	+5'	27-24	W
at Marshall	+5'	31-51	L
at Buffalo	-21	17-16	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan	+24'	13-31	W
at Iowa	+15	19-44	L
Cincinnati	+2'	21-14	W
at Ball St	-6'	28-20	W
Buffalo	-25	31-14	L
Akron	-8'	30-27	L
at Ohio U	+7	36-24	W
W Michigan	-3	25-11	W
at Bowling Green	+4	24-21	W
Marshall	+3	21-27	L
at Hawaii	+7'	51-52	W
at Kent St	-4'	20-24	L

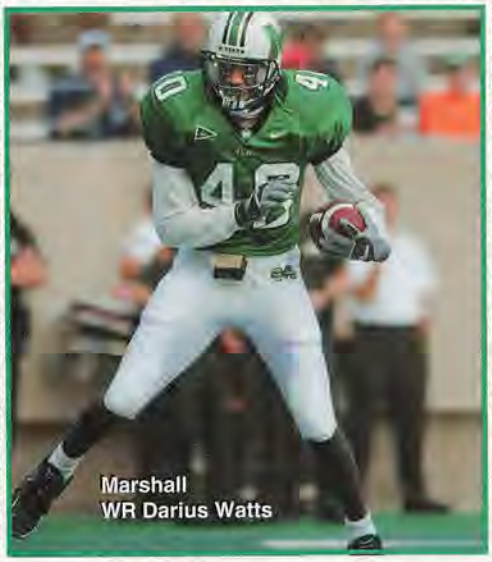
2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Carolina	+7	27-21	W
Iowa	+5'	24-29	W
at LSU	+13	7-33	L
Kent St	-11	27-20	L
at Akron	-10	48-31	W
at Cincinnati	+5'	31-26	W
N Illinois	-8	41-48	L
at Buffalo	-16'	49-0	W
at Toledo	+3'	27-13	W
Ohio U	-16'	38-20	W
at Marshall	-2'	34-36	L
UCF	-3'	31-48	L

MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Byron Leftwich finished 6th in the Heisman Trophy voting last year and was the #1DC of JAX. He was a three year starter who took over for Chad Pennington who was the #1DC of NYJ. In 2001 Leftwich threw for 4,708 yards (65.9%) with a 42-9 ratio. Last year he suffered a lot of dropped passes and was then injured vs Akron. He missed one game and was very immobile playing down the stretch with a cast on his lower leg. Overall Leftwich threw for 4,268 yards (67.4%) with a 30-10 ratio. He was the MVP in three bowl games. Stan Hill (6-3 195 Jr) was PS#130 and started two games in his place. He also was used in short yardage situations after Leftwich returned from injury. Hill threw for 536 yards (62.7%) with a 5-5 ratio while rushing for 106 yards. While he has the most experience of the returning QB's, Graham Gochneaur fits the QB mold here better at 6-4 226. He threw for 3,200 yards and 32 TD's at JUCO in 2001 and redshirted here last year although he was 2nd string after Leftwich was injured. Adam Black (6-6 208 rFr) threw for 2,415 yards and 30 TD's as a senior in HS. Jimmy Skinner (6-3 175 rFr) was PS#84. This unit has a lot of potential, but naturally replacing a three year starter and 1st round DC, it will be impossible to match Leftwich's numbers.


Marshall
WR Darius Watts

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 Marshall had a very inexperienced RB corps that was hit hard by injuries and Franklin Wallace came out of nowhere to start the last six games and led the team with 633 yards (5.3). In 2001 he opened the year 3rd string but Wallace (2nd TM MAC) ended up leading the team in rushing again with 882 yards (5.2). Trod Buggs was the only healthy RB at times during the year and led the team in rushing three times. Last year everyone returned except for Buggs. Wallace and Brandon Carey were splitting attempts but then Wilbur Hargrove (5-10 172 So, 4.27 spd) had 153 yards on 16 carries against Buffalo. He would get just 13 carries the rest of the year. Carey led the team in rushing with 657 yards (4.4) and Wallace had 614 (4.8). The group loses Carey who had 1,174 all-purpose yards. Wallace benches 425 lbs and has 4.48 speed. James "Tank" Tunstalle (PS#76) was also recruited by ND and Florida St and redshirted last year. James Johnson (PS#193) is a Pittsburgh transfer who sat out last year. Earl Charles (PS#71JC), true frosh Geremy Rodamer (PS#69) and Marcus Fitzgerald (PS#97) are more solid additions. This group is much deeper than it was heading into last season.

RECEIVERS - Last year Marshall had three receivers returning who topped 1,000 yards in receptions in '01, and only had to replace their starting TE. They had an excellent replacement for him in Jason Rader (PS#6) a transfer from Georgia. Surprisingly in the first three games they had 26 dropped passes. Darius Watts and Josh Davis were nursing separated shoulders early in the year and their most dependable receiver, Curtis Jones, needed a cast on his wrist after UCF and then was lost for the year due to ankle surgery. They also lost backups Brad Bates and Chris Martin for the year to injuries. DeNero Marriott (13 sts), Josh Davis (10 sts) and Darius Watts (12 sts) came close to repeating 2001's feat of topping the 1,000 yard barrier again with Marriott coming up just short with 993 yards and the other two each topping 1,000 (see stats). This year they must replace Marriott who had 371 yards receiving in two GMAC Bowl games as well as backup WR's Demetrius Doss (13, 8.1) Curtis Jones (4 sts, 27 rec), and TE Eddie Smolder (2 sts, 2 rec). Jason Rader had 30 rec's in his first year as the starter, and will be one of the best TE's in the NCAA. The depth is not as solid as it was last year and they lose one of their 1,000 yard receivers, but this unit is still close to last year talent-wise.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 Marshall averaged 4.4 ypc rushing while allowing just 23 sacks (4.2%). Last year basically everyone returned including 4 full-time starters and eight of the top ten. Surprisingly they only averaged 3.9 ypc rushing (perhaps due to Leftwich's limited mobility) but did allow just 20 sacks (3.5%). This year they must replace C Jeff Edwards (13 sts, 2 yr st'r), RG Steven Parretta (13 sts, 2 yr st'r, 2nd Tm MAC), LT Steve Sciullo (13 sts, 4 yr st'r, #4DC of IND) as well as backup Paul Hardy. Joey Stepp has seen plenty of action at C and LG including four starts the last two years and should ably fill the C spot. RT Nate McPeek looks like one of the best in the conference. This looks like another solid Herd OL, but it is less experienced than last season, especially with the loss of three quality starters.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Herd had just one starter returning to the front wall. They allowed 4.8 ypc rushing while the team registered 35 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters but did have six of their top eight back including eleven players that saw action. Unfortunately two players were lost in August in DE Maurice McKinney and DT Josh Cordell. They had combined for 103 tackles and 18.5 tfl in 2001 so only four of the top eight were back. Marshall still trimmed its ypc allowed to 4.2 and the team recorded 29 sacks. This year the only loss is DT Orlando Washington (13 sts, 61 tkls, 5 sks, 2nd Tm MAC) so seven of the top eight return plus they also get McKinney back. Prior to 2001 Marshall generally had tough run defenses and I look for significant improvement in that area with a veteran group. They should also put more pressure on opposing QB's this year.

LINEBACKERS - Last season Marshall had to replace their top 5 LB's including the MAC Defensive POY. They moved the starting ROV into one LB spot, but the group as a whole was extremely inexperienced. This year they lose MLB Duran Smith (13 sts, #1 tkl'r w/160, 8 tfl, HM MAC). However five of the top six are back and they get some solid rFr added to the mix. This is the second year at the position for former ROV's JT Rembert and Charles Tynes while Kevin Atkins has a lot of potential at MLB. This unit is much more experienced than it was heading into last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 Marshall finished #65 in my pass D rankings and last year returned all four starters although one moved to LB so basically three starters were back. Even though the front seven was inexperienced, Marshall's secondary was solid allowing just 47.8% with a 10-15 ratio and moved up to #45 in the rankings. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are ROV Terence Tarpley (13 sts, 57 tkls, 2 int, 4.3 spd), CB Yancey Satterwhite (12 sts, 86 tkls, 3 int, 18 pbu, 4.35 spd) and FS Chris Crocker (#2 tkl'r, 10 pbu, 2nd Tm MAC, 4.4 spd, #3DC of CLE). One starter does return and there is some talent to fill in the gaps. I list the 2 deep below. While the unit does look decent, no doubt this year's group is less experienced than it was heading into last season, and I look for a drop in the rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Herd ranked in my top 25 in my special teams rankings in both 1998 (#21) and 1999 (#19). In 2000 they dropped down to #41 and in 2001 were still a respectable #39. A big key to the special teams was Curtis Head, a four year punter/kicker and KO man. He was back last year but they did have to replace LS Chris Massey (#7DC of STL) who had more than 500 snaps in his career without a single mistake. The team did have some problems in the coverage area as well as fielding punts during the course of the year causing Pruett some anxiety and as a result the team finished just #83 in my rankings. Head's net punting dropped from 39.6 to 36.6 which was still among the best in the country. Head was also excellent on KO's with a lot of touchbacks and the team allowed opponents to average just 18.3, 16.7 and 18.3 the last three years on KR's. The Herd has blocked 8 punts in the last five years. While a new punter and kicker must be found they do have some decent candidates. The last two years Marshall has had problems with KR's averaging just 16.8 and 15.7 and with PR's averaging just 6.4 and 4.8 and Pruett must address this in the offseason. Even with the loss of an outstanding K/P like Head, they could improve in the rankings with a better return game.

COACHES- Bob Pruett has done a tremendous job here. He was Florida's DC in 1994 and 1995 and came here in 1996. He has won five straight bowl games and owns five MAC Titles in six years. Pruett is an alumnus as he played ball here from 1962-'64. His OC is Mark McHale who has been the OL coach the last two years and his DC is Bill Wilt who was the DL coach two years ago before promotion to DC.

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Last year Marshall was ranked in both preseason polls for the first time in school history thanks in a large part to the presence of QB Byron Leftwich. Marshall had won every MAC Title since joining the conference until that streak ended in 2001 with the loss in the championship game to Toledo. They very rarely return a lot of starters. In fact, they had the fewest amount of returning starters in the MAC in both 2000 and 2001. They have twelve back this year which is on the low side once again. Last year Marshall did outgain MAC foes by 171.9 ypg and reclaimed their MAC Championship. This year they must replace QB Leftwich on offense and after averaging 39.4 and 35.2 ppg the last two years, I expect a good sized drop-off on that side of the ball. I only rate them the fourth best offense in the league for 2003. Last year prior to the season Pruett said the defense was very young and that 2003 would be the year in which they would be really strong. I agree, after allowing 28.4 and 24.2 ppg the last two years, this looks like Marshall's best defense in some time and I rate them #3 in the league. Marshall is an outstanding 95-5 SU at home but unfortunately they have road trips to Tennessee, Kansas St, W Michigan, Miami, OH and UCF (the latter 3 all tough in MAC play). Yes, Marshall clearly has the horses and is capable of repeating, but with the rest of the MAC conference around it improving each year and having to break in a new QB plus playing 3 tough MAC foes on the road, I will call for this to be the second time in 7 years that Marshall does not take home the MAC Title.

2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB Stan Hill Jr. 6-3 195 PS#130. 40 yds as rFr. 2 sts LY, 536 yds (62.7%) 5-5 ratio, 106 rush. Graham Gochneaur (6-4 226 Jr) 3200 yds at JC in 2001. Adam Black (6-6 208 rFr).

RB FRANKLIN WALLACE SR. 6-0 204 4.48 speed, 425 bench. 633 yds (5.3) rFr. 2nd Tm MAC in 2001, 882 (5.2). 12 sts LY 614 (4.8). James Tunstalle (6-1 218 rFr) PS#76.

WR Tremel Guillory Jr. 5-10 185 PS#221JUCO in for spring. Gavin Herscher (6-2 247 rFr) PS#296. Hiram Moore is PS#67. Scott Wilks (6-2 193 So) 7 tkls at LB in 2002.

WR JOSH DAVIS JR. 6-1 185 13 sts as rFr, 87 rec (12.0), **1st Tm MAC**. 10 sts LY, 75 (15.9). Brad Bates (5-10 166 Jr) 71 yds offense til inj LY. Nate Manns (6-3 218 So).

WR DARIUS WATTS SR. 6-2 181 13 sts in '01, 98 rec (15.8) **2nd Tm AA**. 12 sts LY, 71 rec (14.5), 1st Tm MAC, 4.37 spd. Jason Schroeder (6-2 212 rFr) 2 rec. Robby Isaacs (6-3 185 Jr).

TE JASON RADER SR. 6-4 260 **PS#6TE**. 1 st, 2 rec @ Georgia in 2000. 9 sts here LY, 30 rec (10.7). Joe Deifel (6-3 231 Jr) PS#145, 1 st, 3 rec LY. Jeff Mullins (6-3 249 So).

C Joey Stepp Sr. 6-1 302 3 games as rFr. 3 starts at C in 2001, lettered. 1 start @ LG in 2002. 12 games. 460 bench #1 team. Jarret Baisden (6-4 280 rFr) PS#178.

RG Toby Bullock Jr. 6-4 335 PS#73TE. 2nd string RG as rFr, 3 gms. Steve Bobrowski (6-2 290 So). Nathan Leslie (6-5 282 Sr) 21 tkls, 3Y as DT. Move to RG in spg.

LG LUKE SALMONS SR. 6-3 298 PS#153DL. 2nd string, 9 gms in '01. 12 sts in '02, 405 bench. Ricardo Phillips (6-5 282 Jr) 1L, 2nd string LY. Ryan Baynes (6-2 316 Sr) PS#295.

RT NATE McPEEK SR. 6-4 317 13 sts as **true**. 13 sts in 2001, **1st Tm MAC**. 13 sts in 2002, 460 bench, #1 on tm. Nate Griffin (6-5 334 Jr) PS#315, 2nd string last year.

LT Seth Cook rFr 6-5 286 PS#223. Josh Blakley (6-4 306 Jr) PS#239DL. 4 gms as rFr, 6 gms, 2nd string LT LY, 2L. Dwayne Robinson (6-3 313 Jr) PS#336, 2nd string.

K Ben Lewis Sr. 5-10 197 2-2 on xp's LY. Nick Kelly (6-0 215 Jr) PS#54. Jesse Cortez (5-6 176 rFr) PS#39. Jonathan Dudley (5-10 174 rFr). Ian O'Conner is PS#99.

DEFENSE

DE JONATHAN GOODARD SR. 6-0 246 22 tkls in '01. 12 sts LY, 68 tkls, 3 sks, 11 tfl, 10 pbu, 400 bench. Marcus Hairston (6-3 236 Jr) PS#182, 2 sts, 34 tkls LY. Kingsley Clark (6-4 195 Jr) PS#370.

DT Marlan Hicks Sr. 6-3 295 **PS#23**. 8 sts, 42 tkls, 4 tfl in 2001. 14 tkls LY. **Reggie Hayes** (6-3 278 Jr) PS#98TE, 42 tkls, 2 tfl in '02. Jamaal Whyce (6-2 280 Jr) PS#256JC.

NT TORIANO BROWN SR. 6-0 275 PS#108. 2 sts, 32 tkls in '01. 13 sts LY, 91 tkls, 5 sks, 9 tfl, **2nd Tm MAC**. Roger Garrett (6-1 265 Fr) Hargrave LY. Nate Howard (6-4 275 Fr).

DE JAMUS MARTIN JR. 6-2 224 12 sts LY, **2nd Tm MAC**, 100 tkls, 5 sks, 14 tfl. **Maurice McKinney** (6-3 245 Sr) 3 sts, 45 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl in '01. Paul Sinclair (6-1 262 Sr) 27 tkls LY.

ILB JT REMBERT JR. 6-1 227 PS#296DB. 20 tkls as **true**. 8 sts LY, 72 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 int. Dionte' Wilson (6-2 221 Jr) PS#226. 5 sts, 54 tkls, 7 tfl LY. Ashley McNeely (6-1 200 So) PS#283.

MLB Kevin Atkins Jr. 6-3 237 PS#170. 13 tkls as **true**, orig committed to Ohio St. 34 tkls, 1 tfl in '02. Demarcus Thomas (6-1 251 So) 16 tkls LY. David Belcher (6-0 205 rFr) PS#289.

WLB CHARLES TYNES SR. 6-0 194 PS#225DB. 6 sts, 43 tkls, 7 tfl in '00. 9 sts, 46 tkls, 8 tfl in '01. 12 sts, 79 tkls, 7 tfl LY. Gladstone Coke (5-9 196 Sr) 1 st, 20 tkls LY. Peyton Harris PS#194DB.

CB ROBERTO TERRELL JR. 5-8 175 1 st as rFr, 34 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. 13 sts LY, 54 tkls, 3 int, **15 pbu**, 37" VL, 208 ret yds. Chris Royal (5-9 176 So) Fork Union. 8 tkls as "**true**" LY.

CB Willie Smith Jr. 6-0 194 PS#341. 1 st in 2002, 28 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu, 1 tfl, 4.4 spd. Renaldo Williams (5-9 179 Jr) PS#370RB, 25 tkls, 2Y. Jimmy Tyson (5-7 170 Jr).

ROV Donte Newsome So. 5-11 201 PS#156RB. 9 tkls as **true**, 1 tfl, 12 gms. Garrett Morrison (6-0 194 Jr) 5 yds rushing at RB as **true**. 9 tkls LY. Ivan Clark (5-9 180 rFr) PS#318WR.

FS Moriah Anderson Jr. 6-2 188 PS#130QB. 1 start, 4 tkls as **true**. 11 games, 25 tkls, 1 pbu in 2002. Dorian Williams (5-8 169 Jr) PS#450RB. Kyle Whitehurst (6-0 165 rFr).

P BEN LEWIS SR. 5-10 197 3 punts LY, 39.0 avg. Graham Gochneaur (QB) is in the mix. Klint Rose (6-3 204 rFr) had 39.5 avg in HS. Ian O'Connor (6-2 185 Fr) PS#99.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

WR	Hiram Moore 6-0 185 PS#67	
RB	Geremy Rodamer 6-0 181 PS#69	
TE	Brian Shope 6-5 230 PS#40	
RB	Marcus Fitzgerald 5-11 190 PS#97	
RB	Earl Charles 6-1 215 PS#71JC	
OL	John Inman 6-5 310 PS#178	
OL	Nate Howard 6-4 275 PS#202	
OL	David Ziegler 6-5 280 PS#246	
WR	Tremel Guillory 5-10 185 PS#221JC	
DL	Jamaal Whyce 6-2 280 PS#256JC	
LB	Matt Couch 6-2 222 PS#388	
DB	Travis Noel 6-2 185 PS#398	
OL	Byron Tinker 6-4 225 PS#492	
DL	Roger Garrett 6-1 265 PS#494	

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MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#92

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	Hofstra	A					
Sep. 6	at Tennessee	G					
Sep. 12	Toledo (Fri)	A					
Sep. 20	at Kansas St	A					
Sep. 27	at Troy St	A					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	Kent St (HC)	A					
Oct. 18	at Buffalo	G					
Oct. 25	at W Michigan	A					
Nov. 1	Akron	A					
Nov. 8							
Nov. 12	at Miami, Oh (Wed)	G					
Nov. 19	at UCF (Wed)	G					
Nov. 28	Ohio U (Fri)	A					

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Marshall is 18-10-2 ATS as a home favorite since 1996.
The Herd are 3-0 SU & ATS vs Ball St, outscoring them 122-40.
Marshall & UCF could become a huge rivalry in the MAC Conference.

Marshall has not lost a non-lined game since 1995.
Hofstra was 6-6 LY as an Atlantic 10 member. They won the conf in 2001.

Thundering Herd are 0-5 ATS vs non-conference foes the last 3 years.
Marshall is 3-7 ATS on grass the last 3 years, including bowls.

Herd is just 1-3-1 ATS L/5 vs the Rockets, avg combine score is 60.8.
Marshall is 1-4 ATS in their last 5 MAC Conference openers.

First meeting between the schools & also 1st time MU will play a Big 12 tm.
Could apply: The Herd is 0-6 ATS the last 3 years as an away dog.

The Herd are 5-10-1 ATS the last 16 games as a double digit favorite.
Marshall is 9-2 SU & 6-3 ATS the week prior to a bye since 1997.

Pending 9/12: MU is 18-0 SU & 11-4-2 ATS at home vs Ohio teams since '98.
MU is 6-0 SU & 4-2 ATS vs KSU outscoring them by an avg of 38-16 ppg.

Herd are 4-0 SU & only 2-2 ATS, but have outscored the Bulls 206-52.
Marshall is 7-14 ATS their last 21 MAC Conference away games.

Pending 9/27: MU came into 2003 at 2-5 ATS the L5Y in their 2nd of B2B AG's.
In 1999 & 2000 these schools met twice in each season splitting 2-2 ATS.

The Herd are 4-1 SU, but 1-3-1 ATS vs Akron since 1997.
Marshall is 17-3 SU & 11-7 ATS the last 6 years in November.

Bonus: MU is 95-5 SU at Marshall Stadium & have gone undefeated 8 of the last 12 years, pending earlier results.

MU is 2-5 ATS in November away games the last 3 years.
Marshall is 5-0 SU & ATS vs the Redhawks in their last 5 meetings.

Marshall won 26-21 last year, but did not cover as 11 pt favorites.
Thundering Herd are 1-4 ATS in their away finale the last 5 years.

Marshall is 5-1 SU but 2-4 ATS vs Ohio University since '97.
Excluding MAC Title gms, MU is 6-0 SU & 4-0 ATS in home finales.

BOB PRUETT (Career 80-13)

8th Year at Marshall

Pruett's records AT MARSHALL

80-13 Straight Up
34-29-2 Vs The Spread
6-4 Off A SU Loss
28-24-2 Vs Conference
18-10-2 Home Favorite
2-0 Home Dog
11-13 Away Favorite
3-6 Away Dog
6-5 Vs Non-Conf

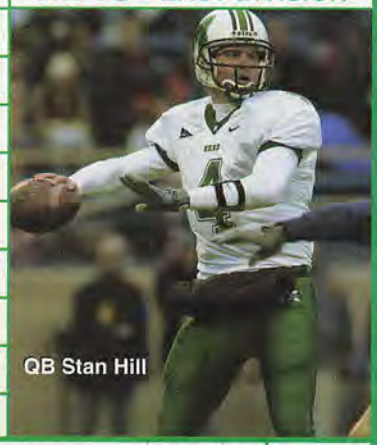
2002 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (15,25,2)
Lost: 18 (10,6,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 27,789

MAC - EAST DIVISION


QB Stan Hill

STADIUM: MARSHALL UNIVERSITY STADIUM (38,016)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	15-0	10-2	11-1	12-0	7-5	10-2	10-2	75-12
ATS	1-0	10-1	4-6	8-3	3-8	4-5-1	4-6-1	34-29-2
Home Fav	1-0	5-0	3-2	4-2	2-2	1-2-1	2-2-1	18-10-2
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	2-0
Away Fav	0-0	3-1	0-4	4-1	0-2	3-2	1-3	11-13
Away Dog	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-4	0-1	0-1	3-6
Favorite	1-0	8-1	3-6	8-3	2-4	4-4-1	3-5-1	29-23-2
Dog	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	1-4	0-1	1-1	5-6
Grass	0-0	1-1	1-2	4-0	0-3	1-2	0-2	7-10
Artificial	1-0	9-0	3-4	4-3	3-5	3-3-1	4-4-1	27-19-2
vs Conf	0-0	8-1	3-6	6-3	3-6	4-4-1	4-4-1	28-24-2
vs Non-Conf	1-0	2-0	1-0	2-0	0-2	0-1	0-2	6-5
Off SU Win	0-0	7-1	3-5	7-3	1-5	4-4-1	3-5-1	25-23-2
Off SU Loss	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	2-3	0-0	1-1	6-4

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brandon Carey	150	687	30	657	4	4.4
Butchie Wallace	129	630	16	614	7	4.8
Wilbur Hargrove	36	230	10	220	1	6.1
Stan Hill	33	106	49	57	4	1.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Byron Leftwich	491	331	67.4	4268	30	10
Stan Hill	83	52	62.7	536	5	5
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Josh Davis	75	1191	15.9	5	76	
Darius Watts	71	1030	14.5	12	58	
Denero Marriott	86	993	11.5	8	40	
Curtis Jones	27	471	17.4	2	38	
Brandon Carey	42	386	9.2	1	44	
Jason Rader	30	320	10.7	2	41	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Curtis Head	42	1809	43.1	65	–	1	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Curtis Head	49-53	6-7	5-5	4-7	1-2	16-21	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Duran Smith	160	2	6	0	1
Chris Crocker	126	2	3	10	0
Toriano Brown	91	5	9	2	0
Yancey Satterwhite	86	2	0	18	3
Charlie Tynes	79	3	4	5	1
J.T. Rembert	72	2	2	1	2
Jonathan Goddard	68	3	11	10	0
Orlando Washington	61	5	7	1	1
Terence Tarpley	57	0	2	5	2
Dionte' Wilson	54	2	5	0	1
Roberto Terrell	54	0	1	15	3
Reggie Hayes	42	1	1	1	0
Marcus Hairston	34	1	4	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Josh Davis	14	93	6.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Roberto Terrell	8	171	21.4	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Motor City	+3	Louisville	48-29	W
99	Motor City	-3	BYU	21-3	W
00	Motor City	+2'	Cincinnati	25-14	W
01	GMAC	+2	E Carolina (2OT)	64-61	W
02	GMAC	-2'	Louisville	38-15	W

MARSHALL'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	35.2	25	126	3.9	370	66.6	14.1	-7	2002	6	24.2	18	173	4.2	161	47.8	13.6
6*	39.4	27	149	4.4	367	65.6	13.1	+4	2001	4	28.4	23	226	4.8	196	51.6	14.9
5	28.2	20	113	3.6	293	60.4	14.4	+5	2000	6	22.8	20	169	4.0	181	55.4	15.3
9*	35.6	22	141	4.1	316	66.6	12.8	+16	1999	10	10.5	18	92	2.5	194	52.5	27.2
7*	31.2	24	148	3.9	301	64.8	14.4	+12	1998	5	18.2	18	124	3.0	203	54.4	17.8
3	37.2	23	140	4.5	310	58.0	12.1	+5	1997	5	19.9	20	183	4.0	175	47.3	18.0

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Appalachian St	29	39-136	3.5	28-43	498	3	9	36-76	2.1	9-24	64	3	-1
at Virginia Tech	25	16-34	2.1	36-56	442	2	28	66-395	6.0	5-12	101	1	-3
UCF	27	42-171	4.1	28-49	340	1	18	31-138	4.5	17-34	260	0	+1
at Kent St	30	41-268	6.5	31-45	377	0	18	36-262	7.3	12-19	145	3	0
Buffalo	28	31-248	8.0	31-40	485	2	21	42-239	5.7	14-36	139	4	+2
Troy St	19	32-90	2.8	23-35	275	2	17	47-63	1.3	10-25	101	5	+1
at C Michigan	22	30-92	3.1	29-42	374	1	22	48-208	4.3	15-32	183	2	-1
at Akron	24	30-76	2.5	33-52	344	2	14	41-156	3.8	11-22	132	3	-6
Miami, Oh	24	35-108	3.1	25-39	292	2	18	36-127	3.5	16-33	247	3	-1
at Ohio U	25	42-175	4.2	21-34	259	1	17	44-201	4.6	8-19	124	1	-1
Ball St	29	30-92	3.1	44-54	465	2	14	28-105	3.8	14-25	177	0	+1
Toledo	20	18-46	2.6	32-42	404	0	22	47-217	4.6	23-37	221	1	-1
† Louisville	23	30-99	3.3	22-44	249	2	20	26-56	2.2	21-48	205	3	+2
TOTALS	325	416-1635	3.9	383-575	4804	20	238	528-2243	4.2	175-366	2099	29	-7
AVERAGES	25.0	32-126	3.9	29-44	370	1.5	18.3	41-173	4.2	13-28	161	2.2	-0.5

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Akron	-16	27-16	L
Troy St	NL	42-12	–
at S Carolina	+5	24-21	W
at E Michigan	-14'	26-23	L
Miami, Oh	-2'	31-17	W
at Ohio U	-8'	30-23	L
Kent St	-35'	42-7	L
Ball St	-30	42-10	W
at Bowling Green	-11'	13-34	L
C Michigan	-19	28-0	W
Wofford	NL	29-27	–

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Clemson	-2'	13-10	W
Liberty	NL	63-3	–
Bowling Green	-22	35-16	L
Temple	-28	34-0	W
at Miami, Oh	-4	32-14	W
Toledo	-23	38-13	W
at Buffalo	-44	59-3	W
N Illinois	-26	41-9	W
at Kent St	-34	28-16	L
at W Michigan	-11'	31-17	W
Ohio U	-25'	34-3	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Missouri St	NL	63-7	–
at Michigan St	+8	24-34	L
at N Carolina	+3	15-20	L
Buffalo	-43'	47-14	L
W Michigan	-6'	10-30	L
at Toledo	+7	0-42	L
Kent St	-21	34-12	W
at Akron	-4	31-28	L
at Bowling Green	-8'	20-13	L
Miami, Oh	-5'	51-31	W
at Ohio U	+3	28-38	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida	+31	14-49	L
Massachusetts	NL	49-20	–
Bowling Green	-5	37-31	W
at N Illinois	-1	37-15	W
at Buffalo	-25	34-14	L
C Michigan	-23'	42-21	L
Akron	-17	50-33	T
at Kent St	-13	42-21	W
at Miami, Oh	-3	27-21	W
Ohio U	-24'	42-18	L
Youngstown St	NL	38-24	–

2002 RESULTS

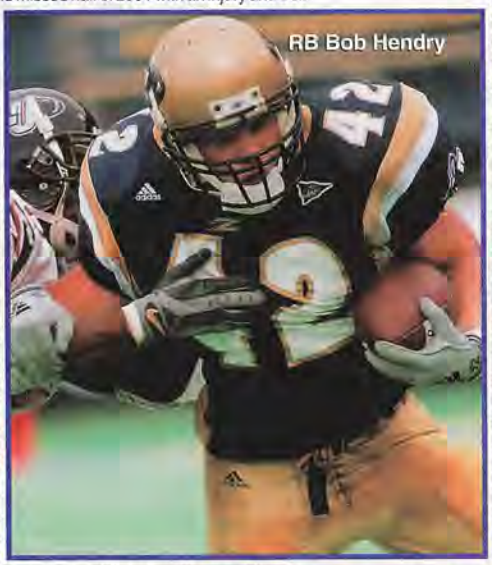
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Appalachian St	NL	50-17	–
at Virginia Tech	+11	21-47	L
UCF	-11	26-21	L
at Kent St	-14	42-21	W
Buffalo	-31	66-21	W
Troy St	-20	24-7	L
at C Michigan	-20'	23-18	L
at Akron	-17'	20-34	L
Miami, Oh	+2'	36-34	W
at Ohio U	-15	24-21	L
Ball St	-15	38-14	W

AKRON ZIPS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Akron had to replace their career passing leader, Butchie Washington. W Virginia transfer Nick Sparks, who is a Michael Vick-type with 4.38 speed won the starting spot but was injured in the opener and Charlie Frye took over as starter. The QB coach said about Frye, "I've never been around a QB who worked harder and watched more film." Frye became just the 4th QB in school history to top 2,000 yards passing in a season setting Akron records for completions (170) and completion % (58.8). He grew two inches and added 35 pounds in his redshirt year. He has NFL-type size at 6-4 213 and benches 300 lbs. Last year he threw for 2,824 yards smashing his 2001 school record for completion percentage with an outstanding 65.8% with a 15-9 ratio despite playing most of the season with a broken thumb suffered vs C Michigan. He also rushed for 416 gross yards. Sparks was the backup at the start of the year and played in two games but then moved full-time to receiver. Micah Faler got in 11 games throwing for 31 yards (53.8%) with a 2-1 ratio. Jonathan Gill (6-2 217 Sr) adds depth but has played in just one game in three years as a walk-on. This year they add two top-notch signees in Jabari Arthur (6-4 212 Fr) who was the top QB coming out of Canada and John Ferguson (PS#71) who threw for 2,019 yards and 21 TD's as a junior but may have been rated lower out of high school since his team switched to the wishbone last year and he threw for just 777 yards. Frye should be one of the top QB's in the country.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 Brandon Payne became the first Zip RB to ever top 1,000 yards in IA ball (Akron joined IA in '87) as he had 1,062 yards (4.8). He missed half of 2001 with an injury and Bob Hendry took over as the feature back with 819 yards (5.1). Hendry, a slashing Marcus Allen-type RB, was bothered by a hamstring injury during the preseason and in the first 6 games last year had just 236 yards. Over the last six games, however, Hendry rushed for 785 yards (130.8 ypg) and became the second back in Zip history to top the magical 1,000 yard barrier averaging a nifty 4.9 ypc. He is back for his senior season. They must replace Payne who had 456 yards (4.7) and had 7 starts last year. He was #2 on the team in rec's setting single season and career school records for rec's by a RB. I list the RB's below. Thomas Plummer was heavily recruited by both Notre Dame and Stanford and was a standout in Canada but he played in just four games last year as a rFr with 84 yards rushing. Also in the mix are Jerell Ringer (5-10 205 So) who had 73 total yards, and Matt Carter (5-9 182 Sr) who has over 1,300 yards in returns over two years. FB Dan Basch also returns after redshirting last year. They have talented backups and their feature back is returning so, this unit looks to be in great shape.


RB Bob Hendry

RECEIVERS - Last year the Zips had to replace their #3 all-time leading receiver in Jake Schifino (#5DC of TEN) as well as their starting TE and #3WR. Their top WR did return in Matt Cherry and he was the go-to guy early on including 12 rec for 154 yards against Miami. Unfortunately Cherry was injured and played in just seven games but was still the #3 receiver with 35 (13.2). Toledo transfer Miquel Irvin (PS#83) took over and led the team with a school record 53 rec's (10.1). Nick Sparks moved to WR full-time and got in six starts (26 rec) and Morris Ellington added four starts (31 rec). The good news is that everyone returns. The only loss from this group is TE Nick Fortener (4 sts, 9 rec, 15.7). I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Not listed are Jason Montgomery (5-11 167 So, 5 rec), Jamie Goodwin (5-10 164 So, 2 sts), Bates Szakos (6-3 187 Sr) and TE Terry Harris (6-2 264 rFr). With Sparks now in his second year at receiver and provided Cherry stays healthy, this group has added talent and much more experience.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Zips averaged 3.9 ypc rushing while allowing 20 sacks. Last year the losses were heavy as they had to replace four full-time starters. Despite having just one starter back the unit did maintain good health as the same five started the first ten games together and they paved the way for 3.9 ypc rushing while allowing 34 sacks. This should be one of, if not the best MAC OL this year. All five starters return and it's a good sized group averaging 309 lbs per man. These guys are also strong with the average bench press being 460 lbs.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 the star of the D-line was Dwayne LeFall who had 9 tfl as a true frosh. He missed 2001 due to academics and although four players returned with starting experience the Zips yielded 4.6 ypc rushing while recording just 27 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter, so they had three starters back plus the return of LeFall. After a slow start to the season, the Zips got much tougher versus the run down the stretch (see Phil's Forecast). For the year they allowed 4.08 ypc rushing but recorded just 12 sacks. This year they have to replace DT Ryan Gargasz (12 sts, 50 tkls, 4 tfl), DT Ryan Schultz (11 sts, 24 tkls, 4 tfl) and DE Josh Hill (20 tkls, 4 sks). I look for a much better year out of LeFall who is the best athlete up front, and they have good size at DT. Also watch Jermaine Reid who was rated the eighth best prospect overall in Canada. Despite the losses, I look for continued improvement from the D-line.

LINEBACKERS - The Zips had to replace three of their top six LB's last year. They did return Ryan Myers who led the team in tackles in 2001. Chase Blackburn emerged as the leader of the defense in his first year starting at MLB. He was a DE in 2001 as a true frosh. He led the team with 96 tackles and 12 tfl and has been moved to WLB so Diontre Earl could move in. Earl had his high school jersey retired and missed 2001 with injury, but returned last year and had 67 tackles and 12 tfl. This year the only losses from the unit are SLB Myers (12 sts, 80 tkls, 6 tfl) and Ryan Neer (7 tkls). They should get more of a contribution from Ryan Robinette, an E Michigan transfer who missed seven games last year to injury and they add in a couple of JUCO's as well. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Mark Groza (6-3 224 rFr), Doug Sutton (6-4 225 Sr) who had 21 tackles and 5 tfl in 2001 and Tom Enright (6-0 234 rFr). This unit has more experience than it did heading into last year and has added a couple of quality players.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Akron had seven of their top eight DB's return in 2000 including CB Dwight Smith. In 2001 they basically lost all four starters including 3rd round NFL DC Smith and plummeted to #106 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace two starters. Akron's secondary took on six of the top sixteen QB's nationally based on the pass efficiency ratings in Brad Banks (#1), Byron Leftwich (#2), Ryan Schnieder (#4), Matt Schaub (#6), Scott McBrien (#12) and Ben Roethlisberger (#16). The team only finished #111 in my pass D rankings allowing 62.9% with a 20-9 ratio. This season they lose two starters once again in SS Marcus Suber (9 sts, 63 tkls, 2 tfl) and CB Corvin Amos (9 sts, 42 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu) as well as backups FS Chris Williams (1 st, 46 tkls, 2 int) and SS Jason Hartman (3rd string, 3 tkls). Five of the top eight are back. SS John Fuller does have 13 starts over the last two years and CB Jesse Smith (4.36 spd) was expected to start last year but was injured. AU should easily improve upon last year's poor pass D finish.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Zips had shown improvement each year under Coach Owens ranking #77 in my special teams rankings in 1998, moving up to #72 in 1999, #60 in 2000 and #49 in 2001. That did not even include FG accuracy as Zac Derr was one of the nation's best and a Groza semifinalist. Last year they had to replace Derr and started a true frosh in Billy Sullivan (PS#27) at kicker. He hit a respectable 7 of 14 with a long of 47 and two of his misses were blocks. Overall the unit slipped to #92. P Andy Jerdon, in his third year, had his best overall average of 40.3 but the net punting slipped to 31.4. Akron did give up two TD's on returns and also had 3 punts blocked. KR Matt Carter set a school record with 867 KR yards (24.1) despite missing the 1st two games. Matt Cherry had an outstanding 16.3 on 10 PR's in 2001 but was injured most of last year and should return to form. I think all of the key players on this special teams unit are all-conference caliber, and this should be one of the best special teams units in the MAC.

COACHES - Head coach Lee Owens now enters his ninth year and was on the hotseat last year after an 0-6 start but beating Marshall and finishing 4-2 helped him stay on. Interestingly his cell phone was shut off prior to the team banquet at the end of the season and speculation was rampant that he'd been fired. When given the nod of approval to stay he said, "I feel like I have come back from the dead." AU is 17-13 in the MAC the last four years. OC Paul Winters has been at Akron 9 years and is also the Zips fifth all-time leading rusher. Last year's offense set single season records for total offense (4,852) and passing yards (2,962). DC Joe Tresey enters his second season and he was the DC at Otterbein from 1995 to 1998 and the DB coach at VMI from 1999 to 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Akron's defense was playing its best ball down the stretch as they allowed 259.8 ypg rushing in the first four games and 43.8 ppg the first six but 19.3 ppg in the last six. In the last eight games they yielded just 121.1 rush ypg. In four of the last five games they allowed 2.8, 2.5, 1.0 and 2.1 ypc rushing and in the last two games yielded just 238 ypg and 10 ppg. Akron beat a Top 25 team for the first time when they upended Marshall. The Zips had six straight losing seasons before recording back to back winning years in 1999 and 2000 and Coach Lee Owens was a candidate for the Ohio St job after that 2000 season. They were MAC East Co-Champions that year coming within :26 of beating Marshall for the outright title. In their 100 years of college football, however, which has been mostly as a Div II and IAA team (moved to IA in 1987) Akron still has zero league championships. In 2001 they had the second fewest starters returning in the MAC (12) and dropped to 4-7 as injuries also hurt them. Akron has done very well vs MAC East foes going 15-9 over the last four years including their upset of Marshall last season which saved Coach Owens' job. The Zips had their chances last year as they only trailed UCF by 4 after 3Q's and led Miami (OH) 14-0 early on. Despite their 3-5 record in league play, they outscored and outgained their MAC conference opposition. This year the Zips have 17 starters returning which is the most in the league and they return 73% of their lettermen which is also a league high. The schedule maker was kind as they pull E Michigan from the West and face two beatable MAC East opponents at home. Owens calls this his best team yet (2000 team Co-MAC East Title and 1999 was 7-4). Overall they have ten senior starters which ties them for third best in the conference. With the addition of two IAA schools to the schedule, Akron has the talent and the schedule to bag a winning season both in MAC play and overall and are just an upset or two from being a darkhorse contender in the MAC East.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CHARLIE FRYE JR. 6-4 213 Strong arm. 10 sts as rFr, 2053 yds (59%), 9-6 ratio. Grew 2" & +35 lbs. 12 sts LY, 2824 yds (66%) 15-9 ratio, 416 rush. Micah Faler (6-1 177 Jr) PS#153.

RB BOB HENDRY SR. 5-10 206 #1 in '01 w/819 yds (5.1), 4.46 spd. 7 sts LY, 1021 yds (4.9) incl 785 L/6. Thomas Plummer (6-0 205 So) Canadian recruit by ND. 84 yds, 4 gms LY.

FB DAN BASCH JR. 6-1 249 8 gms in '01, 228 yds (6.5) until inj. 2 sts in '02, 72 yds but RS. Ashanti Barbee (5-11 252 Sr) W Virg trans. 6 sts at FB LY, 248 yds tot off 2Y.

WR MIQUEL IRVIN SR. 6-1 190 PS#83. Toledo transfer. School rec 53 rec (10.1), 11 sts here LY. **Nick Sparks** (6-3 215 Sr) 1 st at QB in '01. 6 sts at WR LY, 26 rec (13.0).

WR MATT CHERRY SR. 6-1 202 PS#177. #1 in '01 w/48 rec (13.1). 6 sts LY (miss 5 inj) still 35 rec (13.2). Morris Ellington (5-11 181 Jr) 4 sts in '02, 31 rec (9.9).

TE MIKE BRAKE SR. 6-4 256 PS#297DL. 1 st, 1 rec as rFr. 7 rec in '01. 5 sts in '02, 14 rec (15.4). Aaron Holderman (6-1 252 rFr) PS#423LB. Matt Pichardo is PS#53TE.

C JIM BORRIECI JR. 6-3 302 PS#467OL. Little action in '01. All 12 sts at C LY, added 22 lbs. 450 bench. Mike Grzeskowiak (6-6 339 Jr) PS#283OL, 2 letters as bkup.

RG MIKE PICCIRILLO SR. 6-2 320 PS#358OL. 10 gms in '01, 1L. All 12 sts at RG LY, +25 lbs. 470 bench. #4 OH hvywt wrest in HS. Mike Donaldson (6-5 322 rFr) PS#142.

LG AARON CONLEY JR. 6-3 292 PS#272OL. 11 sts as rFr. All 12 sts at LG in '02. 450 bench. Aaron Feller (6-4 319 Jr) 2nd string in '02, 2 sts, added 30 lbs.

RT JUD CUMMINS SR. 6-4 315 PS#449OL. 2nd string in '01, lettered. 12 sts at RT in 2002, 470 bench, added 21 lbs. Justin Hein (6-5 335 So) PS#218, lettered in '02.

LT BRYAN SHAW SR. 6-3 318 PS#410OL. 2nd string as rFr. 7 games in '01. 10 sts at LT in '02 (inj'd 2), 460 bench. Added 35 lbs. Tim Crouch (6-3 290 rFr) PS#438.

K BILLY SULLIVAN SO. 5-11 179 PS#27. Hit 11 of 13 FG's in HS. Hit 7 of 14 FG's as **true** here LY, long of 47 including 2 of 4 from 40-49. Jason Swiger (5-9 170 So).

DE Brian White So. 6-2 249 PS#138LB. Took off RS wk 3 as **true**, 11 tkls, 1 sk. Jermaine Reid (6-4 265 rFr) **PS#181DL, Canadian**. Tim Wilkes (6-0 243 So) PS#290.

DT Antonio Shippy So. 6-1 336 PS#161DL. Huge. 2 sts, 6 tkls as **true**. Andy Wills (6-3 297 So) move from OL, 3 tkls **as true**. Dorian Beard (6-0 260 Jr) 1 st, 8 tkls LY.

DT MARQUES HAYES SR. 6-1 263 PS#131LB. 18 tkls in 2000. 4.6 spd. 400 bench. 51 tkls, 6 sks at DE in '01. 12 sts at DT LY, 35 tkls, 7 tfl. Bobby Gardner (6-4 266 Jr) 1 sk, 7 gms LY.

DE DWAYNE LeFALL JR. 6-3 251 Best athlete on DL. 3 sts as **true**, 18 tkls, 4.5 sks, 4 tfl, RS in '01. 10 sts LY, 22 tkls, 5 tfl. Charlton Lewis (6-3 258 Jr). Jacob Leota (6-3 260) PS#423JC.

WLB CHASE BLACKBURN JR. 6-3 245 PS#292. 16 tkls, 5 tfl as **true**. 11 sts LY, #1 w/96 tkls, 2 sks, 10 tfl at MLB. Jay Rohr (5-11 207 So) 8 tkls as **true**. Brad Sheldon (6-2 220 So) 3 tkls.

MLB DIONTRE EARL SO. 5-10 245 PS#277. 12 sts as rFr, 67 tkls, 12 tfl @ WLB. Joe Radich (6-1 247 Jr) 1 st, 31 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Ryan Robinette (6-2 224 Jr), E Mich trans, 3 sts, 20 tkls as **true**.

SLB Jared Smith Jr. 6-2 236 PS#417JUCO in for spg. Matt Robinson (6-1 241 Sr) 1 st in '00. 12 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Cam Yeow (6-1 230 Jr) PS#149JUCO, 13 sks at JC 2 years.

CB RICKEY McKENZIE SR. 6-0 188 PS#460, 1 st as **true**, 3 pbu. 9 sts in '01. 31 tkls, 3 int, 8 pbu. 8 sts at CB LY, 37 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu. Montae Russell (5-9 180 Jr) 1 st, 4 tkls LY.

CB Jesse Smith Sr. 6-1 191 PS#385. 4.36 spd. L/2 sts in '01, 23 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. Inj LY. Mike Bradshaw (5-11 171 rFr). Reggie Corner (5-9 162 Fr) PS#161WR. Diont Henry PS#213.

SS John Fuller Jr. 6-2 205 9 sts in '01. 62 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. 4.54 spd. 4 sts LY, 29 tkls. Jason Nedd (5-10 190 Fr) PS#456. Canadian in for spg. Chevin Pace is PS#159LB.

FS DOMENIK HIXON SO. 6-2 193 Last 8 sts as **true**, 65 tkls, 1 tfl, 2 pbu. Greg Williams (5-10 200 Jr) PS#285. 5 sts at CB LY, 22 tkls, 3 pbu. Richard Spaulding (6-2 205 So).

P ANDY JERDON SR. 5-11 222 52 punts in 2000. 39.7 avg net of 34.8. 54 punts in '01. 38.2 avg, net of 32.4. 46 punts in 2002. #4 in MAC, 40.3 avg, net of 31.4.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

QB	John Ferguson 6-6 220 PS#71
TE	Matt Pichardo 6-5 225 PS#53
LB	Chevin Pace 5-10 190 PS#159
TE	Dennis Basch 6-4 220 PS#62
OL	Scott Kaplan 6-5 330 PS#244
DB	Dionte Henry 5-11 195 PS#213
LB	Cam Yeow 6-1 230 PS#149JC
WR	Andrew Higgins 6-3 200 PS#244
LB	John Mackey 5-10 185 PS#318
QB	Anthony Showers 6-2 215 PS#226
DL	Sam Walker 6-3 255 PS#323
LB	Bryan Howe 6-0 230 PS#332
RB	Chris Myrick 5-10 185 PS#314
OL	Mike Schepp 6-5 255 PS#520

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#117

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score AU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Akron has not played Toledo since 1998, but is 0-5 SU & ATS vs the Rockets the last 5 meetings, being outscored by an avg of 36-14. Akron is 14-7 ATS as a home dog since 1996.
Aug. 28	Kent St (Thur)	A						The Zips are 6-0 SU & 4-2 ATS vs Kent St the last 6 years. Akron is 6-1 ATS their last 7 home openers.
Sep. 6	at Wisconsin	A						Akron is 5-11 ATS in Sept road games since 1995. AU is 0-5 SU & 1-4 ATS L/5 vs the Big 10, being outscored on avg 45-16.
Sep. 13	E Michigan	A						The Zips are 0-5 ATS vs E Michigan their last 5 meetings. Akron is 9-4 ATS at home in September the last 13 (0-3 ATS L/3).
Sep. 20	Howard	A						Howard was 6-5 SU overall in 2002 & 4-4 in MEAC. Akron is 6-4-1 SU in non-lined games since 1990.
Sep. 27	at Buffalo	G						The Zips are 1-8 ATS their last 9 years in conference road openers. Akron is 10-18-1 ATS on grass since 1995.
Oct. 4	at Miami, Oh	G						Akron is only 1-4 SU vs Miami but are 3-1-1 ATS since 1998. Zips are 3-11 ATS in their 2nd straight away game since 1995.
Oct. 11	Cal-Poly (HC)	A						The "SLO" Mustangs were 3-8 SU last year (0-2 LY vs MAC). Cal-Poly lost 44-16 to Toledo & 37-34 to Kent St last year.
Oct. 18	UCF	A						In this new MAC East rivalry, AU has covered 2 of 3 meetings being outscored by an average of 36-23, but the Zips hold a 447-423 ypg edge.
Oct. 25	at UConn	G						Only meeting was in 2000. UConn won 38-35, covering as 22 pt dogs... and in that game there were 49 FD's and 830 total yards of offense.
Nov. 1	at Marshall	A						Akron is 4-7-1 ATS the last 12 November road games. Zips are 1-4 SU but 3-1-1 ATS their last 5 vs Marshall.
Nov. 8	at C Michigan	A						The dog is 7-3 ATS the last 10 meetings in this series. Akron is 5-7 SU but 7-4-1 ATS the last 12 years in road finales.
Nov. 15	Ohio	A						Akron is 8-4-1 SU & 7-4 ATS the last 11 home finales since 1990. The home team is 8-2 ATS the last 10 series meetings.
Nov. 22								
Nov. 29								

LEE OWENS (Career 33-56)
9th Year at Akron
Owens' records AT AKRON

33-56	Straight Up	7-6	Home Favorite
40-46-2	Vs The Spread	15-10	Home Underdog
20-29-2	Off A SU Loss	5-6	Away Favorite
30-34-2	Vs Conference	13-24-2	Away Underdog
		10-12	Vs Non-Conf

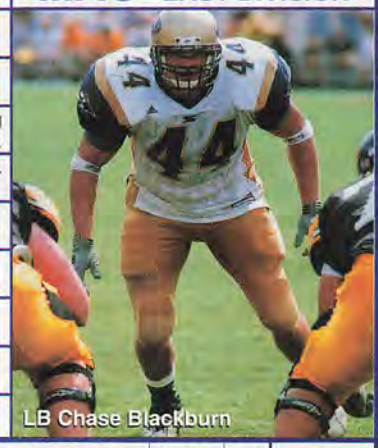
2002 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 11*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (26,19,2)
Lost: 17 (8,9,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 11,600

MAC - EAST DIVISION


LB Chase Blackburn

STADIUM: RUBBER BOWL (35,202)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	2-9	4-7	7-4	6-5	4-7	4-8	31-47
ATS	6-5	5-6	6-5	5-5-1	7-4	4-6-1	4-7	37-38-2
Home Fav	1-0	1-0	1-1	2-1	1-1	0-2	0-1	6-6
Home Dog	3-1	3-0	2-1	1-1	3-1	1-1	1-2	14-7
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-2	1-2	1-0	1-1	5-6
Away Dog	2-3	1-6	2-3	1-1-1	2-0	2-3-1	2-3	12-19-2
Favorite	1-1	1-0	2-1	3-3	2-3	1-2	1-2	11-12
Dog	5-4	4-6	4-4	2-2-1	5-1	3-4-1	3-5	26-26-2
Grass	0-2	0-3	0-2	2-2-1	2-1	3-2	2-3	9-15-1
Artificial	6-3	5-3	6-3	3-3	5-3	1-4-1	2-4	28-23-1
vs Conf	4-4	4-5	5-4	3-4-1	5-3	3-4-1	3-5	27-29-2
Vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	1-2	10-9
Off SU Win	3-1	0-2	2-2	4-2	3-2	1-2	2-1	15-12
Off SU Loss	3-3	4-4	3-3	1-2-1	3-2	2-4-1	2-5	18-23-2

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Bob Hendry	208	1070	49	1021	8	4.9
Brandon Payne	97	470	14	456	7	4.7
Charlie Frye	102	416	291	125	7	1.2
Thomas Plummer	10	87	3	84	0	8.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Charlie Frye	380	250	65.8	2824	15	9
Nick Sparks	10	8	80.0	107	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Miquel Irvin	53	535	10.1	1	41
Matt Cherry	35	463	13.2	3	41
Brandon Payne	38	380	10.0	0	39
Nick Sparks	26	338	13.0	1	65
Morris Ellington	31	307	9.9	1	41
Mike Brake	14	215	15.4	5	30

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Andy Jerdon	46	1856	40.3	57	31.4	3	7

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Billy Sullivan	40-43	2-3	3-7	2-4	0-0	7-14	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Chase Blackburn	96	2	10	3	2
Ryan Myers	80	0	6	4	0
Diontre Earl	67	0	12	0	0
Domenik Hixon	65	0	1	2	0
Marcus Suber	63	0	2	2	0
Ryan Gargasz	50	1	3	4	0
Kris Williams	46	0	0	2	2
Corvin Amos	42	0	2	7	1
Rickey McKenzie	37	0	0	4	2
Marques Hayes	35	0	7	2	0
Joe Radich	31	0	2	0	0
John Fuller	29	0	0	0	0
Ryan Schulz	24	2	2	1	0
Dwayne LeFall	22	1	4	2	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Matt Cherry	6	52	8.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Matt Carter	36	867	24.1	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
68	Rice	NL	Louisiana Tech	13-33	–
76	Pioneer	NL	Montana St	13-24	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

AKRON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	27.1	23	158	3.9	247	65.6	14.9	-1	2002	6	31.6	21	167	4.1	227	62.9	12.5
7	25.5	20	181	3.9	194	58.2	14.7	+4	2001	4	32.7	24	186	4.6	285	58.8	14.4
8*	30.3	21	207	4.6	211	50.7	13.8	+7	2000	6	26.8	23	197	4.5	207	50.7	15.0
6*	28.6	20	188	3.8	178	53.7	12.8	-1	1999	7	28.6	18	183	4.5	208	50.2	13.7
10*	24.1	20	187	4.3	188	49.7	15.6	-2	1998	8	27.2	21	198	4.2	177	53.2	13.8
5*	19.8	16	224	4.9	119	47.7	17.3	-4	1997	9	39.5	25	249	5.6	247	62.5	12.5

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Iowa	23	36-67	1.9	28-38	296	3	26	45-376	8.4	12-20	217	0	-2
at Maryland	14	34-82	2.4	20-35	237	2	25	50-209	4.2	10-19	118	0	-4
C Michigan	18	30-87	2.9	23-33	287	1	27	59-242	4.1	21-33	227	0	+2
at Virginia	27	48-154	3.2	28-50	341	2	19	30-212	7.1	19-27	202	0	-3
Miami, Oh	31	39-114	2.9	29-46	348	5	20	40-131	3.3	16-22	240	2	-1
at E Michigan	26	29-162	5.6	29-37	344	2	24	44-157	3.6	25-39	390	0	-2
Liberty	35	58-440	7.6	19-27	186	1	15	31-109	3.5	15-26	262	3	+1
at UCF	27	41-138	3.4	30-42	283	6	21	30-84	2.8	22-28	287	0	-1
Marshall	14	41-156	3.8	11-22	132	3	24	30-76	2.5	33-52	344	2	+6
at Ohio U	18	35-110	3.1	21-34	188	2	21	66-308	4.7	7-13	67	0	-3
Buffalo	19	47-153	3.3	12-19	144	5	13	33-34	1.0	19-38	240	5	+2
at Kent St	26	52-227	4.4	15-21	176	2	12	34-70	2.1	15-23	132	0	+4
TOTALS	278	490-1890	3.9	265-404	2962	34	247	492-2008	4.1	214-340	2726	12	-1
AVERAGES	23.2	41-158	3.9	22-34	247	2.8	20.6	41-167	4.1	18-28	227	1.0	-0.1

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Marshall	+16	16-27	W
at Temple	+9	35-28	W
Ball St	-7'	52-14	W
at Pittsburgh	+12'	0-35	L
at Kent St	-9'	45-16	W
at Ohio U	+5'	14-28	L
Toledo	+6	17-24	L
at C Michigan	+2'	27-28	W
at Bowling Green	+7'	21-58	L
E Michigan	-8	24-21	L
Miami, Oh	+15'	14-20	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	+45'	24-70	L
at Buffalo	-20	17-10	L
Temple	+1	25-15	W
at E Michigan	-1	17-38	L
at Ball St	-1	31-9	W
Ohio U	-1'	41-28	W
Bowling Green	-3'	55-25	W
at Navy	+10	35-29	W
W Michigan	+1	10-24	L
at Miami, Oh	+9	23-32	T
Kent St	-16	37-34	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia Tech	+32	23-52	W
at C Michigan	-6	7-17	L
UCF	+2'	35-24	W
at Ohio U	+8'	23-20	W
Miami, Oh	+5	37-20	W
at Bowling Green	-8	27-21	L
N Illinois	+1	35-52	L
Connecticut	-22	35-38	L
Marshall	+4	28-31	W
Buffalo	-29	49-14	W
at Kent St	-12	34-6	W

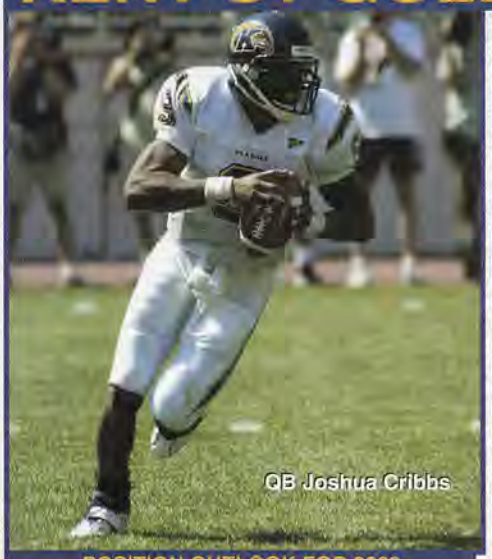
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio U	+6	31-29	W
at Ohio St	+25	14-28	W
at Purdue	+18	14-33	L
Kent St	-16'	14-10	L
at W Michigan	+10	14-31	L
at Miami, Oh	+8'	27-30	W
Bowling Green	+4'	11-16	L
at Marshall	+17	33-50	T
at UCF	+14	17-57	L
at Buffalo	-5	41-14	W
E Michigan	-17	65-62 3OT	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa	+19	21-57	L
at Maryland	+21	14-44	L
C Michigan	+1	17-24	L
at Virginia	+23	29-48	W
Miami, Oh	+10	31-48	L
at E Michigan	-11	34-42	L
Liberty	NL	49-21	–
at UCF	+19	17-28	W
Marshall	+17'	34-20	W
at Ohio U	+4	10-27	L
Buffalo	-15	21-10	L
at Kent St	-8	48-10	W

KENT ST GOLDEN FLASHES


QB Joshua Cribbs

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Probably "THE" story in the MAC in 2001 was true frosh Joshua Cribbs. There was a four way battle for the QB job and Cribbs had a solid game in relief vs Iowa. He entered in the 2Q against Bucknell and never looked back. Cribbs, a dangerous runner and passer, is often compared to Michael Vick. He was the first QB to rush and pass for 1,000 yards in Kent St history and was the first frosh to accomplish that feat in NCAA Div IA history, (only the 14th in NCAA history overall). That season he rushed for 1,192 gross yards throwing for 1,516 (55%) with a 10-5 ratio. Last year all of his backups transferred out so his new backups were Darryl Polk (6-0 205 Jr, PS#215) and Antwan Smith (6-1 185 rFr, PS#144) whom Pees really wanted to redshirt. Cribbs opened the season strong and after rushing for 207 yards against Cal Poly he was the #1 rusher in the NCAA. Cribbs went on to become the 2nd QB in NCAA history to top 1,000 yards rushing and passing twice in his career with Beau Morgan of Air Force being the other. Cribbs suffered wrist and hamstring injuries vs Ohio U and Polk started vs Buffalo. Cribbs returned against BG but was injured in the 2Q against UConn and missed almost all of the final two games. They bit the bullet and still redshirted Smith who they say is as mobile as Cribbs but a better passer. Polk had 91 pass attempts for 428 yards (50.5%) with a 2-7 ratio while rushing for 90 gross yards and was voted the team's most improved offensive player in spring 2002. All three QB's are back and the backup QB at the end of last season was Adam Frederick (6-2 230 Sr, PS#184) who moved over from LB. As long as Cribbs can stay healthy, this unit should put up improved numbers in 2003.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 many players shared the feature back role but David Alston started six games and led the RB's with 633 yards (5.3) earning 2nd team All MAC honors. Last year the team had to replace its #2 and #3 RB's. Unfortunately Alston suffered a sprained ankle prior to the season and would play in just four games with two starts, finishing with just 156 yards (4.9). Eddie Beccles took over the feature role and had 3 100 yard efforts. Shockingly he decided to quit the team after the UConn game. He still led the RB's with 602 yards (5.3). Antonio King (PS#290) had five starts and finished with 470 yards (4.0). FB James Ruggiero was injured in the first game and missed the year. The TB spot was so depleted that DeMarkus Robinson was moved from WR to backup TB in the last few weeks. In 2000 the team had zero rush plays for 25+ yards but in 2001, with Alston and Cribbs both healthy, the team had 40 rushes for 25 or more yards. This year the only losses are Beccles, Ruggerio and King (moved to S). I look for a big impact from Elijah Brooks PS#99 who was the Off Scout Team MVP. Their new OC Doug Martin comes over from E Carolina where they ran a one back offense so the FB may be slowly eliminated. Despite the loss of their leading rusher, this unit actually has more experience and should maintain better health, so I'll call it stronger.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace its top two receivers due to graduation and I called Darrell Dowery (PS#59) who was the highest rated recruit of the receivers, the potential top WR. Dowery, despite suffering a rib injury vs Cal Poly, led the team with 34 rec's (10.2). Derrick Bush was #2 with 20 rec's (10.4). The receivers got a bit banged up during the year with Dowery and Bush each missing one game and TE Neil Buckosh missing the final 4. I list the 2 deep below. Gone from last year are TE Brycen Erbe (12 sts, 2 rec), WR Joshua Bostick (7 sts, 16) and WR Ray Kemp (8 rec). Due to the injuries last year five players return with starting experience. Not listed below are Najah Pruden (6-3 180 rFr), Jarius Acie (5-11 180 Sr, PS#149DB) and Ray Coley (5-11 195 Sr, 2 rec). One of Pees' main goals is to improve the pass attack this year, and the receiving corps is more experienced than last season, and will put up better numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 thanks partly to having a mobile QB in Joshua Cribbs, the team averaged 5.3 ypc rushing while allowing just 22 sacks. Last year the team had three starters returning and despite Cribbs being injured they still averaged 5.3 ypc rushing and allowed just 18 sacks. This year they must replace RG Kevin Jamieson (12 sts, 2 yr st'r) and RT Joel Reikowski (12 sts, 3 yr st'r), but eight of the top 10 OL's return and they have a top-notch class of true frosh OL's (see Top Newcomers) some who could contribute right away like Flordell Kissee, Tony Geoghagan (PS#480) and Mike Galassi. Overall five players return with starting experience and their top OL, C Steve Smith, is back so I'll call the unit even stronger in 2003.

DEFENSIVE LINE - After allowing 6.0 ypc rushing in Pees' first year the team improved to 4.5, 3.7 and 4.2 the next three years. Last year they had to replace three starters who combined for 19 starts but had six players back with starting experience including two full-timers. Starting DE Pierre Wilson was bothered by an injury, and would only get in two starts (8 tkls). The team struggled, allowing 4.7 ypc rushing and recording just 14 sacks overall. This year they are switching to a 3-4 defensive front. Not only must Wilson be replaced but also gone are DE Nate Wesley (9 sts, 34 tkls, 2 sks), DT Roy Attieh (9 sts, 27 tkls, 6 tfl) and DE John Nurcyzk (9 sts, 25 tkls, 3 tfl). One full-time starter does return in Alan Williams and surprisingly backup Tom Crock, who had just three starts, was voted the team's top DL and he returns to fill one of the three spots. This year's group is actually a little more experienced than last season and I think Daniel Muir (PS#175) will find a spot on the line somewhere. I look for them to improve on the defensive numbers in 2003.

LINEBACKERS - Last season Kent not only had to replace three of their top four LB's, but the unit was hit hard by injuries throughout the season. Anthony Henriquez, the #1 tackler in 2001 missed five games with a broken ankle. Eric Mahl was leading the team in tackles when he broke his wrist against Ohio and missed the rest of the season. Prior to the season projected starting ILB Josh Chilcote was dismissed from the team. This year the only losses are SLB Shawn Armstead (8 sts, 37 tkls, 4 tfl, 4 pbu, 1 int) and OLB Bryan Weiss (12 tkls). Mahl and Henriquez are both back to control the middle and seven players return with starting experience thanks in part to last season's injuries. This should be vastly improved group in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 an experienced Kent secondary had 15 interceptions, the most since 1994 and moved up to #72 in my pass efficiency defense ratings. Last year almost everyone was back with all four starters returning. Surprisingly the Flashes dropped to #97 allowing 201.9 ypg (60.8%) with an 18-9 ratio. This year the losses are much heavier. Gone are CB Justin Baugham (12 sts, 44 tkls, 8 pbu), CB Nashville Dyer (11 sts, 63 tkls, 4 int, 12 pbu), SS Jacon Avery (10 sts, 47 tkls, 2 pbu) and backups CB Brandon Wells (7 tkls) and FS Robert James (4 sts, 34 tkls, 1 int). I list the 2 deep below and Shannon Davis was voted the top defensive player last year after leading the team in tackles and is the lone full-time starting DB returning. They do move their #2 RB from last year, Antonio King, into the unit. They have a lot candidates vying at CB and I list eight of them below. While this unit is a lot less experienced than it was heading into last year, they could actually improve on their pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The highest ranking of Pees' special teams units in the last five years is #72 which was in his first season. The last two years they've finished at #111 and #101. Last year the team had to replace their top K and PR. Pees had an amazing signing with PS#7PK Travis Mayle and he did not disappoint, hitting 12 of 14 FG's with a long of 42 and with the kicker included, Kent finished #91 in the rankings. Two years ago Pees also made a commitment to put more speed on the special teams unit and they did a better job covering kicks allowing just 18.4 on KR's and should continue to stay strong. P Jared Fritz departs averaging a solid 40.8 on his punts with a net of 33.5. I list his replacement below. The top PR and KR both return and should improve upon their averages. The team did allow three blocked punts and two TD's on PR's last year after having just one in those two categories the previous year so once again, improvement can be expected. Despite the loss of their punter, I see Kent as having a decent sized jump in the special teams rankings this season.

COACHES - Dean Pees enters his sixth year as the head man here and did record an unexpected winning season in 2001. Last year the team was hit hard by injuries and went just 3-9. OC Mike Drake was reassigned to be the special teams coordinator and DB coach and they bring in Doug Martin, who has been the OC in some wide open attacks at E Carolina over the past seven years. Pees decided to take over the DC duties himself this season replacing Mike Deitzel who was in his second year at DC in 2002.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

In Dean Pees' first 3 years the team won a grand total of three games but the AD gave him a new contract and the team rewarded him with a 6-5 season in 2001, thanks to true frosh QB sensation Joshua Cribbs. That ended a streak of 13 straight losing seasons. Last year's team had 22 seniors, the most in 21 years but QB Cribbs was injured for a good portion of the year and Kent played a tough schedule with their first six losses of the year to teams with a combined 40-14 record at that point. Kent barely escape the MAC East basement and were outscored by 22 ppg and outgained 136 ypg in league play. Not only did the team suffer through injuries last year but they were also -16 in turnovers (see page 310). Kent had been on a 7-2 run in their nine games from midseason in 2001 to game 3 last year but then finished 1-8 down the stretch. Thirty-two players missed one game and 24 missed two or more with 18 missing three or more. Kent should be more fortunate this year in the injury and turnovers department and should be favored in at least four home games this year, so they should have no trouble topping last year's 3-9 record and moving up in the MAC East standings.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JOSHUA CRIBBS JR. 6-0 195 9 sts as **true**, 1st Fr in NCAA 1,000 pass & rush. 1516 pass (55%) 10-5 ratio. 1019 rush (6.2). 9 sts LY (inj) 1014 pass (49%) 4-14 ratio, 1189 rush (8.7).

RB David Alston Sr. 5-10 200 6 sts in '01, **2nd Tm MAC**, 633 yds (5.3), 11 rec (12.1). 2 sts LY (inj) 156 yds (4.9), 5 rec (7.8). Elijah Brooks (5-9 205 rFr) PS#99, Sct Tm MVP LY.

FB Charles Newton Jr. 6-1 245 PS#255. 1 st at TE as rFr, 3 rec (6.7). FB LY, 215 yds rush (4.8), 1 rec. Lucas Bowen (5-10 220 Jr) K/FB in HS. Top special teams player LY.

WR MAURIO MEDLEY SR. 6-7 215 PS#124. 2 rec (7.5) in '01. 3 sts, 13 rec (10.3) in '02. **Daryl Moore** (5-11 185 Sr) 5 sts, 14 rec (12.7) LY. Brian Bell (6-3 200 rFr) PS#136.

WR DARRELL DOWERY JR. 6-0 165 **PS#59DB**. 9 rec (9.8) as **true**. 11 sts LY, #1 w/ 34 rec (10.2). Derrick Bush (5-11 190 So). 4 sts, 20 rec. DeMarkus Robinson (5-10 185 So) 5 rec.

TE Neil Buckosh Sr. 6-3 230 4 starts as rFr, 18 rec (8.5). 9 sts in '01, 8 rec (15.8). 5 sts LY (inj) 2 rec (11.0). Austin Novak (6-2 240 rFr). Jim Alexander (6-5 220 rFr).

C STEVE SMITH SR. 6-3 285 PS#285OL. 10 games as rFr. 8 starts in '01 (miss 3 inj). 11 sts in '02, Top OL Award. Tony Geoghagan (6-2 270 Fr) PS#480, in for spring.

RG Shaun Sarrett Sr. 6-5 310 2nd string as rFr, 1 game, 3 sts at RG in 2001. 4 sts at LG in 2002. Craig Rafdal (6-4 290 rFr) PS#566. Frank Isenberg (6-2 300 rFr) PS#567.

LG TRAVIS VESER JR. 6-2 325 PS#218. Sct Tm MVP **true**. L/5 sts as rFr. 8 sts in '02 at LG. Daniel Carter (6-3 320 So) listed #2 LG in spring. Ryan Hayslip (6-4 300 So).

RT Chad Bandiera Jr. 6-3 280 PS#236DL. 1 start, 6 games as **true**. 4 starts at LT in 2002. Nicholas Dorsten (6-6 260 So). Mike Galassi (6-5 250 Fr) PS#256OL.

LT JASON ANDREWS JR. 6-5 300 PS#460. 1 st at RT, 2 games as rFr. 9 sts (1 at C, 8 at LT) in '02. Luke McKenzie (6-5 290 So) PS#419. Flordell Kissee (6-5 300 Fr) PS#107.

K TRAVIS MAYLE SO. 6-0 180 **PS#7K!** 54 yd FG in HS. Hit 12 of 14 FG's here as rFr, long of 42. Only 1 of 2 from 40+. Seven 50+ FG's in HS. Jim Cantu (6-0 190 rFr) PS#81.

DE Tomas Rodriguez So. 6-2 235 Hvywt wrestler for Kent in '01. 1 st at TE in '02. Now DL. Daryl Evans (6-2 260 Jr) JC trans. 3 tkls LY then inj'd. Dan Durante (6-4 235 Fr) PS#327.

NG ALAN WILLIAMS SR. 6-2 270 1 st in '01, 21 tkls, 1 sk. 11 sts LY, 36 tkls, 2 sks, 6 tfl. Daniel Muir (6-2 250 So) PS#175. PQ LY, Scout MVP. Roger Attieh (5-11 290 So) 1 st, 17 tkls LY.

DE Tom Crock Sr. 6-3 280 3 tkls as rFr. 4 sts in '01, 15 tkls, 1 tfl, 3 sts LY, 29 tkls, 2.5 sks, 3 tfl, Top DL Award. Colin Ferrell (6-1 285 Fr). Larry Brown (6-1 285 So) PS#459.

OLB Justin Parrish So. 6-1 240 PS#193DL. 2 sts as **true**, 34 tkls, 1.5 sks, 4 tfl. Justin Latimer (6-2 225 Fr) Hargrave LY. Mark Malloy PS#354OL. Kyle Ayers (6-3 280 Fr) PS#375DL.

ILB ERIC MAHL JR. 6-2 245 PS#342. 13 tkls as **true**. #1 tkl'r per gm LY, 60 tkls, 2 tfl inj'd missed L/5. John Mathews (6-1 240 So) 4 sts as rFr, 43 tkls, 4 tfl. Jon Drager (6-0 195 Fr) PS#379.

ILB ANTHONY HENRIQUEZ SR. 5-11 225 PQ, Scout Tm MVP in 2000. #1 tkl'r in '01 w/ 101, 6 tfl, 2 pbu. 5 starts LY (inj) 33 tkls, 1 tfl. Jon Sessler (6-2 245 So) 5 sts as **true**, 30 tkls, 1 tfl.

OLB Damian Stolowski Jr. 6-2 230 3 sts in '02, 34 tkls, 2 tfl. Bruce Rice (6-1 235 rFr) PS#455. Jeff Jensen (6-4 240 Sr) 15 tkls in 2000 & '01. 3 sts in 2002, 18 tkls, 1 pbu, fastest LB.

CB Tyrell McElroy So. 5-11 185 PS#424. 3 tkls, 1 pbu as rFr. Najee Lundy (6-0 200 Jr) QB at Rowan College in 2000. Mike White (5-9 185 So) PQ. Taros Harris is PS#130.

CB Andre Ashley Jr. 5-9 190 PS#215. 2 sts, 2Y, 19 tkls, 1 pbu. Barry Drakeford (5-10 180 So) PS#483, PQ LY. Jason Blake (5-9 205 Jr) JC. Usama Young (6-0 180 Fr) PS#297.

SS Vashawn Patrick Jr. 5-11 200 1 st, 17 tkls, 4 pbu as **true**. 1 st, 39 tkls, 1 sk, 4 tfl, 1 pbu LY. **Antonio King** (6-0 210 Jr) PS#290LB. 5 sts at TB LY, #3 w/ 470 yds (4.0), 598 KR yds.

FS SHANNON DAVIS JR. 6-0 190 10 sts as **true**, 97 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu, 2 tfl. 10 sts LY, #1 w/ 86 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu, Top Def Awd. Desmond Turner (5-11 185 Sr) 10 sts as **true**, 67 tkls. Inj'd '01, 14 tkls L2Y.

P Joshua Brazen So. 5-11 190 Avg 42.6 punting as junior in HS & 40.6 as senior. Punter for scout team as **true**, strong leg, good hang time. #2 punter in '02. Added 15 lbs.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

OL	Flordell Kissee 6-5 300 PS#107	
DB	Taros Harris 5-9 185 PS#130	
RB	Kevin Beverly 5-11 195 PS#140	
RB	Luke Tillman 6-2 220 PS#177	
OL	Mike Galassi 6-5 250 PS#256	
DL	Randy Robinson 6-4 280 PS#224	
OL	Bill Starry 6-2 285 PS#299	
QB	Tom Sitko 6-3 220 PS#178	
OL	Joe Maratine 6-5 280 PS#357	
DB	Usama Young 6-0 180 PS#297	
RB	Rasheed McClaude 5-11 190 PS#249	
DL	Dan Durante 6-4 235 PS#327	
WR	Cameron Bobb 6-6 195 PS#306	
DB	Jon Drager 6-0 195 PS#379	
DL	Mark Malloy 6-4 240 PS#354	

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#84

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score KSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
								KSU is 20-34-1 ATS the last 55 games as an away dog. The Flashes are 31-48-2 ATS in their last 81 MAC contests. Kent St is 1-6 ATS the last 3 years as a double digit home dog.
Aug. 28	at Akron (Thur)	A						Flashes are 3-8 ATS the last 11 years in their 1st lined game of the season. KSU is 3-9 SU & 5-6 ATS vs their arch rival S/'90. They are only 14 miles apart.
Sep. 6	at Pittsburgh	G						Golden Flashes are 0-8 SU, but 5-3 ATS vs current Big East opp since '90. KSU is 8-18-1 ATS in their last 27 grass games.
Sep. 13	Youngstown St	A						YSU is a DIAA powerhouse winning the National Champ '91, '93, '94 & '97. KSU is 2-4 SU vs YSU losing the last 3 meetings (last winning in 1996).
Sep. 20	at Penn St	G						This will only be the 3rd meeting between these 2 schools. They last played in '65. KSU is 0-3 SU & 1-2 ATS vs Big 10 foes S/'90 being outscored 147-27 in those gms.
Sep. 27	UCF	A						Kent St is 3-9 ATS their last 12 games hosting a MAC opponent. KSU is 2-7 ATS as a home dog since 2000.
Oct. 4	Ball St (HC)	A						The Flashes are 5-16 SU all-time vs the Cardinals. Kent St is 1-7 SU & 3-4-1 ATS their last 8 vs Ball St (1-3-1 ATS L/5).
Oct. 11	at Marshall	A						Flashes are 0-6 SU & 2-4 ATS in this series & the home team is 2-4 ATS. In their 6 contests, KSU has been outscored 230-94, by an avg of 22.7 ppg.
Oct. 18	Connecticut	A						KSU is 0-4 SU & 1-3 ATS their last 4 games vs Independent schools. Last year UConn rolled Kent St 63-21 beating them as 6' pt favs in Storrs.
Oct. 25	Miami, Oh	A						KSU is 2-4 SU & ATS their last 6 prior to a bye week. Kent St is 1-12 SU & 5-8 ATS the last 13 vs the Redhawks.
Nov. 1								Kent St is 1-4 SU & ATS their last 5 games after a bye.
Nov. 8	at Ohio U	A						KSU is 1-15 SU & 3-13 ATS away in November since 1990. Kent St is 2-9-1 SU & 4-8 ATS the last 12 vs the Bobcats.
Nov. 15	at Bowling Green	G						Coming into 2003: KSU was 2-8 ATS in their 2nd straight AG since '96. Kent St is 2-11 SU but 7-5-1 ATS vs the Bowling Green Falcons S/'90.
Nov. 22	Buffalo	A						KSU is 2-0 SU & ATS when hosting UB, outscoring them 76-33 & covering both as DD favs. Golden Flashes are 3-8 ATS in their last 11 season finales.
Nov. 29								

DEAN PEES (Career 12-44)

6th Year at Kent State

Pees' records AT KENT STATE

12-44	Straight Up	2-2	Home Favorite
20-30-1	Vs The Spread	6-11	Home Dog
13-22-1	Off A SU Loss	0-2	Away Favorite
15-24-1	Vs Conference	12-15-1	Away Dog
		5-6	Vs Non-Conf

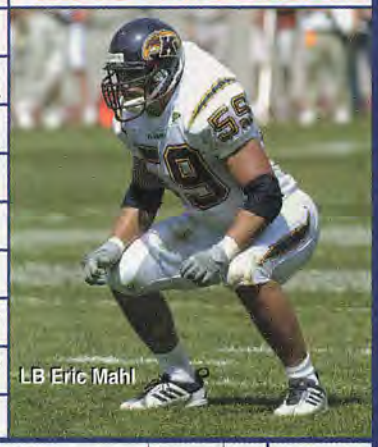
2002 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (20,17,2)
Lost: 22 (7,14,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 10,086

MAC - EAST DIVISION


LB Eric Mahl

STADIUM: DIX STADIUM (29,287)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	3-8	0-11	2-9	1-10	6-5	3-9	17-61
ATS	3-6	4-6	3-7	6-5	3-7	7-2-1	1-9	27-42-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	2-2
Home Dog	2-1	3-2	1-3	3-1	0-3	2-1	0-3	11-14
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-2
Away Dog	1-5	1-4	2-4	2-4	3-2	4-1-1	1-4	14-24-1
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	1-0	0-2	2-4
Dog	3-6	4-6	3-7	5-5	3-5	6-2-1	1-7	25-38-1
Grass	3-4	0-3	1-3	0-1	1-2	2-1-1	1-4	8-18-1
Artificial	0-2	4-3	2-4	6-4	2-5	5-1	0-5	19-24
vs Conf	3-5	3-5	2-6	5-3	1-7	6-1-1	1-7	21-34-1
vs Non-Conf	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-2	2-0	1-1	0-2	6-8
Off SU Win	1-0	2-1	0-0	1-1	0-1	4-1	1-2	9-6
Off SU Loss	2-5	2-4	3-6	5-3	2-6	3-0-1	0-7	17-31-1

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joshua Cribbs	137	1189	132	1057	10	7.7
Eddie Beccles	114	619	17	602	3	5.3
Antonio King	117	500	30	470	1	4.0
Charles Newton	45	227	12	215	1	4.8
David Alston	32	169	13	156	1	4.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Joshua Cribbs	186	91	48.9	1014	4	14
Darryl Polk	91	46	50.5	428	2	7
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Darrell Dowery	34	348	10.2	0	38	
Joshua Bostick	16	236	14.8	1	58	
Derrick Bush	20	209	10.4	2	35	
Daryl Moore	14	178	12.7	1	28	
Maurio Medley	13	134	10.3	0	20	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Jared Fritz	59	2409	40.8	63	33.5	3	13
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Travis Mayle	22-24	4-5	7-7	1-2	0-0	12-14	42

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Shannon Davis	86	0	3	8	2
Nashville Dyer	63	0	3	12	4
Eric Mahl	60	0	2	0	0
Jacon Avery	47	0	1	2	0
Justin Baugham	44	1	3	8	0
John Mathews	43	1	3	0	0
Vashawn Patrick	39	1	4	1	0
Shawn Armstead	37	1	3	4	1
Alan Williams	36	2	6	2	0
Nate Wesley	34	2	5	1	0
Damian Stolowski	34	0	2	0	0
Robert James	34	0	2	2	1
Justin Parrish	34	1.5	4	0	0
Anthony Henriquez	33	0	1	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Shannon Davis	11	94	8.5	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Antonio King	30	598	19.9	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
72	Tangerine	NL	Tampa	18-21	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

KENT ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	16.8	17	215	5.3	120	49.3	19.9	-16	2002	7	35.3	22	204	4.7	202	60.8	11.5
6	22.5	19	216	5.3	146	51.9	16.1	+3	2001	8	25.5	23	191	4.2	204	57.9	15.5
7	11.6	16	112	3.0	156	51.2	23.0	-2	2000	8	32.6	23	164	3.7	244	64.0	12.5
8*	19.4	18	138	3.7	192	57.6	17.1	-11	1999	5	34.2	23	214	4.5	174	56.8	11.3
6*	13.5	17	87	2.6	217	55.9	22.4	-13	1998	7	41.3	24	311	6.0	163	57.7	11.5
8*	30.6	22	149	4.5	294	52.1	14.4	-8	1997	8	44.5	25	262	5.9	235	60.0	11.2

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
New Hampshire	25	55-399	7.3	6-12	78	1	20	41-161	3.9	21-33	177	2	+1
at Ohio St	22	45-171	3.8	17-35	187	2	17	22-144	6.5	19-25	268	0	0
Cal Poly	21	41-372	9.1	11-23	193	3	22	42-92	2.2	21-38	312	3	0
at Miami, Oh	21	29-152	5.2	19-32	189	1	24	49-176	3.6	18-31	198	2	+2
at N Illinois	14	41-229	5.6	14-27	109	2	16	49-240	4.9	7-19	60	0	0
Marshall	18	36-262	7.3	12-19	145	3	30	41-268	6.5	31-45	377	0	0
Ohio U	10	34-105	3.1	7-23	82	1	20	66-351	5.3	0-1	0	0	-4
at Buffalo	13	46-206	4.5	4-12	44	2	16	31-73	2.4	19-39	160	3	-1
Bowling Green	22	44-252	5.7	9-20	113	0	26	45-272	6.0	19-25	214	2	-5
at UConn	17	47-278	5.9	13-31	112	1	16	33-202	6.1	15-22	200	0	-5
at UCF	8	33-83	2.5	10-21	58	2	28	47-246	5.2	24-45	281	0	0
Akron	12	34-70	2.1	15-23	132	0	26	52-227	4.4	15-21	176	2	-4
TOTALS	203	485-2579	5.3	137-278	1442	18	261	518-2452	4.7	209-344	2423	14	-16
AVERAGES	16.9	40-215	5.3	11-23	120	1.5	21.8	43-204	4.7	17-29	202	1.2	-1.3

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia	+35	3-56	L
Youngstown St	NL	10-24	–
at Navy	+21	24-38	W
at C Michigan	+7	7-46	L
E Michigan	+8'	17-26	L
Akron	+9'	16-45	L
at Marshall	+35'	7-42	W
at Bowling Green	+20'	21-42	L
W Michigan	+16'	23-48	L
at Miami, Oh	+34	0-56	L
Ohio U	+23'	21-31	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	+19	3-41	L
Navy	+18	28-48	L
at Pittsburgh	+33	23-30	W
Bowling Green	+16	41-27	W
at Ohio U	+14	3-31	L
at Toledo	+19	7-47	L
Miami, Oh	+24	10-17	W
at N Illinois	+14	7-50	L
Buffalo	-14	41-20	W
Marshall	+34	16-28	W
at Akron	+16	34-37	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Pittsburgh	+26	7-30	W
at Purdue	+43	10-45	W
Youngstown St	NL	20-26	–
at Miami, Oh	+23	14-45	L
Bowling Green	-4'	11-18	L
at C Michigan	+4	24-21 2OT	W
Ohio U	+11	7-44	L
at Marshall	+21	12-34	L
W Michigan	+24	0-42	L
at Buffalo	-7	17-20 OT	L
Akron	+12	6-34	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa	+27	0-51	L
Bucknell	NL	38-17	–
at W Virginia	+27	14-34	W
at Akron	+16'	10-14	W
at Bowling Green	+17	7-24	T
N Illinois	+10'	44-34	W
Buffalo	-11'	35-13	W
at Ohio U	+12'	24-14	W
Marshall	+13	21-42	L
at Ball St	+6'	31-18	W
Miami, Oh	+4'	24-20	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Hampshire	NL	34-7	–
at Ohio St	+28'	17-51	L
Cal Poly	NL	37-34	–
at Miami, Oh	+11	20-27	W
at N Illinois	+6	6-13	L
Marshall	+14	21-42	L
Ohio U	-11'	0-50	L
at Buffalo	-4'	16-12	L
Bowling Green	+18	14-45	L
at UConn	+6'	21-63	L
at UCF	+25	6-32	L
Akron	+8	10-48	L

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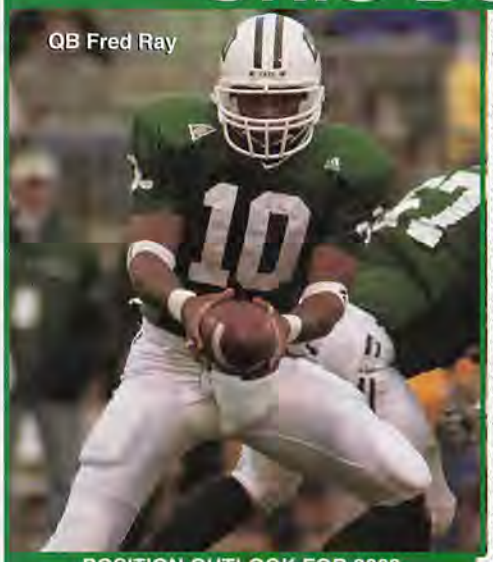
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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 1999 the Bobcats gave a 17 year old true frosh the starting reins to their option offense and Dontrell Jackson (PS#100) did much better than expected leading the team in gross yards rushing and throwing for 745 yards (46%) with a 6-3 ratio. He had an even better season as a sophomore but then ended up splitting time with Fred Ray (PS#236) in 2001 with Ray getting two starts. In that 2001 season, the team was supposed to incorporate more passing into the gameplan, and Ray played the entire season finale throwing for 207 yards (37.9%) with a 2-1 ratio while rushing for 255 yards on the year. Both returned last year but Jackson began the year as the starter as he was more mobile and had a better grasp of the offense while Ray possessed the stronger arm. They moved to the spread offense last year and OC Greg Gregory promised that the team would throw the ball more. In the first two games the results were poor including a stunning 31-0 loss to Northeastern and in the first four games, Ray and Jackson combined to throw nine interceptions with no TD's. They opted to scrap the spread offense and moved back to their bone and gave Florida and UConn competitive games. Jackson, who threw for 267 yards (47.3%) with an 0-7 ratio while rushing for 412 gross yards, lost his starting job vs EM. Ray would guide the team to 34.2 ppg down the stretch and for the season threw for 712 yards (56%) with an 5-2 ratio while rushing for 466 gross yards (59%, 5-0 ratio, 307 rush 7 TD's in last 6 games). Jackson departs this year but Ray is back. The very interesting part of the mix will be Ryan Hawk (6-2 200 Jr) who transfers in from Miami. He played in two games there as a true frosh and nine more in 2001 rushing for 59 yards and throwing for 80 (45.5%). Adam Porter (5-11 192 Sr) completed his only pass last year but rushed for 102 yards seeing action in all 12 games. As long as Ray stays healthy, I see this position putting up stronger stats in 2003.

RUNNING BACKS - Chad Brinker was the team's top RB rusher in 2000 with 734 yards (5.0). He was leading the team in rushing in 2001 averaging 98.2 ypg after just four starts with a nifty 7.4 ypc but he was lost for the season after surgery to remove a cyst from his skull. Jamel Patterson led the team with 638 yards (5.5). Patterson departed last year but Brinker, who was the fastest player on the team with 4.3 speed and solid strength became just the 8th 1,000 yard rusher in school history (1,099, 4.8) and leaves as the #4 all-time career leading rusher here. The #2 rusher Stafford Owens, (PS#77) returns after getting 8 starts and rushing for 371 yards (6.0) and also had 17 rec's (15.2) after moving to the slotback position. Beside losing Brinker, the team must also replace Joe Sherrill (2 sts, 36 yds). OU should find a productive back this season, but the position looks weaker with the loss of its fastest player who led the team in rushing.

RECEIVERS - Obviously this unit does not get much action although the team has promised in each of the last few years to pass the ball more. Last year the team was able to sign Anthony Hackett, a big receiver with size and speed due to that promise and he did play as a true frosh but had just 5 rec's (7.8). Overall the team had all of its top receivers returning. WR Joe Mohler led the team in receptions in 2001 with 21 (12.8) and was #2 last year (16). Jason Caesar was #2 in 2001 with 13 (9.2) but dropped to #3 last year (3 sts, 14 rec). Those two both depart. Also gone this year is TE Randy Pennington (12 sts, 4 rec, 12.8). They bring in a JUCO at TE and Hackett is back and I list the 2 deep below. Not listed is Justin Halada (6-1 198 Sr) who has one start and four rec's in two years, Scott Mayle (6-1 175 rFr) who was 5th in the MAC in the 60m on OU's track team and rushed for 1,809 yards as a senior in HS and Todd Boulware (5-11 175 So). With the loss of all of their top players, the experience level may be down a little, but the production could improve.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Bobcats averaged 4.7 ypc rushing and allowed 14 sacks on just 144 passes (9.7%) in 2001. Last year they had to replace three full-time starters and then lost starting LG Dennis Thompson in the second game to a broken leg. Basically they had just one starter returning although Chris Jackson started nine games in 2000 and just three in 2001. Overall the O-line paved the way for 4.4 ypc rushing and allowed 11 sacks on 160 attempts (6.9%). This year the losses are heavy once again. Gone are C Doug Wooten (12 sts), LG Paul Stanko (10 sts), RT Erik Grahovac (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Chris Jackson (12 sts) and RG Eric Brown (2nd string). They bring in three JUCO's this year to contend for time and get back Thompson. Three projected OL starters missed the spring due to injuries so this group will have to gain continuity in August. OU usually puts together a decent OL and even with the losses, should come close to matching last year's production.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 OU allowed over 4.0 ypc for the first time since 1994 yielding 4.5 ypc while recording just 15 sacks. Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 15 starts. I expected a bigger impact from DE Garrett Bush but he tore his ACL again in August, so only three of the top six were back. Overall OU did show some improvement allowing 4.06 ypc while recording 18 sacks. This year they only lose one player from up front in NG Lamar Martin (12 sts, 41 tkls, 12 tfl), but get Bush back in the lineup and four players return with starting experience. The Bobcats actually have a couple of HT's as starters, and I look for continued improvement from the Bobcat defensive front this year.

LINEBACKERS - DC Tim DeRuyter, who switched the team back to a 3-4 defense last year, had to replace the top five LB's from 2001 so they were very lightly experienced. Ricky Cherry began the year as a starter but was lost for the year after two games to a knee injury. The only loss is OLB Rob Stover who moves to SS, so seven of the top eight are back and I list the 2 deep below. This group is vastly more experienced and should make the Bobcats tougher up front.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 OU had its lowest finish ever in my pass D rankings at #114 allowing 68.2% with a poor 17-5 ratio. They had to replace three players who combined for 20 starts but had four players back with starting experience including leading tackler, Joe Sellers. Coach Knorr says that the SS position is the most important one on the D as they call out the signals and are a big part of the plan. Once again last year Sellers led the team in tackles with 128 but he departs. Also gone this season is CB Bop White (10 sts, 32 tkls, 6 int, 7 pbu, 2nd Tm MAC) who leaves as the #2 all-time int leader here. Overall OU moved up to #84 allowing 58.1% with a 24-14 ratio. Knorr moved productive starting OLB Rob Stover into the all-important SS slot in spring. He also moved CB John Cox to FS to take on incumbent Rashad Butler meaning they will have two new CB's this year. Not listed below is Chris Hutchinson (5-9 170 Jr) who had one start at TB in 2001, Bobby Jones (5-10 180 rFr), Rahman Shavers (6-0 190 Jr), Chris Formen (6-4 207 Jr) and Tony Collette (5-9 176 Jr). They lose arguably their best DB and top CB and despite having an equal amount of starters returning as last year, this unit will probably be down a notch.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Bobcats have done very well in my special teams rankings over the last five years and I thought that it was mostly due to their super punter Dave Zastudil. They finished #4 in 2000 and Zastudil led the NCAA in net punting with a 42.7 net in 2001 which is better than most teams' gross punting average. Surprisingly, even with that OU dropped to #32 with the return game being below average in 2001. Zastudil moved on to the NFL last year and Kevin Kerr, who became OU's career record holder for most FG's made took over those duties. Kerr not only hit 10 of 16 FG's with a long of 48, he averaged 41.1 with a super net of 37.3. The team's return unit improved as Owens averaged 10.0 on PR's with Dion Byrum (20.8) and Jason Caesar (21.0) on KR's. Kerr's KO's also were fantastic as the team allowed just 14.5 per KR. Overall it was good enough to move up to #21. This year Knorr will have to do an incredible job to get the unit to fare as well because Kerr has graduated. Stafford Owens may see the field less on PR's if he becomes the feature back and it will be tough to replace Kerr's FG accuracy. Any way you look at it, I think the Bobcats' special teams will clearly drop to probably their lowest finish in the last six years.

COACHES - In Brian Knorr's first season he inherited a Bobcat team that had been 7-4 in 2000 and returned 17 starters so the team was expected to contend for a title. Unfortunately the team went 1-10. Last year expectations were much lower but the Bobcats pulled some surprises finishing 4-4 in MAC play. Knorr had been the DC on the OU staff for 2 years prior to his ascension to the head job and had been ILB coach the previous four years. Knorr was a QB for an Air Force team that won four straight bowl games and that is where he started coaching. OC Greg Gregory was the Army OC from '87-'97 and the OC at Richmond for 1 year prior to coming here. Tim DeRuyter was Navy's DC from 1999-2001 and OU's DC from '95-'98.

PHIL'S FORECAST

OU has changed the surface at Peden Stadium to FieldTurf. OU tied for first in the MAC East in 2000 and then tied for last in 2001. Last year they had three winnable MAC home games and took care of business and upset Kent St on the road to finish 4-4 and finished in the middle of the MAC East. They opened the year in a multiple-I offense but after a loss to IAA Northeastern switched back to the bone and later in the year topped 50 points in consecutive games for the first time since 1920 with 55 vs E Michigan and 50 vs Kent St. OU averaged 24.9 ppg but loses seven starters on that side of the ball and needs the new O-line to gel to top last year's output. The team switched DC's last year and while they shutout Kent St allowing 187 total yards, they also gave up 72 points to Bowling Green which tied for the most in school history. Overall the team slipped to allowing 31.2 ppg. Unfortunately this year OU draws W Michigan and N Illinois from the MAC West and has just one home game in which they'll be favored in MAC play. OU has pulled surprises before, like in 2000 when they went 7-4, but this year they appear to be relegated to a finish in the lower half of the MAC East.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB FRED RAY SR. 6-2 193 2 sts, 14 gms in '00 & '01, 337 pass (44%), 3-1 ratio, 284 rush. 6 sts LY, 712 pass (56%), 5-2 ratio, 466 rush. Ryan Hawk (6-2 200 Jr) PS#172, Mia, Oh trans.
FB Brad Young So. 6-1 215 PS#308. 186 yds (3.5) as **true**. Phillip Fountain (6-1 225 So) 14 ttl yds as **true**. Tony Rozzoni (6-0 223 Sr) PS#332, 174 yds in 3 years.
HB RAY HUSTON JR. 6-2 211 3 sts as rFr, 263 yds (5.4), 5 rec. 9 sts LY, 109 (4.0), 4 rec (22.5). Justin Roush (5-8 197 Jr) 120 rush (4.1). Ike Simmons (6-2 196 So).
SB STAFFORD OWENS JR. 5-8 182 PS#77. 183 rush (5.4). 296 rec & ret yds. 8 sts LY, 371 rush (6.0), 17 rec (15.7). 27 PR (10.0). Chris Jackson (6-1 174 rFr) PS#233. 2459 yds as HS Sr.
WR Ahmona Maxwell rFr. 6-1 170 PS#240WR. 400m KY Champ in HS. Brian Ingram (6-2 194 Sr) 3 rec (7.3) in '02. Anthony Hackett (6-1 193 So) 5 rec (7.8) as **true**.
TE Ryan Antle Jr. 6-4 250 PS#244JC. 33 rec (12.1) at JC LY, in for spring. DT Boon (6-4 222 Jr) 1 rec LY. Bobby Teton (6-0 233 rFr). Steve Bauer (6-1 220 rFr).
C Ralph Bracamonte Jr. 6-3 290 PS#168JC, in for spring. Shane Yates (6-2 285 So) PS#245. 2 gms LY (inj miss 10). Troy Denerson (6-4 280 Jr) PS#225JC, 3 games LY.
RG BRIAN BROWN SR. 6-3 284 3 tkls as rFr. 1 st in '01, 2nd string 10 gms. 12 sts at RG LY, broke foot in last game. Mike Nelson (6-2 305 So) PS#400. John Knabb (6-3 280 rFr).
LG Aaron Bryant rFr. 6-3 285 PS#564OL. Matt Coppage (6-4 260 rFr). Steve Wiggins (6-2 295 Jr) PS#424JC. Tim Givens (6-6 283 Sr) 9 games in 2000. No letters.
RT Dennis Thompson Jr. 6-4 301 PS#128. 6 sts at LT as **true**. 8 sts in '01. First 2 sts LY then broke leg. Cole Wesley (6-4 270 So) 6 tkls, 1 tfl as **true**. Steve Lawrence (6-4 278 Sr).
LT Derek Gandy Sr. 6-5 275 PS#77TE. 2 rec in 2000. 1 rec LY added 20 lbs. #1LT in spg. Dave Williams (6-4 282 Jr) PS#264. 1 st in '02. Henry Valencia PS#427JC.
K Greg DiMarino So. 6-4 220 #1 PK in spring. Matt Miller had 50% of KO's into EZ in HS. Craig Donahue (6-1 202 Fr) PS#138K. 52 yd FG in HS, 70% of KO's were TB's.

DE Garrett Bush Jr. 6-4 284 PS#73. 22 tkls as rFr, 1 sk, 2 pbu. Tore ACL in Aug of '02. **Keith Adamson** (6-3 254 Sr) 34 tkls in 2000. 4 sts in 2000. **6 sts** LY, 30 tkls, 2Y.
NG ANDRE PARKER JR. 6-1 280 PS#264, 6 sts, 22 tkls, 6 tfl in 2000, 1 st, 14 tkls in 2000. 3 sts LY (miss 3) 23 tkls, 3.5 tfl. **Eli Kiener** (6-0 267 Sr) 1 st, 3 sks in '01. 10 sts, 26 tkls, 1.5 sk, 4 tfl LY.
DE Kevin Carberry Jr. 6-4 253 PS#94LB. 10 tkls as **true**. 5 sts LY, 21 tkls, 5.5 tfl, 1 pbu. Chris Collins (6-5 250 Jr). JC transfer in '02 & RS. 5 sks, 12 QBH at JUCO in 2001.
OLB HUGH GRANT SR. 6-3 214 PS#323. 7 tkls as rFr. 19 tkls in 2001. Started L/3 in 2002, 19 tkls, 2 tfl. Rich Constantine (6-1 235 Sr) PS#323 Sr. 36 tkls, 2 tfl, in 3 years.
ILB DENNIS CHUKWUEMEKA JR. 5-11 229 5 tkls in '01. 12 sts, #2 w/116 tkls, 4 sks, 10 tfl LY. Peter Brately (6-0 231 Jr) 365 bench. 17 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl LY. Willie Sherman (6-2 237 Sr) 22 tkls, 3Y.
ILB SPENCER TATUM SO. 6-1 205 PS#205RB. 890 yds, 65 tkls at Fork Union. 10 sts as **true** in '02, 41 tkls, 2 tfl. **Ricky Cherry** (6-0 226 Jr) **PS#99**, first 2 sts LY, 6 tkls then inj'd.
OLB DEMETRI TAYLOR SR. 6-4 236 PS#375DL. 5 sts in '01, 49 tkls, 3 tfl. 9 sts LY, 27 tkls, 2 sks. Chuck Terry (6-3 211 Sr) PS#336LB. 17 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Tyler Russ (6-1 195 rFr) PS#182.
CB Dion Byrum So. 5-11 177 2 sts at CB in '02, 12 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu. TB in spring of 2002. Marcquis Parham (5-11 175 rFr). Frank Sanders (6-0 185 rFr) PS#206.
CB Andre Bradford Jr. 5-11 187 PS#423JC. 102 tkls, 5 sks at JC LY, in for spring. Thomas Wright (5-11 175 rFr). Jonah Booker (5-9 180 Sr) PS#292DB. 4 tkls in 2001.
SS ROB STOVER JR. 6-0 201 PS#147QB. **Ohio St trans**. 12 sts at OLB LY, 58 tkls, 2.5 sks, 7 tfl, 2 int, 4 pbu. Bo Lebherz (6-0 195 Sr) PS#403JC. 7 tkls LY. Ben Robey (5-11 179 Sr).
FS CHIP COX JR. 5-9 185 PS#485DB. 3 sts as **true**, 34 tkls, 2 tfl. 12 sts at **CB** LY, 64 tkls, 2 int, 13 pbu. **Rashad Butler** (6-0 193 Jr) PS#250QB. **12 sts at FS**. 67 tkls, 1 pbu.
P Matthew Miller So. 6-1 191 PS#66K. 1st Tm Ohio in FB & soccer. Avg 42.4 on punts in HS. #1 P in spg. Craig Donahue 37.0 avg in HS. Greg DiMarino is #2 P in spring.

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LB	Calvin Bell 6-2 210 PS#218
OL	Ralph Bracamonte 6-3 290 PS#168JC
LB	Andrew Tyson 6-2 225 PS#235
LB	Brett Sykes 6-2 250 PS#265
TE	Ryan Antle 6-4 250 PS#244JC
LB	Taj Henley 6-1 203 PS#302
QB	Theodore Jefferson 6-2 202 PS#264
RB	Kalvin McRae 5-11 195 PS#374
DB	Jonathan Hartsook 5-11 172 PS#540
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8-8 Vs Conference	6-4 Away Dog
	3-3 Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: **(4-8)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (19,21,1)
Lost: 18 (11,6,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,076

MAC - EAST DIVISION

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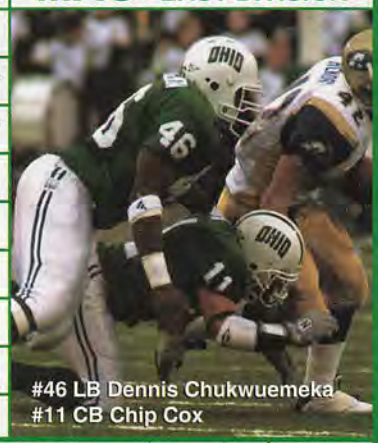
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#90

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 28	SE Missouri St (Thur)	A						Ohio is 1-6 ATS as an away favorite in November since 1994. The Bobcats are 1-4 SU & 0-5 ATS in the last 5 conf road openers. OU is 1-6 SU, but 6-1 ATS the last 7 meetings with Ball St.
Sep. 6	at Iowa St	G						The Indians were 8-4 LY in Div IAA in the Ohio Valley Conference. OU is 4-17 SU in NL games being outscored 31-15 in those contests.
Sep. 13	Minnesota	A						Ohio Bobcats are 7-2 ATS the last 9 road openers. OU is 0-4 SU & 1-3 ATS vs the Big 12 since 1995.
Sep. 20								Ohio is 1-7 SU, but 4-2 ATS vs the Big 10 since 1981. Pending earlier results: OU is 5-10 ATS the last 5 years in September.
Sep. 27	W Michigan	A						The favorite is 4-1 ATS the last 5 in this series. OU is 1-4 ATS the L/5 conf openers, but 5-2 ATS the L/7 home conf openers.
Oct. 4	at N Illinois	A						Ohio is 2-0 SU but 0-2 ATS in this new series, losing both as DD favs. Coming into 2003: OU is 5-2 on artificial turf the last 3 years.
Oct. 11	UCF (HC)	A						OU lost 42-32, but covered as a 16' pt away dog in their 1st ever battle LY. Ohio is 5-2 the last 7 Homecoming games.
Oct. 18	at Kentucky	G						Cat fight! This is the 1st lined meeting between the Bobcats & the Wildcats. OU is 0-3 SU, but 2-0 ATS since 1980 vs SEC opponents.
Oct. 25	at Buffalo	G						Ohio U is 4-1 SU but 1-3 ATS vs Buffalo since 1997. The Bobcats were manhandled 44-0 in their only trip to Buffalo in 2001.
Nov. 1								
Nov. 8	Kent St	A						OU is 8-4 ATS the last 12 meetings with Kent St. Ohio is 5-2 ATS the last 7 November home games.
Nov. 15	at Akron	A						Ohio Bobcats are 1-3 SU & ATS vs the Zips the last 4. OU is 3-8 SU & ATS in November road games since 1997.
Nov. 22	Miami, Oh	A						Ohio is 2-11 SU & 3-10 ATS vs Miami since 1990. The Bobcats are 3-10 SU & 4-7-1 ATS in their home finales since 1990.
Nov. 28	at Marshall (Fri)	A						Ohio is 1-5 SU but 4-2 ATS vs Marshall since 1997. OU is 2-4 ATS the last 6 road finales (2-0 ATS L2Y).



STADIUM: PEDEN STADIUM (24,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Field Turf)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	8-3	5-6	5-6	7-4	1-10	4-8	36-43
ATS	9-3	6-4	4-7	5-4-1	5-5	4-7	7-4	40-34-1
Home Fav	2-1	3-0	2-1	2-1	2-2	0-3	2-1	13-9
Home Dog	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-1	1-0	5-3
Away Fav	2-0	1-2	0-3	1-0	1-2	1-2	0-0	6-9
Away Dog	4-2	2-1	1-2	1-3-1	2-1	2-1	4-3	16-13-1
Favorite	4-1	4-2	2-4	3-1	3-4	1-5	2-1	19-18
Dog	5-2	2-2	2-3	2-3-1	2-1	3-2	5-3	21-16-1
Grass	7-2	4-1	4-5	5-1	3-5	2-5	6-4	31-23
Artificial	2-1	2-3	0-2	0-3-1	2-0	2-2	1-0	9-11-1
vs Conf	6-2	4-4	3-5	4-3-1	3-5	3-5	5-3	28-27-1
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-0	1-2	1-1	2-0	1-2	2-1	12-7
Off SU Win	4-2	5-3	0-4	3-2	3-2	0-1	2-2	17-16
Off SU Loss	4-1	0-1	3-3	2-1-1	1-3	4-5	4-2	18-16-1

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
68	Tangerine	NL	Richmond	42-49	–

OHIO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	24.9	17	240	4.4	87	52.5	13.1	0	2002	3	31.2	21	154	4.1	224	58.1	12.1
9*	18.0	18	240	4.7	74	46.5	17.5	-5	2001	8	29.4	24	201	4.5	244	68.2	15.1
7*	31.2	22	323	5.5	95	47.0	13.4	+4	2000	7	18.9	18	129	3.7	220	53.8	18.5
5	24.6	18	262	4.6	94	44.4	14.5	+2	1999	5	26.1	18	121	3.1	236	62.3	13.7
8	24.5	19	277	4.5	55	36.5	13.5	-6	1998	8	27.5	18	130	3.5	209	57.9	12.3
5*	27.4	17	302	5.1	37	27.6	12.4	+9	1997	8	16.1	20	143	3.3	189	49.7	20.7

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chad Brinker	228	1142	43	1099	10	4.8
Stafford Owens	62	389	18	371	5	6.0
Fred Ray	96	466	111	355	9	3.7
Dontrell Jackson	88	412	75	337	3	3.8
Brad Young	53	197	11	186	0	3.5
Justin Roush	29	122	2	120	0	4.1
Ray Huston	27	111	2	109	0	4.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Fred Ray	100	56	56.0	712	5	2
Dontrell Jackson	55	26	47.3	267	0	7

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Stafford Owens	17	259	15.2	2	62
Joe Mohler	16	221	13.8	1	58
Jason Caesar	14	159	11.4	0	43

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Kevin Kerr	55	2258	41.1	58	37.3	0	10

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kevin Kerr	31-36	4-4	5-7	1-5	0-0	10-16	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Joe Sellers	128	0	4	2	0
Dennis Chukwuemeka	116	4	10	1	1
Rashad Butler	67	0	0	1	0
Chip Cox	64	0.5	1	13	2
Rob Stover	58	2.5	7	4	2
Lamar Martin	41	5	7	1	0
Spencer Tatum	41	0	2	0	0
Bop White	32	0	1	7	6
Demetri Taylor	27	2	1	0	0
Eli Kiener	26	1.5	4	0	0
Rich Constantine	24	0	2	1	0
Andre Parker	23	0.5	3	0	0
Kevin Carberry	21	0.5	5	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Stafford Owens	27	271	10.0	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dion Byrum	26	541	20.8	0
Jason Caesar	24	505	21.0	0

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Pittsburgh	20	48-204	4.3	9-23	79	2	14	44-96	2.2	9-23	97	3	-3
Northeastern	11	38-60	1.6	9-17	81	4	19	50-217	4.3	7-19	82	2	-3
at Florida	12	62-178	2.9	2-4	12	0	22	34-163	4.8	18-31	202	1	+2
at UConn	15	49-218	4.4	11-20	95	0	18	40-126	3.2	15-30	224	2	-1
Buffalo	27	73-406	5.6	6-9	99	1	22	24-85	3.5	29-43	350	1	-3
at Bowling Green	12	51-193	3.8	1-7	12	0	37	48-349	7.3	24-30	343	1	-1
E Michigan	24	69-418	6.1	7-9	132	0	20	23-117	5.1	20-34	289	1	+3
at Kent St	20	66-351	5.3	0-1	0	0	10	34-105	3.1	7-23	82	1	+4
at Miami, Oh	12	33-151	4.6	11-19	138	3	25	46-165	3.6	21-31	248	1	-2
Akron	21	66-308	4.7	7-13	67	0	18	35-110	3.1	21-34	188	2	+3
Marshall	17	44-201	4.6	8-19	124	1	25	42-175	4.2	21-34	259	1	+1
at UCF	18	50-190	3.8	13-19	210	0	21	34-136	4.0	17-28	325	2	0
TOTALS	209	649-2878	4.4	84-160	1049	11	251	454-1844	4.1	209-360	2689	18	0
AVERAGES	17.4	54-240	4.4	7-13	87	0.9	20.9	38-154	4.1	17-30	224	1.5	0.0

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Carolina St	+12	31-34	W
at Wisconsin	+16	0-45	L
E Carolina	+2'	14-21	L
at W Michigan	-3'	37-35	L
at Bowling Green	-9	7-35	L
Marshall	+8'	23-30	W
Akron	-5'	28-14	W
at Miami, Oh	+10	21-35	L
E Michigan	-13'	49-21	W
N Illinois	-17	28-12	L
at Kent St	-23'	31-21	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Minnesota	+22	7-33	L
N Iowa	NL	21-36	–
at Ohio St	+43	16-40	W
Buffalo	-22	45-6	W
Kent St	-14	31-3	W
at Akron	+1'	28-41	L
at E Michigan	+1	26-27	T
Bowling Green	-6'	17-14	L
at Ball St	-7'	37-25	W
Miami, Oh	+5	40-28	W
at Marshall	+25'	3-34	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa St	+13'	15-25	W
at Minnesota	+20	23-17	W
Tenn Tech	NL	52-14	–
Akron	-8'	20-23	L
at W Michigan	+5'	10-23	L
Buffalo	-31	42-20	L
at Kent St	-11	44-7	W
C Michigan	-24	52-3	W
at Miami, Oh	-5'	24-27	L
at Bowling Green	-9	23-21	L
Marshall	-3	38-28	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Akron	-6	29-31	L
at W Virginia	+5'	3-20	L
Iowa St	E	28-31	L
Toledo	+13	41-48	W
at C Michigan	-8	34-3	W
Miami, Oh	-7	24-36	L
Kent St	-12'	14-24	L
at Buffalo	-15'	0-44	L
Bowling Green	+6'	0-17	L
at Marshall	+24'	18-42	W
at NC State	+24'	7-27	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Pittsburgh	+21	14-27	W
Northeastern	NL	0-31	–
at Florida	+41'	6-34	W
at UConn	+4	19-37	L
Buffalo	-8	34-32	L
at Bowling Green	+24	21-72	L
E Michigan	-8	55-27	W
at Kent St	+11'	50-0	W
at Miami, Oh	+16'	20-38	L
Akron	-4	27-10	W
Marshall	+15	21-24	W
at UCF	+16'	32-42	W

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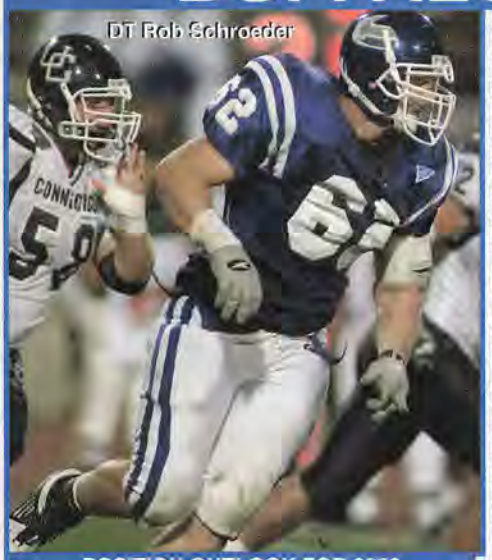

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Randall Secky (PS#61), who has a rocket for an arm and was Buffalo's highest rated recruit since they rejoined the MAC, had a shot at unseating two year starter Joe Freedy but could not do so as Secky hit just 15 of 35 passes in limited action. Freedy started all 11 games throwing for 2,077 yards with a 10-15 ratio. Last year Secky struggled at times in his first full year as a starter completing 48.5% but threw for 2,015 yards with a respectable 12-13 ratio. Secky also had 115 gross yards rushing. He had elbow surgery and was limited in the spring of 2002 but should have a fine year in his second year as a starter. He did set a school record with 421 pass attempts. Coaches generally like their own recruits and Hofher brought in Michael Radon (5-10 176, PS#180) who was the backup last year and got in five games hitting 5 of 10 passes for 119 yards as a rFr. Surprisingly he quit the team and transferred to a IAA school after spring. Stewart Sampsel (6-2 183 rFr) was also recruited by Marshall. P.J. Piskorik is the best athlete of the QB's, very strong and a good runner. This group has more experience than it did heading into last year and provided Secky holds on to the starting job, they should be greatly improved.

RUNNING BACKS - Marquis Dwarte led the team in rushing in both 2000 and 2001 with 611 (4.7) and 546 (3.9) yards. He returned last year but was injured in the opener and missed the rest of the season. RFr Aaron Leeper (PS#150) stepped to the forefront and simply became the MAC Frosh of the Year. He rushed for 153 yds vs Rutgers in his first start and he and Dave Dawson (PS#211) each topped 100 yards vs Marshall, the first time two UB backs had topped 100 yards in the same game since 1996. Leeper finished the year with 917 yards (3.9) and added another 132 receiving and 218 on KR's. He almost became the first 1,000 yard rusher here at Buffalo since 1996 when the school's all-time leading rusher, Anthony Swan, accomplished it. He set UB frosh records for rush yards (917) and rushing TD's (10). Dawson rushed for 362 yards and had the best ypc of the trio (5.9). Others in the mix are rFr Chris McDuffie (5-10 188, PS#117), Steven King (6-0 200, PS#408) and Jared Patterson (6-2 204, PS#409). When Buffalo uses a FB those in the mix are Ramon Guzman (6-2 225 So, 3 sts, 19 yds) and Tom Shaughnessy (6-0 230 Sr, PS#377, 5 sts, 27 rec yds in '01). They do lose FB Jason Montanez who had 3 starts and one yard in ten games. With everyone else back this should be a vastly improved corps of RB's.

RECEIVERS - Buffalo had two very talented receivers last year in WR Andre Forde (54, 13.9) and TE Chad Bartoszek (45, 7.8). Forde was the team's go-to man with 7 TD's despite missing two games and Bartoszek was named 2nd Team MAC. Unfortunately those two depart. In one of the games that Forde missed, unheralded Tim Dance (PS#392) had 9 rec's for 92 yards and 2 TD's against Kent St. He figures to be the go-to man this year. I list the rest of the 2 deep below at receiver. Also departing is TE Jason Smalarz who had 1 rec in 5 starts last year and WR's Maurice Bradford (8 sts, 15, 16.8) and Dan Lindsay (6 sts, 13, 10.9). Matt Knueven had 35 rec's in '01 and was banged up last year and should be a much bigger force this season. With the loss of their top two players, this unit looks less experienced and weaker than the 2002 version.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 Buffalo averaged 3.3 ypc rushing which was their best in three years of IA ball while allowing just 26 sacks. Last year the team did not have a single senior OL on the roster. It appeared they had four starters returning but three projected starters were injured and missed the year in C Eric Weber, LG Matt Baniewicz and LT Andy Avery. Therefore, just two starters returned and the unit was on the young side with six underclassmen in the 2 deep. Naturally this year everyone returns including Weber who is projected to reclaim his C spot from last year's starter, Kevin Dunn. Overall eight players have starting experience here and I list a 3 deep below. The Bulls only averaged 3.1 ypc rushing last year while allowing 35 sacks and I look for significant improvement in those numbers this season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Bulls have made steady progress in the rush defense allowing 5.1 ypc rushing in their first year of 1A ball and improving to 4.4 and then 4.1 in 2001. Last year they did not have a single senior DL on the roster and had to replace all four starters up front. Also two projected starters and two backups did not play for various reasons. I commented in last year's magazine that I liked the overall talent on the defense but naturally the unit was very inexperienced. As you would expect the team took a step back allowing 4.5 ypc rushing while recording 27 sacks. Three freshmen started all 12 games last year. Naturally everyone returns plus they get the outstanding addition of Sagan Atuatasi who was PS#46 and originally signed at USC. They did lose Bill Meholif to a torn ACL in the spring and he will miss the season. There is some good talent in the 2 deep below and I look for significant improvement in 2003.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Bulls had to replace two starters including their top tackler and two backups. This year it is a much more veteran group with three full-time starters returning and two backups who also earned starts last season. The only losses from the group are OLB Jason Coley (1 st, 27 tkls, 2 tfl), OLB Deonne McClelland (11 tkls, 1 pbu) and OLB Ryan Buttles (3 sts, 43 tkls). I look for a much bigger contribution this year from Obadiah Harris who was PS#69 and originally signed with Illinois but played in only two games last year with one start. This unit is much more experienced than it was heading into last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bulls were #97 in my pass D rankings in 2001 but had seven of their top eight DB's returning last year. Due to an inexperienced front seven, they only made minor strides in the rankings moving up to #91 allowing 57.8% with a 23-14 ratio. This year they must replace CB Mike Lambert (12 sts, 42 tkls, 2 int, 12 pbu), CB Kevin Concepcion (12 sts, 52 tkls, 2 int, 11 pbu) and CB Dahnel Singfield (27 tkls, 1 int, 10 pbu). Of the team's 59 pbu, players that combined for 35 depart. Gemara Williams beat out JJ Gibson for the starting SS spot in the second half of last year and moves over to CB so three players do return with six or more starts from last season. This unit looks to be slightly improved over last year but I look for a good sized jump in the pass D rankings as the front seven should put more pressure on opposing QB's.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Buffalo actually finished #63 in my special teams rankings in their first year of Div IA ball with PR Drew Haddad being the star. In 2000 they dropped to #111 and were #109 again in 2001. Last year basically everyone returned and the unit improved somewhat to #98 in my rankings. K Dallas Pelz hit 9 of 13 FG's with a long of 45 but missed numerous xp's during the year and will be challenged by Michael Baker who hit 1 of 2 FG's with a long of 23. Top KR/PR Andre Forde is gone and he is a big loss as is P Scott McMahan who set a Buffalo team record for punts and yards punting in a season. Forde leaves as the school's all-time leader in KR yards. The unit did have some rough times and vs W Michigan allowed 50 and 64 yard PR's, gave up a blocked punt to set up a TD and roughed the kicker to keep alive a drive. With the loss of so many of their key special teams players, it looks like Buffalo will head toward the bottom of the rankings once again this year.

COACHES - Jim Hofher enters his third year with the Buffalo program after being the head coach at Cornell from 1990 to 1997 and then the QB coach at N Carolina and Syracuse after that. His OC, Bill Lazor, left for the Atlanta Falcons and Lazor's replacement hasn't been named yet. The new QB coach is Rob Best who has been the OC at Appalachian St for the past 14 years. The DC is Thurmond Moore who was the DL coach at Syracuse in 1999 and 2000 and enters his third year here as well.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Buffalo had been making progress in their move up to IA ball going from zero, to two and then to three wins in their first three years. Last year the team took a step back going just 1-11 and they were outgained by 162.4 ypg in league play which ranked them #14 out of 14 teams in that category and were outscored by 21.13 ppg in MAC play. They even lost to a IAA team although Lehigh was 43-1 their previous 44 when they beat Buffalo. It was probably the youngest team in the NCAA last year as they had 11 frosh starters in the season finale. Their lone victory was over a Big East team (Rutgers). After allowing just 26.0 ppg in 2001 the Bulls allowed 34.7 last year but ten of their top 12 tacklers were underclassmen due to the fact that they had just four starters returning. With nine starters back this year they should make solid strides on that side of the ball. Offensively they have seven starters back including an experienced QB and have a decent shot at topping 20 ppg for the first time since joining IA ball. Overall the Bulls have the second most returning starters in the conference (16) but the schedule maker did them no favors. They pull N Illinois and Toledo as their opponents from the MAC West and must face four of the top 7 teams in the MAC that reside in the MAC East. While this is a much more experienced team than last year, they are probably a year away from moving up in the MAC standings as just 14 of their projected starters are upperclassmen, the lowest in the conference including just five seniors. It will be tough for Buffalo to escape the basement in the East.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB RANDALL SECKY JR. 6-4 216 PS#61, 153 yds pass in '01. 12 sts LY, 2015 yds (49%), 12-13 ratio, 115 yds rush. P.J. Piskorik (6-0 219 So) PS#305DB. Athletic & strong.
RB AARON LEEPER SO. 5-10 194 PS#150. 11 sts, 917 yds (3.9), 27 rec (4.9). **MAC Fr Yr**. Dave Dawson (5-8 183 So) PS#211, 362 yds (5.9). Chris McDuffie (5-10 188 rFr) PS#117.
WR Tim Dance So. 5-11 184 PS#392. 1 start, 16 rec (10.4), 30 yards rush. Adam Johnson (6-5 213 Sr) PS#141QB, Tommy Breaux (6-6 185 Fr) PS#416.
WR Matt Knueven Jr. 6-1 205 PS#167. 7 sts as **true**, 35 rec (12.7). 1 start, 8 rec (11.1). Gabriel McClover (6-1 211 So) PS#230, 5 rec (9.4). Jeff Green is PS#292.
WR Azzaam Stallsworth Sr. 5-10 188 PS#422JC. 13 rec (10.0). 10 gms. Brian Watson (6-5 218 rFr). Anastasio Gadson (5-7 188 Jr). DeSean Larmond (6-0 165 Fr) PS#436.
TE Chad Upshaw rFr. 6-4 250 PS#70TE. Juds Bourjolly (6-5 218 Jr) is JUCO. Brian Miller (6-4 222 Jr) PS#146JUCO. 42 rec at JUCO LY. James Judges is PS#170.
C ERIC WEBER JR. 6-5 310 PS#284OL. 11 sts as rFr. Injured in 2002 & missed year. **Kevin Dunn** (6-1 286 Sr) 2 sts at C in 2000. 2nd string in '01. **12 sts** in 2002.
RG ERIK ZEPPUHAR JR. 6-3 285 PS#435. 11 sts as rFr. 12 sts at RG in 2002. Michael Schifano (6-5 285 So) 2 sts as rFr. Quenzell Smith (6-4 377 rFr). Canisus transfer.
LG DAN MINOCCHI JR. 6-1 290 PS#281. 3 games as rFr. First 7 sts at LG in 2002. Alex Alvarez (6-4 292 Sr) PS#114JUCO. 3 sts here LY. Gerry Weissinger (6-5 301 rFr).
RT ZACHARY LOVE SO. 6-4 296 PS#230. 12 starts at RT as rFr. Tim Schmidt (6-6 301 rFr) PS#326OL. Added 31 lbs. Luke Johnson (6-7 308 Jr) PS#403JUCO.
LT JEFF MILLS SR. 6-6 291 Lettered as rFr. 11 sts in 2001 at RG. 12 starts at LT LY. Terrance Miles (6-5 290 So), 2nd string in 2001. Kevin Moodt (6-6 251 rFr) PS#419.
K DALLAS PELZ SR. 5-11 188 PS#47. Hit 12 of 18 FG's long of 50 in 2001. 9 of 13 FG's in 2002, long 45, 1 miss 50+. Michael Baker (5-9 191 So) PS#75. 1 of 2 FG's LY.

DE ANTHONY ANDRIANO JR. 6-2 240 1 st as **true**, 25 tkls, 6 tfl. 4 sts in 2002, #1 on DL w/11 tfl (4 sks), 41 tkls. **Demetrius Austrum** (6-2 236 Sr) PS#323. **8 sts**, 29 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl.
DT ROB SCHROEDER SO. 6-4 276 PS#469. 12 sts as rFr, 37 tkls, 4.5 sks, 3 tfl, 2 pbu. Kevin Wiggins (6-2 285 So) PS#287. 24 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl as **true**. Casey Russell (6-0 266 Jr).
DT SAGAN ATUATASI JR. 6-3 338 **PS#46DL** & orig signed at **USC** in '99. 3 sks, 15 tfl at JUCO LY. Bill Meholif (6-3 256 So) PS#314. 12 sts as rFr, 28 tkls, 6 tfl. Out-torn ACL.
DE PHILIP JACQUES SO. 6-2 240 PS#316. 12 starts as rFr, 36 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl. Rashad Clark (6-3 260 Sr) PS#221DL in '95. Marines & JUCO. 11 tkls, 2 tfl here last year.
OLB RODNEY MORRIS JR. 5-10 218 14 tkls as rFr. 11 sts in '02, 62 tkls, 6 tfl, 2 pbu. Chris Clifton (6-3 251 Sr) JC. 18 tkls here LY. DeShawn Brooks (6-1 222 Jr) 11 sks at JC LY!
MLB LAMAR WILCHER SR. 6-1 242 PS#169. 8 sts in '01, 70 tkls, 9.5 tfl. 10 sts LY, 69 tkls, 5 tfl. Richard Sanders (5-11 253 So) 1 st, 15 tkls LY. Hank Pirowski (5-10 203 So) 1 tkl in '01.
OLB BRYAN CUMMINGS SO. 6-3 228 9 sts as true, 54 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl (miss 3 w/inj). James Vann (6-1 201 rFr). +21 lbs. **Obadiah Harris** (6-1 230 Sr) **PS#69** orig @ Ill. 3 tkls LY.
CB Gemara Williams So. 5-8 182 6 sts at SS as rFr. 43 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 int, 5 pbu, added 12 lbs. DeLando Bradford (5-8 184 rFr). Brandon Smith (5-10 177 rFr).
CB Angel Baines So. 6-2 198 Moved from WR to CB. Michael Arroyo (6-0 171 rFr). Ananias Boyd (5-9 198 rFr). Ryan Sherwood-Ericsson (6-1 202 rFr) PS#275RB.
SS JJ GIBSON JR. 5-9 186 PS#335RB. 11 starts as rFr, 108 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 pbu. 6 sts in '02, 68 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 int, 5 pbu. 2 yds rush. Antonio Jones (6-0 204 rFr) PS#507.
FS MARK GRAHAM SR. 6-0 191 5 sts as rFr, 38 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu. 11 sts in '01, 55 tkls, 2 int, 10 pbu. 12 sts LY, 89 tkls, **6 int**, 7 pbu, 3 tfl. Joe DiGiorgio (6-0 202 So) 24 tkls as **true**.
P Dallas Pelz Sr. 5-11 188 PS#47K. 28 punts in 2000, 35.4 avg. 7 inside the 20. Only FG's in '01. 1 punt, 33 yds LY. Dominic Milano (5-10 175 Jr) PS#234, 41.6 avg LY at JC.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

TE	Brian Miller 6-4 222 PS#146JC
DL	Mike Cebrosky 6-3 270 PS#218
OL	Travis Coughlin 6-6 275 PS#278
DL	Marck Abraham 6-3 255 PS#239
QB	Chris Moore 6-5 210 PS#181
P	Dominic Milano 5-10 175 PS#234JC
OL	Jon Burgio 6-8 320 PS#391
WR	Jeff Green 6-3 190 PS#292
LB	Ken Sussman 6-3 250 PS#342
WR	Andrae Smith 6-4 217 PS#355
DL	Todd Robertson 6-1 205 PS#418
LB	DeShawn Brooks 6-1 222 PS#491
DB	Kareem Byrom 5-10 170 PS#530
WR	Tommy Breaux 6-6 185 PS#416
OL	Luke Johnson 6-6 300 PS#403JC
TE	James Judges 6-5 240 PS#170

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JIM HOFHER (Career 4-19)(Div IAA 44-36)
3rd Year at Buffalo

Hofher's records AT BUFFALO

4-19	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
10-12	Vs The Spread	3-7	Home Dog
9-8	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
6-10	Vs Conference	7-5	Away Dog
		4-2	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (1-11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 9

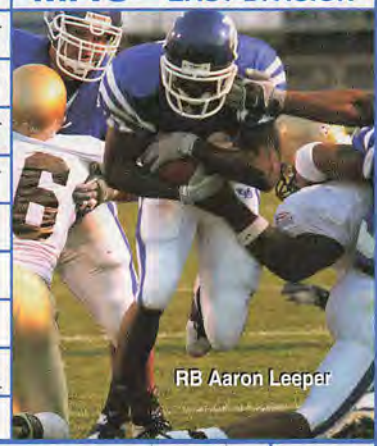
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (20,19,2)
Lost: 15 (7,7,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 11,244

MAC - EAST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#94

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UB	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	at Rutgers	G						This will be only the 2nd time in history the Bulls play 12 games. Buffalo has never been favored in a lined game. UB has been shutout 5 times in the last 4 years. Buffalo is 1-2 SU & ATS vs Rutgers the last 3 years. UB is 0-4 SU & 1-2 ATS in their 4 season openers since moving up to Div IA.
Sep. 6	at Iowa	G						This marks only the 2nd time Buffalo has played a Big 10 team since 1901. The Bulls lost that game to Minnesota 41-17, but covered as a 31 pt AD.
Sep. 13	Colgate	G						Colgate Raiders were 9-3 last year & finished ranked #25 in Div IAA. Buffalo is 0-7 the last 7 non-lined games.
Sep. 20	Connecticut	G						UB is 1-6 SU & 2-1 ATS vs UConn the last 7 meetings. Orlovsky vs Secky, 2 of the best smaller Div IA QB's will battle here.
Sep. 27	Akron	G						Bulls are 6-10 ATS the last 2 years in MAC play. Buffalo is 1-3 SU, but 3-1 ATS in their MAC opener.
Oct. 4	at UCF	G						In their 1st lined meeting, UCF took out the Bulls LY 45-21 as 17 pt favs. UCF leads the all-time series 4-0 SU.
Oct. 11	at Miami, Oh	G						Pending earlier results: UB is 15-10 ATS off a SU loss the last 3 years. Buffalo is 0-5 SU vs Miami but is 2-1 ATS the last 3 years.
Oct. 18	Marshall (HC)	G						UB is 0-4 SU, 2-2 ATS being outscored 165-68 in Homecoming games. Bulls are 0-3 SU, but 2-1 ATS the last 3 meetings with the Herd.
Oct. 25	Ohio U	G						The last time Bobcats played at UB Stadium, Bulls ran all over them 44-0. The Bulls are 1-3 SU, but 3-1 ATS vs Ohio the last 4 years.
Nov. 1	at Toledo	A						Buffalo is 4-7 ATS on artificial turf since 1998. The Bulls are 0-5 SU & ATS their last 5 vs the MAC Western Division.
Nov. 8	N Illinois	G						UB is 2-0 ATS prior to a bye since 2000. Buffalo is 0-2 SU & ATS in this short series with N Illinois.
Nov. 15								
Nov. 22	at Kent St	A						The home team is 3-1 SU & 4-0 ATS the last 4 years in this series. Bulls are 1-3 SU & ATS in road finales. SU winner is 4-0 ATS in those gms.
Nov. 29								Bonus: UB is 0-4 SU & 1-3 ATS in their MAC finale.


RB Aaron Leeper

STADIUM: UB STADIUM (31,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	2-9	4-7	0-11	2-9	3-8	1-11	20-58
ATS	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-6	7-4	5-6	5-6	20-22
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	5-0	2-3	1-4	9-10
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	2-4	3-3	4-2	11-12
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-6	7-4	5-6	5-6	20-22
Grass	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-5	6-1	4-4	3-5	16-15
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-3	1-2	2-1	4-7
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-6	6-2	3-5	3-5	14-18
vs Non-Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-2	2-1	2-1	6-4
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-2	0-1	2-4
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-6	6-2	4-3	5-5	17-16

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Aaron Leeper	235	987	70	917	10	3.9
Dave Dawson	61	365	3	362	2	5.9
Marquis Dwarte	13	52	3	49	0	3.8
Randall Secky	59	115	268	-153	0	-2.6
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Randall Secky	421	204	48.5	2015	12	13
Michael Radon	10	5	50.0	119	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Andre Forde	54	748	13.9	7	60	
Chad Bartoszek	45	350	7.8	0	22	
Maurice Bradford	15	252	16.8	2	80	
Tim Dance	16	167	10.4	2	25	
Dan Lindsay	13	142	10.9	0	19	
Aaron Leeper	27	132	4.9	0	26	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Scott McMahan	81	3258	40.2	70	–	2	10
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Dallas Pelz	8-13	4-5	3-4	2-3	0-1	9-13	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Mark Graham	89	2	1	7	6
Lamar Wilcher	69	0	5	2	0
J.J. Gibson	68	0	1	5	1
Rodney Morris	62	1	5	2	0
Bryan Cummings	54	2	4	1	0
Kevin Concepcion	52	0	1	11	2
Gemara Williams	43	1	3	5	1
Ryan Buttles	43	0	0	0	0
Mike Lambert	42	1	1	12	2
Anthony Andriano	41	4	7	0	0
Rob Schroeder	37	4.5	3	2	0
Philip Jacques	36	2	2	0	0
Demetrius Austrum	29	3	3	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Andre Forde	19	161	8.5	1
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Andre Forde	30	626	20.9	0
Aaron Leeper	13	218	16.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

BUFFALO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	17.8	16	98	3.1	178	48.4	15.5	+6	2002	4	34.7	23	207	4.5	228	57.8	12.5
7*	18.6	19	114	3.3	203	49.6	17.0	-2	2001	6	26.0	20	177	4.1	180	60.5	13.7
3*	16.1	19	130	3.2	193	52.9	20.0	-18	2000	6	41.1	22	209	4.4	217	57.2	10.4
9	11.8	17	129	3.2	171	49.0	25.4	-6	1999	9	38.7	25	234	5.1	260	65.9	12.8
–	29.0	22	224	5.1	203	53.0	14.8	-5	1998	–	28.6	21	226	5.0	188	56.0	14.4
–	20.1	21	80	2.1	298	54.3	18.2	–	1997	–	37.5	21	177	4.3	226	59.5	25.0

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Lehigh	13	30 - 111	3.7	12 - 31	154	2	26	45 - 174	3.9	23 - 42	334	2	+2
at Rutgers	24	44 - 173	3.9	18 - 34	201	0	21	34 - 55	1.6	16 - 38	166	3	+2
Connecticut	11	25 - 45	1.8	11 - 31	123	2	21	47 - 187	4.0	18 - 30	242	1	-1
at Minnesota	14	28 - 49	1.8	20 - 35	190	5	26	54 - 299	5.5	16 - 26	189	3	0
at Ohio U	22	24 - 85	3.5	29 - 43	350	1	27	73 - 406	5.6	6 - 9	99	1	+3
W Michigan	11	29 - 75	2.6	17 - 36	136	5	25	46 - 125	2.7	23 - 40	283	7	+1
at Marshall	21	42 - 239	5.7	14 - 36	139	4	28	31 - 248	8.0	31 - 40	485	2	-2
Miami, Oh	13	27 - 50	1.9	18 - 44	125	2	24	43 - 236	5.5	18 - 30	251	0	0
Kent St	16	31 - 73	2.4	19 - 39	160	3	13	46 - 206	4.5	4 - 12	44	2	+1
UCF	14	38 - 94	2.5	14 - 29	106	5	24	30 - 104	3.5	25 - 43	360	1	+1
at Akron	13	33 - 34	1.0	19 - 38	240	5	19	47 - 153	3.3	12 - 19	144	5	-2
at Ball St	17	31 - 152	4.9	18 - 36	210	1	23	54 - 289	5.4	12 - 24	134	0	+1
TOTALS	189	382 - 1180	3.1	209 - 432	2134	35	277	550 - 2482	4.5	204 - 353	2731	27	+6
AVERAGES	15.8	32 - 98	3.1	17 - 36	178	2.9	23.1	46 - 207	4.5	17 - 29	228	2.3	+0.5

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Maine	NL	13-30	–
Lock Haven	NL	40-17	–
at Lafayette	NL	16-14	–
at Massachusetts	NL	27-51	–
at Cornell	NL	31-34	–
Morgan St	NL	35-17	–
Canisius	NL	47-0	–
at Liberty	NL	24-27	–
W Illinois	NL	6-41	–
at Villanova	NL	40-65	–
at Hofstra	NL	36-44	–

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Akron	+20	10-17	W
at Connecticut	NL	0-23	–
at Ohio U	+22	6-45	L
N Illinois	+16	21-45	L
C Michigan	+17	19-38	L
at W Michigan	+33	17-45	W
Marshall	+44	3-59	L
at Kent St	+14	20-41	L
Hofstra	NL	13-20	–
at Virginia	+49	21-50	W
at Miami, Oh	+33	0-43	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Syracuse	+43'	7-63	L
at Rutgers	+24'	0-59	L
Connecticut	+14'	21-24	W
Bowling Green	+20'	20-17	W
at Marshall	+43'	14-47	W
at Ohio U	+31	20-42	W
Ball St	+10'	35-44	W
at N Illinois	+34	10-73	L
Kent St	+7	20-17	W
at Akron	+29	14-49	L
Miami, Oh	+21	16-17	W

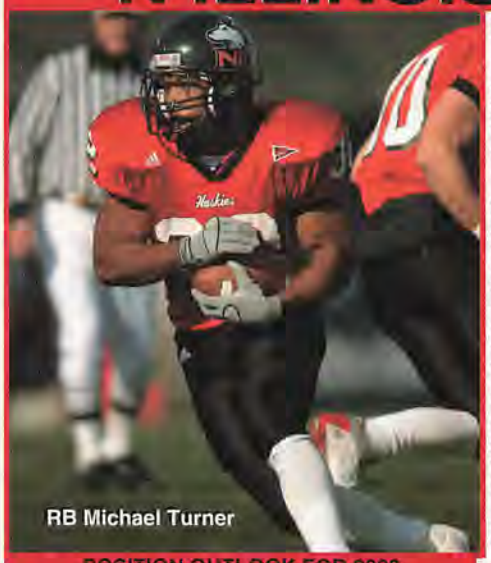
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rutgers	+15	15-31	L
at Bowling Green	+22'	0-35	L
at Connecticut	+6'	37-20	W
C Michigan	+7	8-16	L
at Miami, Oh	+25	14-31	W
Marshall	+25	14-34	W
at Kent St	+11'	13-35	L
at E Michigan	+3	20-24	L
Ohio U	+15'	44-0	W
at Army	+15	26-19	W
Akron	+5	14-41	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Lehigh	NL	26-37	–
at Rutgers	+7	34-11	W
Connecticut	+2	3-24	L
at Minnesota	+31	17-41	W
at Ohio U	+8	32-34	W
W Michigan	+11	17-31	L
at Marshall	+31	21-66	L
Miami, Oh	+16'	0-49	L
Kent St	+4'	12-16	W
UCF	+17	21-45	L
at Akron	+15	10-21	W
at Ball St	+16	21-41	L

N ILLINOIS HUSKIES


RB Michael Turner

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Last year NI simply had to replace Chris Finlen who became the first player in NI history to top 1,000 yards passing in 4 different years and left as the school's career leader in total offense (he is currently on the New Orleans Saints roster). Josh Haldi was his backup in 2001 and appeared in just 3 games attempting 7 passes. It looked like either JUCO Kyle Padia or rFr Joe Stamm (PS#112) would become the starter but both were lost prior to the year with career ending medical problems. Ryan Gilbert who threw for 1,750 yards (57.5%) with a 15-9 ratio at JUCO in 2001 was in for the spring and battled Haldi. While Haldi won the starting job, he caught a lot of heat at midseason. After the first 5 games he had completed just 47% with a 2-4 ratio while passing for 157 ypg. Against W Illinois and Kent St he hit just 13 of 36 for 67 ypg. With teams stacking the run to stop Michael Turner, Haldi caught fire in the 2H of the season. In the final 7 games he hit 56.3% for 1,271 yards (181.6 ypg) with a super 13 TD's and just 2 int's. Gilbert returns as the backup (8 passes LY). Phil Horvath (PS#115) could move into the #2 spot. Chris Aiello (6-2 207 rFr) and true frosh Andre Brown round out the group. Things look improved this season.

RUNNING BACKS - NI has had two players lead the NCAA in rushing (1973 Mark Kellar, 1993 LeShon Johnson). Prior to 2000 the team lost both of their starting RB's prior to the season but Thomas Hammock rushed for 1,083 yards in just 9 starts. He missed the final 2 games and true frosh Michael Turner who had rushed 472 yards in the first 9 games, rushed for 230 and 281 in his final two, setting an NCAA frosh record with 52 rush attempts vs CM. Hammock saw the bulk of the rushing duties in 2001 with 1,096 yards (4.1). Turner had 395 yards (4.3) as they struggled behind a young O-line. Last year Hammock had 172 yards against Wake Forest but then unfortunately had to end his career due to a heart condition. Michael "The Burner" Turner, who is 223 lbs and has 4.41 speed with 6.8% body fat, got off to a slow start against S Florida with just 66 yards but then exploded down the stretch finishing with five 200 yard games and a total of 1,915 yards (5.7). He broke the school's single season attempt record with 338, the all-purpose yards record and his 20 TD's also set a school record. Versus WM he sprained his ankle and with #3 TB Adrian Davis out with a broken wrist, #4 TB AJ Harris (PS#178) rushed for 99 yards. I list the FB's below. Also in the mix at TB are Garrett Wolfe (5-7 168 rFr, PS#120), Adrian Davis (5-5 185 So) and Robert Wallace (5-8 202 Jr). Turner is back and was just .96 ypg from being the NCAA leader last year. With Long healthy, this group is in good shape.

RECEIVERS - Last year NI had to replace Darrell Hill (#7DC of TEN) and starting TE Joey Reed. They then lost starting WR PJ Fleck, their leading returner, to injury in the first game. Sam Hurd, a 17 year old frosh, had 8 rec's against Wisconsin. Dan Sheldon, who finished with 1,542 all-purpose yards, led the team with 40 rec's and a super 19.6 ypc while Hurd was #2. This year the only loss is TE Matt Dunker (2nd Tm MAC, 20, 11.8). Everyone else is back including PJ Fleck who returns from injury. I list the 2 deep below and starting FB Brad Cieslak moves to TE. Also back is Keith Perry who has 19 starts (51 rec) in two years, as well as Kevin Woods (5-9 188 Jr), Turner Pugh (6-1 184 Sr), David McDermott (6-2 176 Jr) and Andy Lothson (6-1 188 Jr).

OFFENSIVE LINE - NI had a Big 10 caliber O-line in 2000 and paved the way for 4.7 ypc rushing while allowing just 16 sacks. In 2001 they had to replace four starters and they slipped to 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace only one starter to graduation but then lost returning starter Mark Orszula (8 sts) to injury. The offense averaged 4.45 ypc rushing while allowing 29 sacks. This year the losses are a little heavier as gone are RG Graham Sleight (12 sts), LT Tim Vincent (12 sts, 1st Tm MAC, 4 yr st'r) and RG Matt McGhghy (11 sts, 2 yr st'r). Seven of the top ten do return plus they get Orszula back so basically three players who have started full-time return, much the same as last year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Huskies yielded 3.7 ypc rushing while recording 28 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter and three other players who combined for seven starts and 77 tackles. They did have three players returning who started seven or more games. In the 8th game they lost DT Anthony Falbo for the year and Leonard Cooksey started in his place. Overall, NI allowed 3.54 ypc rushing but led the MAC with 47 sacks. This year they must replace both starting DT's in Falbo (8 sts, 30 tkls, 3 sks) and NT Eric Didesch (12 sts, 33 tkls, 5 tfl). The good news is that six of the top eight players do return. They also get 3 HT rFr added to the mix. Not listed below is Quince Holman (6-3 231 So) and Mario Balistreri (6-3 255 rFr). This unit is close to last year's fine standards.

LINEBACKERS - The Huskies were in great shape last year as their top two LB's who tied for #6 in the NCAA with 92 solo tackles returned in Larry Williams and Nick Duffy. They only had to replace one starter and one backup. WLB Larry Williams (130 tkls, 10 sks) was 1st Team MAC and departs as the #5 all-time tackler here. He garnered six votes for the MAC Defensive POY. While he is a big loss, Nick Duffy returns. He benches 405 lbs and recorded 122 tackles and 11 tfl and was 2nd Tm MAC. Brian Atkinson was also awarded 2nd Tm MAC. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and while this group is about as experienced, I'll call it down just a notch without its top player.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Joe Novak calls the secondary "Mad Dogs". Last year they returned all four starters and ten lettermen to a unit ranked #68 in my pass D rankings in 2001. Unfortunately they lost their best DB, FS Lionel Hickenbottom, to injury in the first game and CB Vince Thompson would miss three games. CB Randee Drew had a breakout year with his 7 interceptions being the most at NI since 1965. He was #2 in the MAC in PD with 21 (7 int, 14 pbu). SS Akil Grant led the team with 138 tackles, the most here since 1993. Overall the Huskies finished #75 allowing 254.9 ypg (56.8%) with a 17-21 ratio taking on a light slate of opposing QB's. This year they must replace CB Thompson (15 career int's, #2 all-time at NI). He was 1st Tm MAC in each of the last two years. Also gone is SS Justin Dole (10 sts, 103 tkls, 3 int, 11 pbu) as well as FS Mike Spacucello (17 tkls). The return of Hickenbottom is big. Not included is Adriel Hansbro (5-10 195 rFr) and his twin Alvah Hansbro who both have 4.4 speed, Dustin Utschig (5-8 187 rFr), Brandon Hawkins (6-2 210 Jr), Andre Morris (5-7 169 rFr) and Jason Orozco (5-8 207 rFr). I look for NI to move up in the pass D rankings this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2000 Justin McCareins averaged 19.1 on PR's and was voted MAC Special Teams POY. The team was +5 in the TD/Blk category finishing #8 in my special teams rankings. In 2001 they had to replace McCareins but finished a respectable #23. K Steve Azar was a Lou Groza Semifinalist and was voted Co-MAC Special Teams POY in 2001. Last year NI had its 3rd consecutive MAC Special Teams POY winner in Dan Sheldon who averaged a remarkable 22.7 on 21 PR's to simply lead the NCAA. Azar was also back and had some clutch game winning FG's hitting 18 of 25 with a long of 51. NI also had 2 kick returners who averaged over 26 ypr in Randee Drew and Michael Turner. The team also has blocked 8 punts in the last 3 years. Punter Jimmy Erwin departs and while he averaged 38.3 the team's net was just 29.8 which were the weakest numbers of his 3 year career. Almost everyone is back including the stars Azar and Sheldon and while the unit finished #45 last year, I look for them to contend for Top 20 honors again provided a punter emerges.

COACHES - Joe Novak got off to a slow start in his NI career but luckily the AD had patience and after just three wins in his first three years, he has totalled 5, 6, 6 and 8 wins the last four years. They were MAC West co-champs the last two seasons. Novak accomplished the 8-4 season and his third straight winning year last year despite losing his top RB, WR, FS and OT in August or in the first game. The seven game win streak they complied last year was N Ill's longest since 1969. He was the MAC Coach of the Year. He does lose his OC Dan Roushar who has been in that spot since 1998. He left for Illinois. Matt Canada, who has been either the RB or QB coach since 1998, takes over as the new OC. The DC is Scott Shafer who enters his fourth year in that position.

PHIL'S FORECAST

NI produced its third straight winning season for only the second time in 34 years. NI led all MAC teams with 11 all-league players including six 1st Team selections (Toledo and Marshall had four each). The team ranked #3 in the NCAA in home attendance increase (43%). The team came just :41 short of beating Toledo which would have given them the MAC West Title outright. The Huskies had not had a winning season since 1990 but Joe Novak preached patience and bit the bullet when he came in featuring a team that had just 6 seniors and 18 frosh on the 2 deep. This has been a very fortunate team the last 3 years as they have benefitted from +8, +9 and +7 turnovers and last year, despite their 7-1 record in league play, NI was actually outgained by 12.1 ypg! While NI had a 455-275 yard edge vs Wisconsin on the road, they also lost to IAA W Illinois even though they led both with :90 left. They were fortunate in other games though as they trailed Ball St in the 4Q, got a 46 yard FG on the final play of regulation to force OT vs Wake Forest and trailed Miami 27-7 in the 3Q. They beat undefeated #16 ranked BG which was just their second win over a ranked team since 1969 when they joined IA. They did get 12 votes in the USA Today poll and 4 in the AP after the EM win (first time since '69). In 2002 all of this was accomplished despite the fact that they lost their starting RB, WR, FS and OT in August or in the first game of the season. Overall on the year they were outgained by all opponents by a 387-376 yard margin. NI has 13 starters and 45 letterman back and only lose 13 lettermen. NI also gets a break from the schedule makers as they draw Buffalo and Ohio U from the MAC East. All that has me calling for NI to once again be in the thick of the MAC West race.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JOSH HALDI JR. 6-2 194 PS#264. 12 starts in '02, 2027 yds (51%) 15-6 ratio, #27 NCAA pass eff. Ryan Gilbert (6-3 195 Sr) JC LY. **Phil Horvath** (6-2 196 rFr).

RB MICHAEL TURNER SR. 6-0 223 4.4 spd. 2 sts as **true**. 983 (4.9). 11 sts LY, **#2 NCAA, 1915 yds (5.7)**, 1st Tm MAC. AJ Harris (6-0 210 So) PS#178, 171 yds (3.8) **true**.

FB Brad Benson rFr. 6-0 240 #1 FB in spg. Aaron Anderson (6-3 227 Jr) 8 games in '01. TE/FB in '02. Jeremy Pugh (6-0 211 So) 20 ttl yds in '02. Cas Prime is PS#143.

WR DAN SHELDON JR. 5-11 175 PS#252. 11 sts LY, #1 w/40 rec (19.6), 135 rush, 624 ret yds. Shatone Powers (5-11 172 So) PS#268, 1 st LY, 7 rec. Mike Archie (6-1 197 Sr) PS#168.

WR PJ FLECK SR. 5-10 177 PS#167, 40 rec (9.3) in '99-2000. 7 sts in '01, #1 w/ 59 rec (12.4). RS LY. Sam Hurd (6-1 175 So) 2 sts, 22 rec as **true**. Spd. Keith Perry (6-3 221) 9 sts LY.

TE BRAD CIESLAK JR. 6-4 250 10 sts at FB in '02, 10 rec (7.0). Pat Raleigh (6-4 231 So) PS#296DL. 2 sts at FB in '02. Jake Nordin (6-3 239 rFr). Brandon Davis is PS#43.

C TODD GHILANI SR. 6-4 295 PS#179DL. 2nd string 8 gms as rFr. 11 sts, 831 plays in '01. 12 sts LY, **2nd Tm MAC**. Matt Rogers (6-3 250 rFr). Lorenzo Nichols is PS#454.

RG Brian Van Acker So. 6-3 266 PS#138OL. 2nd string as rFr. 2nd string as **true** but RS. Ben Lueck (6-4 295 Jr) PS#103OL. 2nd string LY. Jacob Ebenhoch (6-4 279 So).

LG Mark Orszula Jr. 6-7 323 70 snaps as rFr. 8 sts in '01, 595 plays. Inj'd in '02. Shaun Schroeder (6-2 309 Sr) PS#212DL. **6 sts** in '01, 595 plays, 2nd string last year.

RT JAKE VerSTRAETE JR. 6-7 289 5 sts, 401 plays in '01. 12 sts LY, 340 bench. Efrain Cervantes (6-3 268 rFr). Joel Ellis (6-5 315 Sr) PS#287. 2nd string LY, 2 letters.

LT Shea Fitzgerald So. 6-6 281 PS#219DL. 2nd string as rFr & 1 start (vs Wisky). #1 LT in spring. Doug Free (6-5 250 rFr) PS#323DL. Chris Acevedo is PS#433OL.

K STEVE AZAR SR. 5-7 192 14 of 15 FG's, long of 44 in 2000. 20 of 26 FG's, long of 50 in '01. **MAC Special Teams POY**. Hit 18 of 25 FG's LY, L/51. 2 of 4 from 50+.

DE TRAVIS MOORE JR. 6-0 231 7 sts as rFr. 47 tkls, 5 tfl. 12 sts LY, **1st Tm MAC**. 52 tkls, 7 sks, 6 tfl, 17 QBH. Ken West (6-0 226 rFr) PS#341RB. Curtis Crossley (6-2 217 Jr) 8 tkls, 1 sk LY.

NT Leonard Cooksey Sr. 6-0 273 4 sts LY, 29 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl. Justin McIntyre (6-0 297 So) PS#229. Eric Pittman (6-1 301 rFr) PS#164. Jasen McDonald (6-5 270 rFr) PS#234.

DT Charles Johnson So. 6-1 313 PS#97RB. +23 lbs as rFr. Martin Wilson (6-0 273 Jr) PS#429OL. Bench 225 lbs 21x's. Wrestling champ. Mychael McKay (6-1 289 rFr) PS#207.

DE JASON FRANK SR. 6-5 243 PS#163LB. 37 tkls, 1 sk in '01. 10 sts LY, 61 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl. Vinson Reynolds (6-1 237 Sr) 34 tkls in 2000-'01. 2 sts, 50 tkls, 7 sks, 3 tfl, 17 QBH.

SLB BRIAN ATKINSON JR. 6-1 210 3 sts as rFr. 27 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. 12 sts LY, 74 tkls, 4 sks, 6 tfl, **2nd Tm MAC**. Jason Hutton (5-10 229 So) PS#44TE. Willie Smith (6-0 223 Jr).

MLB NICK DUFFY SR. 6-2 232 11 sts, #6 in NCAA w/92 solo tkls. 125 tkl, 11 tfl in '01, 405 bench. 12 sts, **2nd Tm MAC**, 122 tkl, 11 tfl LY. Jason Hawkins (6-2 226 Jr) PS#145, 11 tkl in '01.

WLB Kursten Strothman Jr. 6-1 239 26 tkls, 3 sks as rFr. 31 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 int. 3 pbu LY, 2 blk'd punts. Javan Lee (6-3 206 So) PS#372RB. 25 tkls, 5 tfl as rFr. Keenan Blalark (5-9 201 rFr).

CB RANDEE DREW SR. 5-8 185 4.42 spd. 9 sts, 1 int, 7 pbu in '01. 12 sts in '01. **7 int**, 14 pbu, 56 tkls, **1st Tm MAC**, 15 KR (26.1). Rob Lee (6-1 192 Jr) PS#149. 4.39 speed.

CB Gerard Taylor Sr. 5-7 184 12 tkls as **true**. 4.49 spd. 30 tkl in '01, 1 pbu. 3 sts LY, 26 tkl, 1 sk, 3 pbu. Deon Smith (5-9 183 Sr). Alvah Hansbro (5-9 161 rFr). Andre Morris (5-7 169 rFr).

SS AKIL GRANT SR. 5-11 186 11 sts in '01, 114 tkls, **2nd Tm MAC**, 4.52 spd. 3.4% body fat, 12 sts LY, #1 w/138 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu. Ray Smith (6-1 182 So) PS#195. 10 tkls LY.

FS Lionel Hickenbottom Jr. 5-10 192 8 sts in '01 (inj'd). 90 tkls, 4 int, 9 pbu, top DB. Inj'd in first game LY. Devron Francis (5-9 179 Jr) 3 sts, 34 tkls in '01. 1 st, 39 tkls, 3 tfl in '02.

P Anthony Gallagher Sr. 5-11 199 Walk-on punter, #1 punter in spring. Dennis Tovar (6-0 200 Jr) PS#442JC. Walk-on, #2 punter in spring. Steve Azar had 39.7 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

QB	Andre Brown 5-11 200 PS#58	
RB	Greg Owens 5-10 205 PS#95	
TE	Brandon Davis 6-5 230 PS#43	
OL	Kevin Serfort 6-5 270 PS#144	
QB	Zach Ullrich 6-0 180 PS#101	
WR	Dan Passarelli 5-11 170 PS#124	
RB	Cas Prime 6-2 215 PS#143	
QB	Antonio Tribble 6-0 195 PS#158	
DL	Nick Sykes 6-3 220 PS#248	
QB	Shedrick Mossman 6-2 210 PS#195	
OL	Seren Woodfork-Bey 6-6 300 PS#350	
LB	Bob McLearen 6-2 200 PS#313	
DL	Chamzie Carey 6-4 230 PS#321	
OL	Chris Acevedo 6-5 270 PS#433	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NI	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 28	Maryland (Thur)	A					
Sep. 6	Tennessee Tech	A					
Sep. 13							
Sep. 20	at Alabama	G					
Sep. 27	Iowa St	A					
Oct. 4	Ohio U	A					
Oct. 11	at C Michigan	A					
Oct. 18	W Michigan (HC)	A					
Oct. 25	at Bowling Green	G					
Nov. 1	Ball St	A					
Nov. 8	at Buffalo	G					
Nov. 15	at Toledo	A					
Nov. 22	E Michigan	A					
Nov. 29							

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

N Illinois is 2-7 SU & 2-6 ATS on Thursdays since 1993.
Huskies are 4-11 SU but 11-4 ATS their last 15 on grass.
N Illinois is 8-4 ATS as a home favorite since 1999.

The Huskies are 1-2 SU but 3-0 ATS vs the ACC since 1997.
N Illinois is 2-10 SU & 3-8 ATS the last 12 years in season openers.

TT is 0-3 SU vs Div IA tms the L/ 2 yrs, being outscored by a combined 141-13.
Tenn Tech was 5-7 overall last year & were 5th in the Ohio Valley Conf.

The Huskies are just 4-7 SU their last 11 non-lined games.

NI is just 4-9 ATS their last 13 road openers.
Huskies are 1-7 SU but 7-1 ATS vs the SEC since 1991.

The last time these 2 met was a 54-10 stomping by ISU (-8) back in '93.
The Huskies are 0-6 SU and ATS vs the Big 12 since 1991.

N Illinois is 6-3 & ATS vs the MAC East since 1999.
Huskies are 11-4 SU & 10-5 ATS in MAC home games since 1999

N Illinois is 5-0 SU & ATS their last 5 vs Central Michigan.
The Huskies are 13-6 ATS in MAC road games S/'98 (including 4-0 LY).

NI is just 2-4 SU but 5-1 ATS their last 6 vs W Mich (2-0 SU & ATS L/2 yrs).
The Huskers are 5-1 SU & 6-0 ATS their last 6 Homecoming games.

NI beat a ranked & previously undefeated BG tm LY 26-17 as a 3' pt HD.
The Huskies are 1-2 SU & ATS vs BGSU since rejoining the MAC.

NI is 4-2 SU & 5-1 ATS vs Ball St their last 6.
N Illinois is 5-10 SU & ATS in lined November home games since 1991.

The Huskies are 2-0 SU & ATS vs Buff since the Bulls joined the MAC.
In their 2 meetings, N Illinois has outscored Buffalo 118-31.

NI is 0-9 SU & 1-7-1 ATS their L/9 vs UT, being outscored by an avg of 17.2 ppg.
N Illinois is 1-12 SU & 4-8 ATS in their final road game of the year S/'90.

The home team is 2-4 ATS the last 6 meetings in this series.
The Huskies are 3-1 ATS their last 4 season finales.

JOE NOVAK (Career 28-50)
8th Year at N Illinois

Novak's records AT N ILLINOIS

28-50	Straight Up	8-6	Home Favorite
40-30-2	Vs The Spread	9-8-1	Home Dog
22-17-1	Off A SU Loss	7-2-1	Away Favorite
29-18-2	Vs Conference	16-14	Away Dog
		11-12	Vs Non-Conf

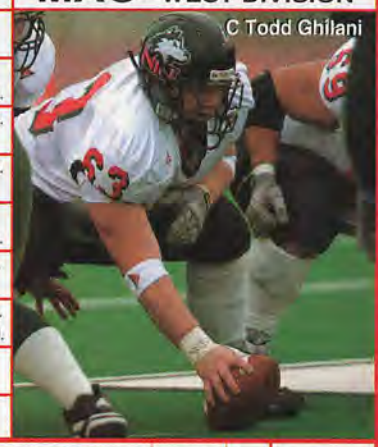
2002 RECORD: (8-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (22,22,1)
Lost: 14 (6,7,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,953

MAC - WEST DIVISION



STADIUM: HUSKIE STADIUM (30,076)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Field Turf)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	0-11	2-9	5-6	6-5	6-5	8-4	28-50
ATS	2-7-1	6-5	6-3-1	7-3	6-4	4-6	9-2	40-30-2
Home Fav	0-2	0-0	0-0	3-0	3-0	0-3	2-1	8-6
Home Dog	0-2	4-2	1-2-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-0	9-8-1
Away Fav	0-0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-1	1-1	3-0	7-2-1
Away Dog	2-3	2-3	5-1	2-3	1-2	2-1	2-1	16-14
Favorite	0-2-1	0-0	0-0	4-0	5-1	1-4	5-1	15-8-1
Dog	2-5	6-5	6-3-1	3-3	1-3	3-2	4-1	25-22-1
Grass	1-2-1	1-2	4-0	2-1	2-2	1-0	2-1	13-8-1
Artificial	1-5	5-3	2-3-1	5-2	4-2	3-6	7-1	27-22-1
vs Conf	1-1-1	4-4	5-2-1	6-2	4-3	2-5	7-1	29-18-2
vs Non-Conf	1-6	2-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	11-12
Off SU Win	0-1	0-0	1-0-1	3-1	3-2	3-3	6-2	16-9-1
Off SU Loss	2-5-1	6-4	4-3	4-2	3-1	1-2	2-0	22-17-1

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Michael Turner	338	2027	112	1915	19	5.7
Thomas Hammock	38	176	4	172	2	4.5
A.J. Harris	45	172	1	171	1	3.8
Dan Sheldon	13	148	13	135	1	10.4
Josh Haldi	59	100	190	-90	0	-1.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Josh Haldi	254	130	51.2	2027	15	6
Ryan Gilbert	8	4	50.0	56	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Dan Sheldon	40	783	19.6	5	54
Sam Hurd	22	512	23.3	3	66
Matt Dunker	20	235	11.8	6	30
Keith Perry	9	167	18.6	0	45
Michael Turner	10	100	10.0	0	28

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Jimmy Erwin	63	2412	38.3	59	30.3	1	18

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Steve Azar	41-43	7-7	7-8	2-6	2-4	18-25	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Akil Grant	138	1	3	5	2
Larry Williams	130	10	3	1	0
Nick Duffy	122	2	9	4	1
Justin Dole	103	1	3	11	3
Brian Atkinson	74	4	6	3	0
Jason Frank	61	2	1	4	0
Randee Drew	56	0	2	14	7
Vince Thompson	56	0	1	12	5
Travis Moore	52	7	6	1	0
Vinson Reynolds	50	7	3	1	0
Devron Francis	39	1	2	3	0
Eric Didesch	33	1	4	0	0
Kursten Strothman	31	1	1	3	2

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dan Sheldon	21	477	22.7	3

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Randee Drew	15	392	26.1	0
Michael Turner	10	269	26.9	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
83	California	NL	Cal St-Fullerton	20-13	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

N ILLINOIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		DEF RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	31.3	19	201	4.5	175	50.9	12.0	+8	2002	8	24.8	19	132	3.5	255	56.8	15.6
6*	27.5	19	144	3.4	196	50.0	12.4	+9	2001	4	26.5	21	158	3.7	228	56.4	14.5
7*	37.2	23	228	4.7	200	54.4	11.5	+8	2000	8	25.5	19	151	4.1	210	59.6	14.2
8*	26.3	19	157	3.7	188	53.4	13.1	+4	1999	7	26.3	20	163	3.9	197	55.3	13.7
8	14.5	13	124	3.1	119	48.7	16.7	-5	1998	9	29.9	19	189	3.9	173	56.2	12.1
5	11.7	15	129	3.0	136	48.8	22.6	-3	1997	9	34.7	22	240	5.1	188	57.0	12.3

2002 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Wake Forest	26	54-206	3.8	14-26	214	1	17	50-344	6.9	9-17	107	0	-4
at S Florida	16	42-73	1.7	12-30	196	3	15	29-116	4.0	22-34	273	3	-2
at Wisconsin	22	48-182	3.8	18-33	273	5	17	41-68	1.7	15-23	207	10	-3
W Illinois	15	42-284	6.8	6-17	74	5	22	45-35	0.8	19-35	382	4	+1
Kent St	16	49-240	4.9	7-19	60	0	14	41-229	5.6	14-27	109	2	0
at Ball St	17	44-144	3.3	13-20	171	1	27	41-184	4.5	20-46	233	3	+2
at Miami, Oh	16	25-222	8.9	11-21	292	2	30	39-47	1.2	41-61	525	6	+2
C Michigan	22	62-238	3.8	12-19	150	6	6	30-53	1.8	13-30	117	2	+2
at W Michigan	16	50-137	2.7	9-20	167	3	16	31-191	6.2	16-33	208	6	+4
Bowling Green	16	46-198	4.3	10-16	145	0	23	30-86	2.9	27-53	271	1	+1
at E Michigan	14	28-227	8.1	8-14	221	1	23	36-21	0.6	27-43	272	7	+3
Toledo	28	51-258	5.1	15-30	142	2	20	34-208	6.1	20-26	355	1	+2
TOTALS	224	541-2409	4.5	135-265	2105	29	230	447-1582	3.5	243-428	3059	47	+8
AVERAGES	18.7	45-201	4.5	11-22	175	2.4	19.2	37-132	3.5	20-36	255	3.9	+0.7

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at W Michigan	+18	23-37	W
at Kansas St	+48'	7-73	L
E Illinois	NL	10-24	–
at Ball St	+12	13-18	W
at UCF	+36	17-38	W
C Michigan	+10	16-6	W
at E Michigan	+10'	26-14	W
Toledo	+13	3-16	T
Miami, Oh	+16	10-41	L
at Ohio U	+17	12-28	W
Bowling Green	+9'	23-34	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Illinois	NL	21-27	–
at Vanderbilt	+17	31-34	W
at Iowa	+14'	0-24	L
W Michigan	+8'	21-24	W
at Buffalo	-16	45-21	W
Ball St	-9	37-17	W
at C Michigan	+2	31-27	W
Kent St	-14	50-7	W
at Marshall	+26	9-41	L
at Toledo	+6	14-44	L
E Michigan	-4'	30-23	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Northwestern	+8	17-35	L
Illinois St	NL	52-0	–
at Auburn	+23'	14-31	W
at Ball St	-11	43-14	W
UCF	-4	40-20	W
at Akron	-1	52-35	W
at W Michigan	+5'	22-52	L
Buffalo	-34	73-10	W
Toledo	+5	24-38	L
at E Michigan	-14'	32-39	L
C Michigan	-24	40-6	W

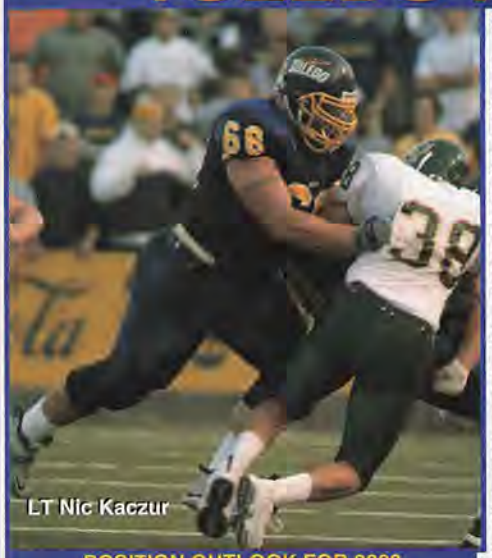
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
S Florida	-18	20-17	L
at Illinois	+20	12-17	W
Sam Houston St	NL	41-16	–
at Toledo	+17	20-41	L
Marshall	+1	15-37	L
at Kent St	-10'	34-44	L
W Michigan	+5	20-12	W
at C Michigan	-8'	33-24	W
E Michigan	-24	40-17	L
Ball St	-10'	33-29	L
at Wake Forest	+10'	35-38	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wake Forest	+1	42-41 OT	W
at S Florida	+7	6-37	L
at Wisconsin	+22	21-24	W
W Illinois	NL	26-29	–
Kent St	-6	13-6	W
at Ball St	-2	41-29	W
at Miami, Oh	+8	48-41	W
C Michigan	-9'	49-0	W
at W Michigan	-2'	24-20	W
Bowling Green	+3'	26-17	W
at E Michigan	-23	49-21	W
Toledo	-1	30-33	L

TOLEDO ROCKETS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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Tavares Bolden took over the starting QB job in 1999 after five games. In 2001 Amstutz changed the offense completely and Bolden adapted to it magnificently throwing for 2,466 yards with a MAC record 67.1% completions and a 13-6 ratio while rushing for 421 yards. Last year it looked like the QB position would be much weaker with Bolden gone. Brian Jones had thrown for 5,600 yards and 52 TD's in two years at JUCO but played just 5 games at Toledo in 2001 (including a start vs BG) and threw for just 193 yards (51.5%) with a 3-3 ratio. Bruce Gradkowski (6-2 204 So) directed the scout team in 2001. Cedric Stevens threw for 1,266 yards at JUCO as a frosh and has solid 6-4 217 size. The three battled for the starting job and each saw action in the opener. Jones and Stevens each played vs E Mich but the job belonged to Jones who had a phenomenal season in his first and only year as the starter. Jones threw for 3,446 yards and broke Bolden's MAC record by completing an amazing 70.2% of his passes which not only was a school record, it led the NCAA. He had 23 TD's and just 9 int's while also rushing for 560 gross yards. He directed the Toledo offense that averaged 35.4 ppg. Now if Amstutz can replace Jones as easily as he did Bolden last year, they would be in great shape but none of the QB's below had the same type of numbers that Jones did in his two years at JUCO. Stevens and Gradkowski are both back. Gradkowski did throw for 2,978 yards with a 30-5 ratio his senior year in HS breaking league records in the same league that produced Joe Namath, Joe Montana and Dan Marino. He got in just three pass attempts last year with 32 yards rushing. Stevens had 14 pass attempts for 112 yards. This unit definitely looks weaker in 2003 but Amstutz and OC Spence have surprised before.

RUNNING BACKS - Toledo finished in the Top 20 in the NCAA in rushing in each of the three years from 1999 through 2001 thanks mostly to super RB Chester Taylor. Taylor (#6DC of BAL) left as the school's all-time leading rusher. Taylor had 1,620 yards (5.4) in his senior season despite missing a couple of games and he and their #2 RB departed last year. I thought the unit would have a huge dropoff in terms of production. William Bratton, however, stepped up and started the first eight games rushing for 639 yards (5.6). However, he fractured his ankle vs Miami (OH) and three freshmen RB's who were called "Baby Backs" all emerged during the season. Astin Martin led the team with 785 yards (5.8) Trinity Dawson added 754 yards (4.7) and Quinton Broussard had 228 (4.4). Adam Cuomo (5-9 195 Sr) had 40 yards (2.4). While Bratton departs, the three key players are now sophomores and also in the mix is Webster Jackson (5-11 212 Jr) who had 104 yards in 2001 but was slowed by a hamstring injury last year. This unit is vastly more experienced than it was heading into last season.

RECEIVERS - Last year all of the top receivers returned. Donta Greene had 63 rec's (11.3) and he departs as the school's all-time leading receiver. Carl Ford (#7DC of GB) simply became the first Rocket in their 83 year history to top 1,000 yards in receiving (1,062). Not only do those two depart but so does Manny Johnson (14 sts, 34, 11.8) who was the fastest player on the team with 4.29 speed. They do return their starting TE and I list the rest of the 2 deep below. This is one area where I expect freshmen to have an immediate impact. The leading returning receiver is TE Andrew Clarke who had 37 rec's (11.0) and the leading returning WR is Lance Moore (23, 13.4). Amstutz thinks his top 2 TE's are as good or better than any TE's in the MAC. This unit is clearly a lot less experienced and does not look to be as talented as 2002.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Rockets averaged 4.9 ypc rushing and allowed just 13 sacks in 2001. Last year three full-time starters returned and they had the second largest OL in the NCAA averaging 320 lbs per man. One returning starter, however, Tim Dirksen, had eight starts in 2001 before suffering an ACL injury and he was not 100% last year getting in just one start. Overall the unit paved the way for 5.08 ypc rushing while allowing just 19 sacks. This year three full-time starters return along with Dirksen who is another year removed from his knee surgery. The only losses are C Chris Tuminello (14 sts, 2 yr st'r, 1st Tm MAC) and RG Noah Swartz (14 sts). The projected starting five average 318 lbs and this unit may be the best in the MAC once again.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Toledo allowed just 2.9 ypc rushing while recording 38 sacks with a senior laden group in 2001. Last year they had to replace seven of the top eight DL's including all four starters. As expected the Rockets' D was a lot more giving last year as they yielded 4.2 ypc rushing while recording just 23 sacks. The defensive front is a lot more experienced this season. The only loss is starting DE Anthony Jordan who moves to ILB but six players return with starting experience in the 3 deep that I list below. I look for this group to make significant strides in the ypc rushing allowed.

LINEBACKERS - Toledo runs a 4-4 defense but I list the ROV as a safety and the WHIP with this unit. Last year the team had to replace just one starter and not only did they have five of their top six back but the top two tacklers from 2001, Tom Ward (139) and David Gardner (117) both returned. Those two once again led the way in 2002 with Ward chalking up 180 stops and Gardner adding 154 along with 12 tfl and both rightfully earned 1st Tm MAC honors. Unfortunately this year they both depart as does backup WLB Olanzo Jarrett (4 tkls). Last season, starting WHIP Patrick Body moved to FS after six games and Brock Dodrill (#3 on tm in tkls) took over his starting spot. Dodrill is back and they move former starting DE Anthony Jordan to his more natural ILB position. This group does have some experience and should be decent, but will be weaker with the loss of two extremely productive starters.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Toledo finished #88 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and had to replace both starting safeties last year but had five of the top eight back including their CB's. Starting SS Paul Dye lost his job to Keon Jackson after four games and FS Demetris Simms suffered a knee injury in the 6th game which forced Patrick Body to take over. The Rockets finished #62 allowing 58.2% with an 18-18 ratio. This year they must replace CB Jehu Anderson (14 sts, 4 yr st'r, 69 tkls, 1 int), FS Simms (6 sts, 46 tkls, 3 pbu) and CB James Stanley (3 tkls). They return CB Brandon Hefflin who was 2nd Tm MAC last year and has started 37 games for the Rockets. They do get a significant transfer in Michael Broussard who had 12 starts at Wisconsin in 2001 and sat out last year. I list the 2 deep below. I expect significant improvement in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2000 Toledo ranked #45 in my special teams rankings but dropped to #84 in 2001 although they would have been ranked higher had FG kicking been included as Todd France hit 15 of 20 with a long of 55. Last year they had to replace France but did have their punter and super returnman Donta Greene returning. Toledo moved up to #37. K Jason Robbins really struggled missing seven xp's in the first eight games and Amstutz either went for fakes or went for it on 4th down many times passing up FG's as he hit just 4 of his first 7 FG's. He did rebound to hit his last nine FG's, but he only had one attempt from beyond 40 yards. If he continues in his second half form, that position should be much improved. Punter Brandon Hannum was injured early and then suspended midseason and finished with just 13 punts (39.4). Jason Cox did most of the punting and also returns. Donta Greene averaged a super 14.8 on his PR's and 22.5 on KR's and clearly will be missed. With the loss of Greene, this unit looks weaker in 2003.

COACHES - Tom Amstutz begins his third year as head man here and has done an incredible job here winning a pair of MAC West Titles and the overall MAC Championship in 2001 going 19-7. He had been an asst coach here for 21 years prior to his ascension to the head job. His OC is Rob Spence who was the LA Tech co-OC in 2000 and enters his third year here. The DC is Lou West who was the Notre Dame safeties coach from 1999 to 2000 and also is in his third season.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

In Tom Amstutz's first year he inherited a team that was 10-1 in 2000 and had outscored foes by an average of 25 ppg with 15 starters returning. He made a bold move, completely changing the offense from the run-oriented scheme that had produced 36.4 ppg to the spread offense. In his first year the team went 10-2 and won the MAC Title. Amstutz suffered a loss of 42% of his lettermen last year (23) and drew both Miami and UCF out of the MAC East. The 2002 team had only four starters back on defense and it was a true test of his coaching ability. Things did not look good for the Rockets. When they lost to Miami at home they were 5-3 on the season and needed to win out to have any shot at the MAC Title game. They would win on consecutive weeks on the road vs W Mich and N Illinois and then beat BG at home and advanced to the Title game where they lost to Marshall. They are 4-4 their last 8 vs Big 10 foes. They had their 17 homegame winning streak snapped last year but have now had nine consecutive winning seasons and the 10,571 season tickets sold last year set a school record. Last season they had to replace record breaking QB Tavares Bolden but Brian Jones stepped in with a phenomenal year. It will be tougher to replace Jones as his backup does not have the experience he had heading into last season. They have some top-notch RB's and a veteran offensive front but should come nowhere near last year's 35.4 ppg on offense. Defensively they do look a lot stronger as they have eight starters back and after allowing 24.8 and 27.0 ppg (alarming numbers for a Toledo defense) they should be tougher this year and I rank them the 4th best D in the league. Overall Toledo loses just 15 lettermen which is the second lowest in the league. The schedule maker did them no favors as they draw Marshall from the MAC East and also have to face BG on the road, but this is clearly a very talented team and one that is capable of repeating as MAC West Champs. This should be the 10th consecutive winning season for the Rockets, and perhaps a 3rd straight bowl game.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Cedric Stevens Jr. 6-4 217 PS#424JC. 1266 yds pass at JC in '01. 9 of 14 for 112 yds with a 2-0 ratio here LY, 5 yds rush. Bruce Gradkowski (6-2 204 So) PS#195, 60 ttl yds LY.

TB Astin Martin So. 5-8 180 PS#258. #1 as **true** w/785 yds (5.8). **Quinton Broussard** (5-9 180 So) PS#161, 228 yds (4.4) as **true**. **Trinity Dawson** (5-10 195 So) **754 yds** (4.7).

WR Terrance Hudson Jr. 6-1 189 PS#285, 4.47 speed. 1 rec as rFr. 8 rec's (13.0) in 2002. Charles Searcy (5-8 175 rFr) PS#207. Perry Ivery (6-0 180 rFr) PS#203.

WR Fredrick Wilson rFr. 6-4 190 PS#354. Corterris Reese (6-2 196 Jr) PS#109. 11 tkls as true. Broke ankle LY, 6 gms. Steve Odom (5-10 175 rFr). Pete Lepley (6-1 195 Jr).

WR Lance Moore Jr. 5-11 172 6 rec (14.0) as true. #5 in '02, 23 rec (13.4). Chris Charleton (6-0 165 Jr). Kenley Horton (6-2 180 rFr) PS#242QB. Hannibal Pearson (6-2 185 rFr).

TE ANDREW CLARKE JR. 6-2 243 9 rec as rFr (15.8), 14 sts LY, 37 rec (11.0). Chris Holmes (6-6 280 Jr) 12 sts, 20 rec (10.9) in '01. 21 rec (12.5) LY. Steve Ripley (6-6 260 rFr).

C David Odenthal Jr. 6-2 296 PS#435. All Europe in HS (GER). 420 bench, 225 28x. 2nd string LY. Hassan Adebesin (6-2 275 rFr) PS#369. Michael Heuer (6-3 257 Jr).

RG Tim Dirksen Sr. 6-4 309 2nd string as rFr. 8 sts in '01 until ACL. 1 start in 2002 (not 100%). Jesse Anderson (6-5 289 rFr). John Greco (6-5 290 Fr) is PS#429.

LG DARRIC RANDOLPH SR. 6-4 318 225 bench 25x's. 4 sts as rFr. +40 lbs LY, 14 sts at LG. Chris Wakeman (6-5 250 So) PS#213DL, 3 tkls as rFr. Justin Tharp is PS#225.

RT ERIK FAASEN SR. 6-8 345 PS#207 & HUGE. 420 bench. 1 st in '01, 10 gms. 13 sts in '02, **2nd Tm MAC**. Wael Jarbou (6-5 296 Jr) 425 bench. Mike Sacco (6-7 280 Jr).

LT NIC KACZUR JR. 6-5 320 Canadian. 12 sts as rFr, **2nd Tm MAC**. 14 sts LY, **1st Tm MAC**. Nate Jones (6-5 296 Sr) 4 rec at TE in 2000. Jerry Aguwa (6-5 270 rFr).

K JASON ROBBINS SO. 5-10 157 PS#81K. Only 54 of 62 on xp's as rFr but 13 of 16 on FG's! Long of 37. 0 of 1 from 40+. Jonathan Ameen (5-8 160 rFr).

DE FRANK OFILI SR. 6-3 261 PS#132TE. 1 st as rFr, 21 tkls, 8 tfl. 5 sts, 26 tkls, 8 tfl in '01. 13 sts LY, 38 tkls, 9 tfl. 4.59 spd, 355 bench. Top DL award. Melvin Butler (6-2 228 Jr) PS#308.

DT CHAZ WILLIAMS SR. 6-4 290 PS#95DL. 8 tkls, 1 tfl in '01. 14 starts in '02, 38 tkls, 6 tfl, 4 pbu. RJ Cameron (6-5 243 Jr) PS#233, 2 tkls, 2Y. Ryan Raterman (6-4 258 Sr).

DT LANTZ JEUDY SR. 6-2 285 PS#431JUCO. 62 tkls, 21 tfl at JC in '01. 11 sts here, 36 tkls, 6 tfl. Robert Menefee (6-2 270 Sr), 3 sts, 6 tkls LY. Aaron Albritton (6-2 258 rFr).

DE Philip Alexander Jr. 6-3 235 PS#380LB. 6 sts in '02, 38 tkls. 3 sks, 5 tfl, 7 pbu. Anthony Abron (6-2 226 Sr) PS#287LB, 1 st, 11 tkls LY. Ray Turner (6-1 222 Sr) 11 tkls, 2Y.

ILB ANTHONY JORDAN SO. 6-3 220 PS#460. 8 starts at DE as **true**, 40 tkls, 1 sk, 3 tfl. Jered Kingsborough (5-11 241 rFr). Kareem Ferguson (6-1 225 Fr) PS#182LB.

ILB David Thomas Jr. 6-2 210 PS#238LB. 27 tkls in '02 as 2nd string. Seth Thitoff (6-2 200 rFr), sprinter on track tm in HS, 30 TD's as RB. Shawn Dean (5-11 210 So).

WHIP BROCK DODRILL JR. 6-2 214 Walk-on. Toledo HS DB of Yr in 2000. 9 tkls as true. 8 sts LY, 89 tkls, 8 tfl, 2 int, 4 pbu. Rodney Gamby (5-10 186 rFr) PS#296RB. Tariq Goode (6-2 200 rFr).

CB BRANDON HEFFLIN SR. 6-1 170 11 sts, 44 tkls in '00. 12 sts, 43 tkls, 6 pbu in '01. 14 sts, 56 tkls, **6 int**, 7 pbu LY. **2nd Tm MAC**. Susp? Antonio Malone (6-1 180 So) PS#127, 30 tkls as true.

CB Michael Broussard Jr. 5-11 200 PS#103RB. 1 start as **true @ Wisconsin**. 11 tkls. **12 sts** in '01, 51 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu. Bo Martin (6-1 180 rFr). David Mentlow (5-10 180 Sr).

ROV KEON JACKSON SO. 5-11 199 PS#280. 10 sts as rFr, 78 tkls, 3 int, 11 pbu, 3 sks, 4 tfl, #2 for MAC Fr of Yr. Paul Dye (6-1 218 Sr) 4 sts, 40 tkls, 3 tfl, 5 pbu LY. Pat Gray (6-5 185 rFr) PS#368.

FS PATRICK BODY JR. 6-2 191 9 tkls as true. 14 sts (6 at WLB, L/8 at FS) LY, 83 tkls, 5 tfl, 3 pbu. Jamar Landrum (6-2 200 So) 25 tkls as true. Shawn Nixon (6-1 185 Jr) PS#209QB.

P JASON COX SO. 6-1 190 PS#66K. 30 punts, 36.5 avg. 4 inside the 20 LY. **Brandon Hannum** (6-3 222 Sr), 55 punts, 37.9 in 2000. 52 punts (40.8) in '01. 13 punts (39.4) LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

TE	Josh Powell 6-5 240 PS#39	
RB	Harvey McDougle 6-1 220 PS#93	
DB	Lance Johnson 5-10 190 PS#132	
QB	Cole Peace 6-2 210 PS#125	
QB	Marques Council 6-3 175 PS#127	
WR	Emory Jones 6-5 195 PS#166	
OL	Justin Tharp 6-6 280 PS#225	
LB	Kareem Ferguson 6-1 225 PS#182	
DL	Michael Hill 6-1 250 PS#242	
RB	Mike Alston 6-2 205 PS#254	
DB	Nigel Morris 6-0 180 PS#315	
QB	Jerreld Tolbert 6-4 185 PS#216	
OL	Tyree Pollard 6-4 286 PS#418	
OL	John Greco 6-5 290 PS#429	

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#111

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	at UNLV	G						Toledo is 6-10 ATS their last 16 on grass. The Rockets are a 13-0 SU (10-3 ATS) in their final home game. UT is 9-4 ATS as a MAC road dog.
Sep. 6	Liberty	A						In their only prior regular season meeting, UT won 38-21 as a 7' pt HF LY. Toledo is 7-1 SU & ATS in road openers since 1995.
Sep. 12	at Marshall (Fri)	A						Liberty, a Div IAA team was 2-9 last year, including 0-2 vs MAC teams. The Rockets are a perfect 8-0 SU in non-lined games since 1994.
Sep. 20	Pittsburgh	A						Including MAC Title gms: UT is 2-3 SU, but 3-1-1 ATS vs Marshall S'98. Toledo is 6-3 ATS their last 9 conference openers.
Sep. 27	at Syracuse	A						Toledo is 1-3 ATS vs the Big East since 1998. The Rockets are 0-3 SU & ATS as a regular season home dog since 1998.
Oct. 4								Pending UNLV: UT is just 4-7 ATS in non-conf road games since 1993. Toledo is 0-5 ATS their last 5 games before a bye.
Oct. 11	E Michigan (HC)	A						Toledo is 6-3 SU, but 3-6 ATS vs E Michigan the last 9 meetings. The Rockets are 6-1 SU & 5-2 AS after a bye since 1999.
Oct. 18	at C Michigan	A						Rockets are 8-0 SU & 6-2 ATS their last 8 meetings with the Chippewas. The home team in this series is 3-0 ATS the last 3 years.
Oct. 25	at Ball St	G						UT is 5-2 ATS their last 7 visits to Muncie. The Rockets are 7-4 ATS their last 11 vs the Cardinals.
Nov. 1	Buffalo	A						This is the 1st meeting between these 2 MAC schools. Toledo is 6-1 SU & 5-2 ATS when hosting MAC East teams since 1997.
Nov. 8								Toledo is 9-0 SU & 7-1-1 ATS vs N Illinois since 1990. These 2 teams have shared part of the MAC West crown the last 2 years.
Nov. 15	N Illinois	A						Toledo is 11-2 SU & 9-4 ATS vs the Broncos the last 13 years. The last 4 games between the Rockets & Broncos have averaged 60 ppg.
Nov. 22	W Michigan	A						UT is 6-2 SU & 5-3 ATS their last 8 meetings with the Falcons. Toledo is 5-2 SU & ATS their last 7 MAC finales.
Nov. 28	at Bowling Green (Fri)	G						

TOM AMSTUTZ (Career 19-7)
3rd Year at Toledo

Amstutz's records AT TOLEDO

19-7 Straight Up	6-4 Home Favorite
12-10-1 Vs The Spread	1-0 Home Dog
4-1 Off A SU Loss	3-4 Away Favorite
9-7-1 Vs Conference	2-2-1 Away Dog
	3-3 Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (9-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (17,16,3)
Lost: 15 (8,7,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 23,965

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Straight Up	7-4	9-3	7-5	6-5	10-1	9-2	9-4	57-24
ATS	6-4	7-5	4-7-1	5-5	7-2	4-7	8-3-1	41-33-2
Home Fav	2-1	2-2	2-3	3-1	3-1	2-3	4-1	18-12
Home Dog	0-2	2-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	1-0	0-0	3-5
Away Fav	2-1	3-1	1-1-1	2-1	3-1	1-4	2-0	14-9-1
Away Dog	2-0	0-2	1-2	0-1	1-0	0-0	2-2-1	6-7-1
Favorite	4-2	5-3	3-4-1	5-2	6-2	3-7	6-1	32-21-1
Dog	2-2	2-2	1-3	0-3	1-0	1-0	2-2-1	9-12-1
Grass	2-1	2-2	1-2	1-1	2-1	0-3	2-1	10-11
Artificial	4-3	5-3	3-5-1	4-4	5-1	4-4	6-2-1	31-22-2
vs Conf	6-2	5-4	4-4-1	5-3	5-2	2-6	7-1-1	34-22-2
vs Non-Conf	0-2	2-1	0-3	0-2	2-0	2-1	1-2	7-11
Off SU Win	3-2	5-4	1-5-1	2-2	5-2	2-6	5-3-1	23-24-1
Off SU Loss	3-1	1-1	3-1	3-2	1-0	1-1	3-0	15-6

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Astin Martin	135	819	34	785	6	5.8
Trinity Dawson	159	773	19	754	12	4.7
William Bratton	114	652	13	639	10	5.6
Brian Jones	85	560	146	414	5	4.9
Quinton Broussard	52	236	8	228	4	4.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brian Jones	423	297	70.2	3446	23	9
Cedric Stevens	14	9	64.3	112	2	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Carl Ford	79	1062	13.4	9	84
Donta Greene	63	712	11.3	1	49
Andrew Clarke	37	407	11.0	7	40
Manny Johnson	34	402	11.8	3	38
Lance Moore	23	309	13.4	2	44

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Jason Cox	30	1095	36.5	61	30.1	1	4

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jason Robbins	54-62	8-9	5-6	0-1	0-0	13-16	37

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tom Ward	180	2	5	5	1
David Gardner	154	3	9	9	2
Brock Dodrill	89	0	8	4	2
Patrick Body	83	1	4	3	2
Keon Jackson	78	3	4	11	3
Jehu Anderson	69	0	1	5	1
Brandon Hefflin	56	2	0	7	6
Demetris Simms	46	0	0	3	0
Anthony Jordan	40	1	3	0	0
Paul Dye	40	0	3	5	0
Frank Ofili	38	4	5	1	0
Phil Alexander	38	3	5	7	1
Chaz Williams	38	1	5	4	0
Lantz Jeudy	36	3	3	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Donta Greene	30	443	14.8	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Donta Greene	36	809	22.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
81	California	NL	San Jose St	27-25	–
84	California	NL	UNLV	13-30	–
95	Las Vegas	E	Nevada	40-37	W
01	Motor City	-4	Cincinnati	23-16	W
02	Motor City	+4	Boston College	25-51	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TOLEDO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	35.4	24	214	5.1	258	69.8	13.4	+7	2002	4	27.0	20	151	4.2	213	58.2	13.5
7*	33.9	23	223	4.9	223	65.6	13.1	+1	2001	8	24.8	19	99	2.9	222	57.5	12.9
9*	36.4	22	254	5.4	151	56.3	11.1	+22	2000	8	11.4	15	82	2.5	188	53.3	23.7
8	26.6	21	239	5.3	171	52.9	15.4	+8	1999	7	20.8	19	107	3.1	240	62.0	16.7
10*	19.1	18	120	3.3	208	55.0	17.2	+2	1998	5	18.0	18	163	3.8	196	56.9	19.9
5	29.7	23	171	4.2	248	53.7	14.1	+8	1997	8	22.3	18	128	3.5	223	52.5	15.7

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Cal Poly	32	51 - 262	5.1	18 - 23	284	0	13	31 - 64	2.1	14 - 21	109	3	0
at E Michigan	27	56 - 303	5.4	11 - 17	207	0	19	37 - 169	4.6	16 - 31	191	2	+6
at Minnesota	22	39 - 233	6.0	23 - 31	195	0	18	43 - 263	6.1	10 - 16	110	0	-1
UNLV	13	36 - 135	3.8	12 - 22	122	2	26	43 - 202	4.7	19 - 38	270	6	+2
at Pittsburgh	23	30 - 104	3.5	32 - 46	331	2	21	40 - 153	3.8	18 - 27	316	2	-2
Ball St	26	39 - 260	6.7	21 - 26	258	0	23	44 - 127	2.9	18 - 32	182	3	0
at UCF	31	54 - 300	5.6	22 - 32	197	2	17	22 - 139	6.3	20 - 31	240	0	+1
Miami, Oh	24	33 - 155	4.7	30 - 46	341	3	21	39 - 164	4.2	22 - 31	299	2	-1
C Michigan	24	37 - 193	5.2	28 - 37	329	1	14	41 - 213	5.2	9 - 31	71	0	+1
at W Michigan	25	47 - 259	5.5	25 - 35	207	2	10	23 - 84	3.7	15 - 31	143	0	+3
at N Illinois	20	34 - 208	6.1	20 - 26	355	1	28	51 - 258	5.1	15 - 30	142	2	-2
Bowling Green	28	59 - 269	4.6	17 - 24	233	2	14	30 - 77	2.6	15 - 30	165	2	+1
at Marshall	22	47 - 217	4.6	23 - 37	221	1	20	18 - 46	2.6	32 - 42	404	0	+1
† Boston Coll	21	28 - 102	3.6	27 - 41	331	3	30	40 - 149	3.7	25 - 35	342	1	-2
TOTALS	338	590 - 3000	5.1	309 - 443	3611	19	274	502 - 2108	4.2	248 - 426	2984	23	+7
AVERAGES	24.1	42 - 214	5.1	22 - 32	258	1.4	19.6	36 - 151	4.2	18 - 30	213	1.6	+0.5

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Temple	-12	24-12	T
at Ohio St	+37	0-49	L
W Michigan	-8	35-7	W
at Miami, Oh	+6'	14-28	L
UCF	+3'	24-31	L
Ball St	-19'	27-6	W
Bowling Green	-10	24-16	L
at Akron	-6	24-17	W
at N Illinois	-13	16-3	T
C Michigan	-13'	17-14	L
at E Michigan	-12	7-10	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Syracuse	+13'	12-35	L
at Ball St	-6'	23-10	W
Massachusetts	NL	24-3	–
at Bowling Green	-2	23-34	L
Kent St	-19	47-7	W
at Marshall	+23	13-38	L
E Michigan	-10'	13-20	L
LA Tech	+6	17-34	L
at C Michigan	-6'	32-13	W
N Illinois	-6	44-14	W
W Michigan	-3'	45-21	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	+18	24-6	W
Weber St	NL	51-0	–
E Illinois	NL	31-26	–
at W Michigan	-2	14-21	L
C Michigan	-22'	41-0	W
at E Michigan	-17'	42-14	W
Marshall	-7	42-0	W
at Navy	-18	35-14	W
at N Illinois	-5	38-24	W
Ball St	-32	31-3	L
Bowling Green	-25	51-17	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Minnesota	-5	38-7	W
at Temple	-7'	33-7	W
at C Michigan	-24'	52-28	L
N Illinois	-17	41-20	W
at Ohio U	-13	48-41	L
at Ball St	-23'	20-24	L
Navy	-29	21-20	L
W Michigan	-11	41-35	L
E Michigan	-33	28-7	L
at Bowling Green	-3	21-56	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Cal Poly	NL	44-16	–
at E Michigan	-22	65-13	W
at Minnesota	+7	21-31	L
UNLV	-7'	38-21	W
at Pittsburgh	+5	19-37	L
Ball St	-18	37-17	W
at UCF	+4	27-24	W
Miami, Oh	-3'	13-27	L
C Michigan	-14	44-17	W
at W Michigan	-7	42-21	W
at N Illinois	+1	33-30	W
Bowling Green	-3	42-24	W

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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - The Broncos have had some exceptional QB's including Tim Lester who wrapped up his WM career in 1999 with seventeen school records. In 2001 starter Jeff Welsh was injured and Jonathan Drach (PS#61) was forced into action. He got off to a slow start with just a 1-6 ratio but over his final three games had a 6-1 ratio throwing for 988 yards (48.2%). Last year there were five QB's vying for the starting job but by August it was down to two as Drach battled JUCO transfer Chad Munson. Drach had a better command of the system and is the more mobile of the two QB's while Munson has a "unique" arm in Gary Darnell terms. The two alternated the first half of the year but then vs UCF Munson took most of the snaps and threw for over 300 yards in back-to-back games (UCF & BG). Drach attempted just one pass in the final three games. Munson threw for 2,160 yards (52.4%) but with a poor 14-17 ratio. Drach threw for 892 yards (53%) with a 3-4 ratio and added 119 yards rushing. Those two return and will have competition. Robbie Haas (6-2 195 Jr) threw for 2,487 yards at JUCO in 2001 with a 30-5 ratio and redshirted here last year while learning the system. Blayne Baggett (6-2 215 So) is termed an "office rat" as he watches a lot of tape. He appeared in two games last year as the 3rd stringer hitting 2 of 6 for 21 yards. This unit should be solidly improved.

RUNNING BACKS - WM has now had five 1,000 yard rushers in the last six years. The only year they did not have one was 2001 when the group was injury plagued and Phil Reed led the team with 539 yards (4.4). Last year Reed faced 3 tough defenses early (Michigan, Purdue and VT) and then was bothered by injuries over the last four games but still topped the magical 1,000 yard barrier with 1,053 yards (4.8). In the two games in which he missed most of the action Daniel Marks (6-0 225 So) rushed for 97 yards (21 att's) vs E Michigan and then Marks was injured, so Trovon Riley (5-11 210 So) had 109 yards in the season finale vs C Mich. All three of those players return. Also in the mix is Ameer Ismail (6-2 230, rFr) who is PS#164 and would have been rated higher out of HS if not slowed by injuries in both his junior and senior seasons. With everyone back this unit looks even stronger in 2003.

RECEIVERS - Last year WM had to replace their top two WR's who were #1 and #2 on the team in rec but did have four of their top six back including star TE Mobolaji Afariogun. They moved safety Jermaine Lewis, perhaps the team's best athlete, to WR in the spring and all four of the starters were 6-3 or taller with good speed. Kendrick Mosley actually missed the first three games but when he returned to action vs Virg Tech he led the team with 7 rec's and finished 4th on the team at the end of the year. WR Greg Jennings was hurt early and was limited to 10 rec's after beginning the year as a starter. Antonio Thomas led the team in rec's (45) but it was Lewis leading the team with 654 yards showing his big play ability. Lewis is a big loss as is Afariogun (12 sts, 39 rec). I list the 2 deep below and they once again have good size and speed. Not listed below is Joe Chapple (6-1 178 rFr), Osborn Curtis (6-1 175 So, PS#188) and TE's Ross Farren (6-4 245 So, PS#153) and Mike Kempinski (6-4 232 rFr, PS#138). Both players lost had NFL potential and this year's group does not get the addition of a player from the defense like it had last year. Despite looking like one of the MAC's better receiving corps, they could be down a notch this year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Broncos had a very inexperienced OL last year with just two returning starters and they lost projected starting RG Jon Garcia who weighed 334 lbs over the summer and replaced him with 269 lb Chris Montgomery. The team struggled to establish a running game, especially early and for the second straight year had a weak ypc rushing average (3.27). In the first five games the OL allowed 31 sacks and for the season gave up 50. This year the losses are heavy once again. Gone are C Jake Gasaway, LG Montgomery, RG Kevin Kramer and RT Fred McCants who all started 12 games. All five backups return and I list the 2 deep below. While this group is even less experienced, last year's numbers were nothing to brag about, and the OL could show improvement.

DB Jason Babin

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Broncos believe in speed over size on the defensive front and have had some success with this philosophy. After allowing just 2.7 ypc rushing in 2000, they yielded 4.0 in 2001 despite having three starters back and the team recorded 31 sacks. Last year they had seven of the top eight back. However, DE Anthony Allsbury, who earned 1st Tm MAC honors in 2000 & 2001, tore his MCL and was lost for the season. DT Jason Babin was moved to DE and became the top pass rusher in the MAC recording 15 sacks and an additional 11 tfl. The unit has to replace three starters in DE Chris Browning (12 sts, 69 tkls, 4.5 sks, 8 tfl), NG Ryan Iorillo (12 sts, 26 tkls, 1 tfl) and DT Jeff Westgate (12 sts, 42 tkls, 3 tfl) but five of the top eight are back. Overall WM allowed 3.76 ypc rushing while recording 31 sacks last year. DT is the main question mark but four players have some experience and I list the 2 deep below. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Matt Ludeman (6-3 227 rFr), and Duane Robinson (6-5 255 rFr) and I expect two good sized true frosh to possibly play this year in James Blair and Dezmond Gray. Despite losing three starters and Allsbury who was denied an additional year by the NCAA, this should be one of the MAC's best defensive fronts.

LINEBACKERS - WM runs a 4-2-5 defense but I include the SS position in with the LB's making it a three-man LB corps. Last year they had two starters back. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are ILB Jason Malloy (9 sts, 32 tkls, 6 tfl), ILB Bryan Lape (12 sts, #1 tkl'r, 8.5 tfl), ILB Jo Jo Mesa (25 tkls, 2 tfl) and SS Jermaine Foreste (10 tkls). Two LB's were injured and missed significant playing time last season in Malloy and Willie Miller, so Josh Behrens started the last three games for Malloy. There is decent talent in the 2 deep below and despite the loss of two starters, this group could come close to last year in terms of production.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - WM was #86 in my pass D rankings with a veteran secondary in 2001. Last year they had to replace three starters, including a 1st Tm MAC player and two backups who combined for 45 tackles. Surprisingly WM had its best finish yet moving up to #65 allowing 53.9% with a 21-14 ratio. This year the only losses are FS Carlos Smith (10 sts, 87 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu) and CB Mike Johnson (1 st, 9 tkls, 1 int). I was expecting BYU transfer Eugene Childs (PS#59) to start but he suffered a hamstring injury and ended up redshirting. He should have a much bigger impact this year and could beat out Ford for the starting FS spot. This group is much more experienced than it was heading into last year and should be one of the MAC's top secondaries.

SPECIAL TEAMS - WM usually finishes very high in my special teams rankings with a #26 finish in 1999 and #20 in 2000 but they slipped to #57 in 2001. Last year, despite the fact that both their P and K were replaced early in the season, and top KR Greg Jennings went down vs VT afer averaging 30.7 and being ranked 7th in the NCAA, WM finished a very solid #36. 1999 and 2000's starting P Matt Steffen lost his job to Adam Anderson in 2001. Anderson, who punted well in practice last year but not so spectacularly in games, lost the job back to Steffen after VT. Steffen graduates but Anderson returns for his junior year. After Jennings went down, Tyrone Walker averaged a super 32.8 on 13 KR's. Both he and Jennings are back. PR Kendrick Mosley averaged 15.2 on 29 returns to rank #10 in the country. He had an 84 yard PR called back vs N Illinois due to a hold 30 yards away from the play and also had a long PR called back vs CM. Robert Menchinger lost his PK job after the second week. Anthony Apa replaced him and hit 8 of 14 with a long of 46. Surprisingly, against EM, Menchinger after not kicking since Week 2, was called on for the game winning FG which he nailed, a career long 39 yards into the wind. Both are back. For the second straight year WM has made special teams plays exciting. In the last two years they have blocked six punts and have scored on five return TD's. Unfortunately they allowed opponents to block 4 punts and score 4 TD's. With most of the key players back this year, this looks like the MAC's top special teams unit.

COACHES - Gary Darnell enters his seventh year with the team and was 2000's MAC Coach of the Year. The OC is Brian Rock who is in his third year at that position (11th season here). The new DC is Dick Bumpas who was the co-DC from 1999 to 2002 at Houston. He was also the DC at Navy.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Since 1990 WM has had just three losing seasons but unfortunately two have come in the last two years. When Gary Darnell got here the team averaged 10,000 fans per home game but have averaged closer to 20,000 the past few years. The team finished #27 in the final polls in 2000 and won the MAC West recording 3 shutouts. In Darnell's six years here the team is 23-8 at home. They were a shocking 2-4 in Waldo Stadium last year. The Broncos used to be the Kings of the MAC West as they had gone 24 straight weeks leading the MAC West until they fell out of first in 2001, a season in which I pegged them for third in the league. Last year I expected WM to struggle and that they did. They did have a tough non-conf slate and finished just 4-8 on the season. They were at the UCF 6 in the last minute when they were intercepted in the EZ. Against BG they missed a FG and then lost in OT. At one point they were 2-5 with 3 losses to BCS conference teams. Versus N Illinois they had a 399-304 yard edge but lost. In fact, four of their losses were by a combined 15 points. Despite the 3-5 league record last year, WM outgained MAC foes by an average of 42 ypg and a big part of the losing record was their -14 in turnovers (see page 310). This year WM returns just 10 starters, the lowest in the Darnell era and the 22 (36.7%) lettermen lost are the second most in the league. The question marks this year are along both lines where they must replace four starters on the offensive front and three on defense. Despite those losses, WM has two MAC road games in which they'll be favored. Should they return to dominance at Waldo, they should be able to move back into the upper half of the MAC standings and once again contend for a winning record.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CHAD MUNSON SR. 6-3 210 3300 yds, 32 TD at JC in '01. 7 sts here LY, 2160 yds (52%), 14-17 ratio. Jon Drach (6-4 220 Sr) PS#61, 10 sts, 2Y, 1880 yds (50%) 10-11 ratio.

RB PHIL REED SR. 5-10 210 PS#218. #1 rush in '01 w/539 yds (4.4). 12 rec (7.5). 12 sts in '02, 1053 yds (4.8). 15 rec (13.3). Daniel Marks (6-0 225 So) 145 yds (3.9) LY.

WR Chris Chestnut Sr. 6-0 191 PS#341JC. 7 sts here, 21 rec (14.6). Greg Jennings (6-1 190 So) PS#133. 5 sts as rFr, 10 rec (13.8), 290 ret yds. Justin LeMay (6-0 175 rFr) PS#208.

WR ANTONIO THOMAS SR. 6-4 223 PS#217. 22 rec (14.0) in '01. 7 starts in '02, 45 rec (9.8). Brandon Johnson (6-3 201 Sr) PS#155. 27 rec (11.6) in '01. 3 sts LY, 7 rec (7.3).

WR KENDRICK MOSLEY SR. 6-3 205 26 rec (11.6) in 2001. 5 sts in 2002 (miss 3 inj) 37 rec (13.7), 29 PR (15.2). Tyrone Walker (6-3 190 Jr) 6 rec (19.2), 13 KR's (32.8).

TE Anthony Kiner Sr. 6-5 280 4 rec (8.0) in '01. 8 rec (7.1) LY. Tony Scheffler (6-5 250 Sr) 6 rec (10.8) as rFr. Erik Oleson (6-3 250 Jr) PS#196LB. 8 tkls at LB, 2 years.

C Charles Missant Sr. 6-3 280 3 gms as rFr. LS for 3 years. TE in '01. 10 tkls LY, 1 gm on OL, 10 plays. DJ Lockhart (6-4 268 So) PS#375. John Vavrosky (6-2 260 rFr).

RG Mark Ottney So. 6-5 287 **PS#106OL**. 5 gms as rFr, 2nd string all year, 86 plays. Henry Moultry (6-5 334 Jr) good size. Steve Douglas is **PS#96OL**.

LG Chad Wangerin Sr. 6-4 298 PS#369DL. 5 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. Inj'd in 2001. 2nd string in 2002, 7 games, 163 plays. Brandon James (6-5 280 rFr) 3 gms, 18 plays last year.

RT Mike McCord Jr. 6-7 288 2nd string as rFr. 1 st at LT in 2002. 3 games, 71 plays. Walter Stith (6-8 231 So) 5 games, 60 plays in 2002. Joel Pfaendtner (6-4 275 rFr).

LT KYLE RAS JR. 6-6 288 PS#317. 2nd string as rFr. 11 sts at LT LY. CR Moultry (6-6 330 Sr) lettered in 2000, 11 gms. Broke ankle in '01. Dominic Moran (6-5 280 rFr) PS#295.

K ROBERT MENCHINGER JR. 5-10 165 PS#39K. Hit 8 of 11 FG's in '01, L/35. 7 of 9 in 2002, long of 39. Anthony Apa (5-7 185 Sr). Hit 8 of 14 FG's LY, L/46 & 22 of 22 on xp's.

DE Jack Gitler Jr. 6-2 245 PS#223. Expected to RS, took off due to inj, 26 tkls as **true**, 2 sks in 11 gms. 31 tkls, 1 sk, 12 gms last year. Matt Ludeman (6-3 227 rFr). PS#429.

DT Hausia Faleofa Sr. 6-2 245 19 sks, 80 tkls at JUCO in '01. 30 tkls here, 1 sk, 5 tfl in '02. Jonathan Jones (6-3 290 Sr) 7 sks at JC in '01. 7 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 pbu here last year.

NG Paul Moersch So. 6-4 275 PS#471DL. 5 tkls, 8 gms as rFr. Ernest Osborne (6-5 235 Jr) PS#375. 4.5 spd. 5 tkls in 2002. Joe Alvarez (6-2 240 So) PS#197DL.

DE JASON BABIN SR. 6-4 265 1 st, 36 tkls as **true**. 56 tkls, 7 sks, 6 tfl at DT. DE in '02, 12 sts, **94 tkls, 15 sks, 11 tfl, 1st Tm MAC**. Nick Melcher (6-3 228 Jr) 17 tkls in 2002.

ILB Shawntey Lopez Jr. 6-2 206 PS#143JUCO. 94 tkls at JC LY. Dan Steinau (5-11 215 Jr) PS#433. Willie Miller (6-2 235 Jr). 6 tkls in 2Y. Aaron Kennedy (6-0 233 rFr).

ILB Josh Behrens So. 6-2 250 PS#149LB. Last 3 starts as rFr, 26 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 pbu. Darryl McFadden (6-2 220 Fr) is PS#382. Paul Tithof (6-1 202 rFr) PS#406LB.

SS SCOTT ROBINSON JR. 6-0 179 3 tkls as rFr. 12 sts LY, 55 tkls, 5 tfl, 3 pbu. Anthony Turner (5-11 215 Jr) PS#318DB. 12 tkls in '02. Jonathan B Hall (6-0 193 rFr) PS#196DB.

CB SAM REYNOLDS SR. 6-2 193 20 tkls, 1 pbu as rFr, 8 tkls in 2001. 11 sts in '02, 53 tkls, 4 tfl, 4 pbu. Willie Pope (6-2 185 Jr) PS#293JUCO. 6 tkls, 1 pbu here last year.

CB TONY CARR JR. 6-1 180 4 games as rFr. 12 sts in '02, 44 tkls, 5 int, 12 pbu, 5 KR (18.4). Clay Powell (6-0 183 Jr) PS#298. Jimmie Vincent (5-10 172 rFr) PS#430.

WS JASON FELDPAUSCH SR. 5-10 195 55 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl, 1 int, 6 pbu in 2001. 12 sts LY, 104 tkls, 3 int, 8 pbu, 5 tfl. Christian Hodges (6-2 195 Sr) PS#393JUCO. 20 tkls here LY.

FS Kevin Ford So. 5-11 200 PS#214. 2 sts as rFr, 36 tkls, 2 tfl. **Eugene Childs** (6-2 197 Sr) **PS#59WR**. Originally at BYU. JUCO. 21.8 in 200m. RS in 2002 (inj'd).

P ADAM ANDERSON JR. 6-0 193 44 punts as rFr, 37.9 avg. 33.2 net. Quick release. 21 punts in 2002, 35.5 avg but lost job. Anthony Apa (5-7 185 Sr) also does FG's.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

OL	Steve Douglas 6-4 285	PS#96
OL	James Blair 6-4 320	PS#118
DL	Dezmond Gray 6-4 288	PS#150
WR	Kelly Martin 6-4 175	PS#165
DB	Shawntey Lopez 6-2 206	PS#143JC
WR	Brian Jackson 6-4 180	PS#196
OL	Robbie Krutilla 6-3 295	PS#280
WR	Antwain Allen 6-2 205	PS#202
OL	Chris Bartula 6-7 276	PS#283
QB	Oseloka Keys 6-4 185	PS#171
TE	Tyson DeVree 6-6 215	PS#99
K	Mike Jones 6-1 160	PS#51
DB	DeRae Allen 5-11 181	PS#307
DB	Keith Hinton 5-11 195	PS#346

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Darnell's records AT W MICHIGAN

40-29	Straight Up	10-7	Home Favorite
32-33	Vs The Spread	4-6	Home Dog
12-13	Off A SU Loss	6-10	Away Favorite
24-25	Vs Conference	12-10	Away Dog
		8-7	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: **(4-8)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 5

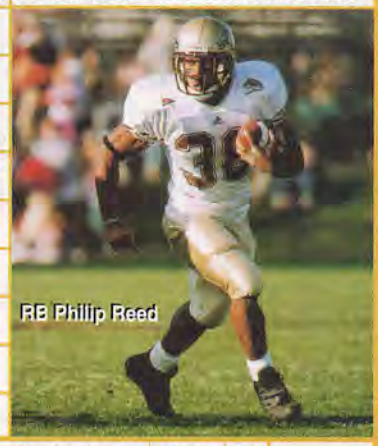
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (18,18,2)
Lost: 22 (8,13,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,878

MAC - WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#104

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	at Michigan St	G						W Michigan is 9-4 SU but just 3-10 ATS in the last 13 MAC openers. Broncos are 7-3 ATS in the last 10 road finales. W Michigan is 7-3 ATS (10-0 SU) the last 10 meetings with Kent St.
Sep. 6	William & Mary	A						Broncos are 15-10 ATS the last 25 games on grass. W Michigan is 0-6 SU & 2-4 ATS in first away game of the season.
Sep. 13	Virginia	A						WMU has won their L/4 non-lined gms by a combined avg score of 50-13. The Tribe of William & Mary were 6-5 LY as Div IAA Atlantic 10 members.
Sep. 20								The Broncos are 9-3 ATS in their 2nd of back-to-back home games. W Michigan is 8-2 ATS before a bye.
Sep. 27	at Ohio U	A						The favorite is 6-3 ATS the last 9 games. W Michigan is 4-13 SU & ATS away in September the last 17 since 1996.
Oct. 4	at E Michigan	A						Broncos are 6-1 SU but 2-5 ATS vs Eastern Michigan since 1996. WMU is 12-7 ATS in their 2nd straight away game.
Oct. 11	Bowling Green (HC)	A						W Michigan is 3-1 SU & ATS last 4 Homecoming games. Broncos are 5-2-1 SU & 7-1 ATS vs Bowling Green the last 8.
Oct. 18	at N Illinois	A						WMU is 20-8 SU in the Northern Illinois series. W Michigan is 5-2 SU but 2-5 ATS the last 7 vs the Huskies.
Oct. 25	Marshall	A						Broncos look for revenge here as they lost the '99 & '00 MAC Title gms to MU. Including title games, the dog is 3-1 ATS in this series.
Nov. 1	at Connecticut	G						This will be the 1st meeting between these schools WMU is 8-4 ATS their last 12 November road games.
Nov. 8	Ball St	A						Broncos are 3-6 ATS the last 9 meetings with the Cardinals. W Michigan is 1-4 ATS their last 5 November home games.
Nov. 15	C Michigan	A						W Michigan is 3-7 ATS vs the Chippewas since 1993. WMU is 8-5 ATS in home finales (2-4 ATS L6Y).
Nov. 22	at Toledo	A						Broncos are 2-11 SU & 4-9 ATS vs Rockets since 1990. W Michigan is 9-2 ATS in season finales last 11.
Nov. 29								



STADIUM: WALDO STADIUM (30,200)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (NeXturf)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	8-3	7-4	7-5	9-3	5-6	4-8	42-38
ATS	5-5	6-5	5-6	5-6	9-2	3-7	4-7	37-38
Home Fav	1-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	3-0	2-2	0-1	11-8
Home Dog	0-2	1-1	2-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-4	4-8
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	1-2	1-2	2-2	0-2	2-1	6-10
Away Dog	4-2	3-2	1-2	2-2	3-0	1-3	2-1	16-12
Favorite	1-1	2-2	2-4	3-3	5-2	2-4	2-2	17-18
Dog	4-4	4-3	3-2	2-3	4-0	1-3	2-5	20-20
Grass	3-3	5-3	3-4	3-3	6-0	0-3	3-2	23-18
Artificial	2-2	1-2	2-2	2-3	3-2	3-4	1-5	14-20
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	3-5	4-5	7-2	3-5	3-5	27-31
vs Non-Conf	2-0	2-1	2-1	1-1	2-0	0-2	1-2	10-7
Off SU Win	1-0	4-3	2-4	3-4	6-2	2-3	0-3	18-19
Off SU Loss	4-5	1-2	3-1	1-2	2-0	1-4	4-4	16-18

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Philip Reed	221	1113	60	1053	10	4.8
Trovon Riley	43	186	5	181	2	4.2
Daniel Marks	37	149	4	145	0	3.9
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chad Munson	309	162	52.4	2160	14	17
Jon Drach	151	80	53.0	892	3	4
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Jermaine Lewis	38	654	17.2	4	59	
Kendrick Mosley	37	507	13.7	3	51	
Antonio Thomas	45	439	9.8	3	26	
Mobolaji Afariogun	39	417	10.7	5	60	
Chris Chestnut	21	307	14.6	0	41	
Philip Reed	15	199	13.3	1	71	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Matt Steffen	41	1550	37.8	59	–	2	8

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Robert Menchinger	12-12	4-5	3-4	0-0	0-0	7-9	39
Anthony Apa	22-22	6-7	1-3	1-4	0-0	8-14	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Bryan Lape	108	3.5	5	7	0
Jason Feldpausch	104	0	5	8	3
Jason Babin	94	15	11	2	0
Carlos Smith	87	0	0	8	2
Chris Browning	69	4.5	8	1	0
Scott Robinson	55	1	4	3	2
Sam Reynolds	53	0	4	4	0
Tony Carr	44	0	0	12	5
Jeff Westgate	42	1	2	4	0
Kevin Ford	36	0	2	0	0
Jason Malloy	32	3	3	2	1
Jack Gitler	31	1	0	2	0
Hausia Faleofa	30	1	5	0	0
Josh Behrens	26	1	3	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kendrick Mosely	29	440	15.2	2

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tyrone Walker	13	426	32.8	2

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
61	Aviation	NL	New Mexico	12-28	–
88	Raisin	NL	Fresno St	30-35	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

W MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	25.3	18	107	3.3	256	52.2	14.4	-14	2002	6	27.5	18	151	3.8	180	53.9	12.0
5*	25.2	19	100	3.1	258	56.5	14.2	-1	2001	7	24.2	20	186	4.0	180	57.7	15.1
8	29.9	22	169	4.1	232	58.1	13.4	-4	2000	5	11.6	16	105	2.7	178	51.9	24.4
9*	31.1	22	102	3.4	312	59.9	13.3	-9	1999	8	28.5	23	181	4.2	228	58.8	14.4
9*	32.7	25	158	4.1	310	58.2	14.3	-5	1998	6	28.4	21	146	3.4	236	57.4	13.4
6*	27.4	19	139	0.8	254	58.3	14.4	-5	1997	7	24.1	21	153	3.7	201	49.2	14.7

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Indiana St	21	30-73	2.4	25-42	330	5	13	44-155	3.5	8-16	42	4	+2
at Michigan	17	26-76	2.9	21-37	249	7	22	49-220	4.5	18-31	226	2	-3
at Purdue	17	29-84	2.9	23-46	316	7	16	41-141	3.4	16-30	216	5	-1
Virginia Tech	12	27-35	1.3	24-44	233	5	19	39-128	3.3	14-25	212	1	-1
at Buffalo	25	46-125	2.7	23-40	283	7	11	29-75	2.6	17-36	136	5	-1
UCF	19	24-36	1.5	26-50	310	4	24	20-62	3.1	31-45	341	1	-1
at Bowling Green	20	33-149	4.5	18-39	328	0	29	51-228	4.5	21-41	264	3	0
N Illinois	16	31-191	6.2	16-33	208	6	16	50-137	2.7	9-20	167	3	-4
at Ball St	18	33-127	3.8	19-40	225	3	13	46-215	4.7	7-18	45	0	-2
E Michigan	15	37-155	4.2	14-34	227	3	19	34-112	3.3	21-37	221	2	+3
Toledo	10	23-84	3.7	15-31	143	0	25	47-259	5.5	25-35	207	2	-3
at C Michigan	23	54-152	2.8	20-31	221	3	10	33-82	2.5	8-28	77	3	-3
TOTALS	213	393-1287	3.3	244-467	3073	50	217	483-1814	3.8	195-362	2154	31	-14
AVERAGES	17.8	33-107	3.3	20-39	256	4.2	18.1	40-151	3.8	16-30	180	2.6	-1.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Illinois	-18	37-23	L
at Indiana	+4'	30-45	L
at Toledo	+8	7-35	L
Ohio U	+3'	35-37	W
NE Louisiana	-6'	27-14	W
at Vanderbilt	+5	27-24	W
E Michigan	-10'	45-35	L
at C Michigan	-4	24-26	L
at Kent St	-16'	48-23	W
at Ball St	-10	24-23	L
Bowling Green	+2'	56-27	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida	+35'	26-55	W
Youngstown St	NL	46-28	–
at Missouri	+12'	34-48	L
at N Illinois	-8'	24-21	L
C Michigan	-14	38-16	W
at E Michigan	-8'	40-37 OT	L
Buffalo	-33	45-17	L
Ball St	-18	28-0	W
at Akron	-1	24-10	W
Marshall	+11'	17-31	L
at Toledo	+3'	21-45	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wisconsin	+33	7-19	W
at Iowa	+7'	27-21	W
Indiana St	NL	56-0	–
Toledo	+2	21-14	W
Ohio U	-5'	23-10	W
at Marshall	+6'	30-10	W
N Illinois	-5'	52-22	W
at Kent St	-24	42-0	W
at Ball St	-22	42-3	W
at C Michigan	-35'	17-21	L
E Michigan	-26	28-0	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Illinois St	NL	48-7	–
at Virginia Tech	+15	0-31	L
at Michigan	+14	21-38	L
at E Michigan	-26	31-10	L
Akron	-10	31-14	W
Bowling Green	-8	37-28	W
at N Illinois	-5	12-20	L
at Miami, Oh	+3	11-25	L
at Toledo	+11	35-41	W
C Michigan	-17'	20-17	L
Ball St	-10	31-35	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana St	NL	48-17	–
at Michigan	+22'	12-35	L
at Purdue	+17	24-28	W
Virginia Tech	+22'	0-30	L
at Buffalo	-11	31-17	W
UCF	+1'	27-31	L
at Bowling Green	+17	45-48 OT	W
N Illinois	+2'	20-24	L
at Ball St	-5'	7-17	L
E Michigan	-25'	33-31	L
Toledo	+7	21-42	L
at C Michigan	-2'	35-10	W

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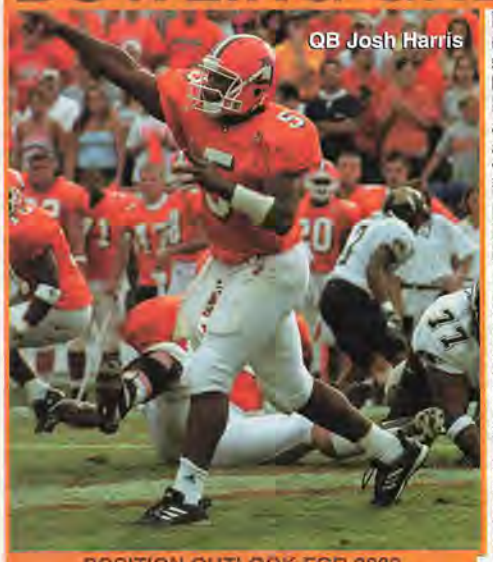
QB Josh Harris

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Andy Sahm started the first 10 games of 2000 but was injured late and Josh Harris, who had seen time at TB, got in one start at QB. In 2001 Sahm started the first seven games, throwing for 1,326 yards (61.6%) with an 11-10 ratio and was #4 in the MAC in pass efficiency. Harris ended up taking over at QB down the stretch earning MAC Offensive Player of the Week honors twice and in his four starts threw for 1,022 yards (60.9%) with a 9-3 ratio while rushing for 700. Sahm had a better spring game in 2002 and Urban Meyer said at the start of the year that both QB's would play. Harris, however, took charge and had one of the best seasons ever for a MAC QB. Harris threw for 2,425 yards (56.1%) with a 19-11 ratio while also rushing for 862 gross yards and guiding BGSU to a MAC record 490 points. Harris sprained his knee vs W Michigan and was limited against Ball St but he is 11-3 as a starter in his career and set a BGSU record for most points in a season by a single player. Sahm got in just 37 pass attempts for 244 yards with a 4-0 ratio. He departs this year. Harris has the size of a TB as well as speed and outstanding leadership abilities and should be one of the best QB's in the MAC this season. Omar Jacobs (6-4 215 rFr, PS#80) is the likely backup but also contending will be Van Johnson (6-1 180 rFr) and two true frosh. As long as Harris stays healthy, this unit could even improve upon last year's outstanding numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Joe Alls emerged late in 1999 and in the final four games he rushed for 467 yards (116.8 ypg) with a super 5.3 ypc. He was injured in the 5th game of 2000 and the team got so banged up at RB that QB Josh Harris got in 1 start at RB with 103 yards vs Miami. In 2001 Alls returned and had 8 starts and rushed for 553 yards (4.3) despite spraining an ankle and missing a good portion of 3 games due to injury. Last year Alls was back for his senior season and led the team with 801 yards and a super 6.6 ypc. He missed the majority of 3 games midseason due to injury. PJ Pope (PS#205) got in 2 starts and was impressive with 577 yards (5.7) as a true. BJ Lane (PS#257) had 156 yards (6.2) as a rFr. Raishaun Stover (5-10 190 rFr) was PS#226 and was the Cleveland High School POY. Marlon Burt (5-11 215 So) was PS#167DB. Alls and his 6.6 ypc will clearly be missed, but I like the capability of the replacements and they should come close to last year's stats.

RECEIVERS - Last year BGSU had to replace 2 of their top 3 receivers but had the main man back in Robert Redd who set a school record with 72 rec's in 2001. He once again led the team last year, this time with 83 rec's (11.7). Redd, despite a detour to Louisville in 2000, played his 4th year in the program last season and leaves as BGSU's school record holder for yards receiving in a career. Everyone else returns to the receiving corps that last year generally used 4 WR's in the starting lineup. Cole Magner is interesting as he was recruited as a QB and played that position in 2001, then moved to full-time WR last year and got in 12 starts. Basically everyone else besides Redd returns and I list the 2 deep below. Craig Jarrett could have a big impact at TE as last year Meyer said he was "one of the toughest, strongest, best football players I've ever been around." Despite the loss of their top man this unit has more experience than it did heading into last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - After averaging a paltry 2.5 ypc rushing in 2000 the team returned three starters on the OL in 2001 and improved to 3.8 ypc. Last year they had four of five starters returning and continued to make strides as BGSU averaged a super 5.3 ypc rushing while allowing just 16 sacks on the year. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are C Jon Mazur (12 sts, 3 yr st'r), RG Greg Kupke (12 sts, 3 yr st'r), LT Dennis Wendel (12 sts, 3 yr st'r) and LS Joe Gutierrez. Last season RT James Williams was injured in the 5th game, and only ended up starting 7 games. Robert Haley took his place and both of them return. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. This unit is less experienced and will have a tough time matching last year's incredible numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 BGSU returned three starters to the defensive front and allowed just 2.6 ypc rushing while the team recorded 24 sacks. Last year they had to replace three starters, including the MAC Defensive POY, who combined for 18 sacks and 25 tfl in 2001. They actually opened in the 3-4 defense in the first three games last year but then went back to the more traditional 4-3. True frosh Matt Leininger ended up starting the last seven games and was very productive with 37 tackles and 4 tfl. Overall the D allowed 3.9 ypc rushing while recording just 18 sacks. This year they must replace DT Alex Glantzis (12 sts, 2nd Tm MAC, 59 tkls, 8 tfl, top DL award) and NG DJ Owchar (11 sts, 33 tkls, 6 tfl). Basically six of the top eight return and I list a 3 deep below. Not listed below is Gavin Powell (6-3 230 Sr) and JUCO Ryan Newble (6-4 256 Jr). This group actually has more experience than last year, despite the loss of two starters and should be stronger.

LINEBACKERS - BGSU had to replace two starters last year including a 2nd Tm MAC player but did have four of their top six returning. This year they must replace MLB Chris Haneline (12 sts, 2nd Tm MAC, 9 tfl, #1 tkl'r) and SLB Marcus Allen (1 st, 36 tkls). I list the 2 deep below and Mitch Hewitt won the top LB award and he returns. I also look for a bigger contribution out of Jeff Runnells who was PS#164JC last year. Overall this unit has more experience than last season and despite the loss of the team's #1 tackler, should be stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - BGSU finished #89 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and they basically had two starters return to the unit and then suffered numerous injuries in the second half of the year. At one point vs CM, they had four frosh DB's in at the end of the game. This year the only loss is FS Jerry Wagner (7 sts, 38 tkls, 5 tfl) so seven of the top eight are back and all four of the projected starters I list below had nine or more starts last season. BGSU's banged up secondary finished #77 in my pass D rankings allowing 211.4 ypg (53.8%) with a 15-12 ratio. This may be one of the most veteran units in the country, and I look for good sized improvement in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Urban Meyer was Notre Dame's special teams coach and in his first year at BGSU they rose from #75 in my special teams rankings in 2000 all the way to #22. I called them a Top 20 contender last year and they moved up to #12. BGSU blocked an amazing 7 punts and also had Pat Fleming who was a Ray Guy Semifinalist. Nate Fry (PS#9) has a good shot at taking over the P duties but only averaged 40.5 in high school and was a better kicker than punter. Joe Alls was #1 in the MAC in 2001 in KR's but saw his duties curtailed last year. Kentucky transfer Martez Johnson had 18 returns (22.2) but he departs. Top PR Robert Redd averaged 6.7 and also leaves. K Shaun Suisham is back after hitting a super 12 of 14 FG's with a long of 43 and will battle Fry for the starting job, so PK is in good shape. Overall, with the loss of Meyer and many of the key performers from last year's outstanding special teams, this unit should take a good sized drop in the rankings.

COACHES - Urban Meyer did a fine job in two seasons guiding the team to a 10-1 record at home and two straight winning seasons. The team had five wins over BCS conference foes in that span. BGSU reached as high as #16 in the coaches poll last season. Gregg Brandon, who has been the OC here the last two years and at Colorado and Northwestern prior to that, takes over as the new head man. BGSU finished third in the nation in scoring with 40.8 ppg and set 17 school records and 7 MAC records. Last year's BGSU team totalled 490 points, breaking the old MAC mark of 453 set by Marshall in 1977. Greg Studrawa is the new OC. He was the OG's and C's coach here the last two years and has previously been the OC at Wilmington College from 1991 to 1996. Tim Beckman remains as DC and is now in his fifth year at that position.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Heading into Urban Meyer's first year as head coach in 2001, BGSU had six straight losing seasons. With 18 starters back they went 8-3 in 2001 and became the first team in MAC history to post three wins over BCS conference members beating a team from the Big 12, Big East and Big 10 all in the same regular season. BGSU has had a storied program finishing either first or second in the MAC in 22 out of 51 seasons. The last time BGSU was ranked was 1985 when they were #20 at the end of the season. 2002 was a magical year from the beginning. They blocked a W Mich FG with :29 left to force OT after overcoming a 14 point 3Q deficit. While BGSU actually opened up last year 8-0 and were #16 in the coaches poll after they had beaten Kent St, none of their wins came vs teams that finished with winning record. They did beat a Big 12 team in Missouri 51-28 for the second straight year. BGSU lost three of their final four games and missed out on going to a bowl finishing third in the West. The team had just two players who could bench 400 lbs when Meyer took over but had seven last year. BGSU outgained MAC foes by an average of 94.1 ypg and outscored them by 16.0 ppg. Meyer departs for Utah and OC Gregg Brandon is the new head man. BGSU has 11 senior starters this year which is the second most in the league and returns 51 lettermen, the highest in the MAC. The key to their offense is QB Josh Harris and he has five other starters returning with him. While they should once again be potent, I find it doubtful that they will match last year's 40.8 ppg. BGSU was +9 in turnovers and were actually plus double digits before they were -1 in the season finale. Their defense has eight starters returning and should be tougher than last year's group which yielded 25.3 ppg. Overall BGSU draws Miami and Kent from the MAC East and they host both Toledo and N Illinois. BGSU has the talent to contend for the MAC West Title but with a new coach and the fact that they've benefitted from +26 turnovers the last two years, I think they will fall just short.

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OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JOSH HARRIS SR. 6-3 225 2 sts as **true** (1 at TB) 580 yds off. 4 sts in '01, 1022 yds (61%) 9-3 ratio, 700 rush. 12 sts LY, 2425 pass (56%) 19-11 ratio, 862 rush, 3 rec (17.0).

RB PJ Pope So. 5-9 210 PS#205. 2 sts as **true**. 577 yds (5.7) 8 rec (6.5). BJ Lane (5-10 195 So) PS#257, 156 yds (6.2) as rFr. Raishaun Stover (5-10 190 rFr) PS#226.

WR JAMES HAWKINS JR. 6-1 210 PS#187. 11 sts LY, 44 rec (12.4). Kenneth Brantley (5-11 180 rFr). 1 rec as **true**. Christopher Oryl (5-9 170 So). Derrick Lett (6-0 180 So) PS#229DB.

WR CHARLES SHARON SO. 6-1 180 PS#371. 11 sts as rFr, 33 rec (14.1). Will Myles (5-11 185) PS#150QB. Steve Sanders (6-3 195 So) 2 rec as rFr. Darryl Owens (6-4 182 So).

WR COLE MAGNER JR. 6-2 190 PS#152QB. 1 st at QB in '01. 12 sts at WR LY, 26 rec (14.4) also on basketball team. Cornelius McGrady (6-3 200 Jr) Brandon Jones (6-0 170 rFr).

TE Craig Jarrett Sr. 6-2 250 365 bench. 1 st, 2 rec in '01. ACL in '02. Steve Navarro (6-2 230 So) PS#179DL. Todd DiBacco (6-1 250 Jr). Sean O'Drobinak (6-4 245 Fr).

C Jesus Yanez Sr. 6-3 295 PS#180JUCO. Backup C here in 2nd half of the year, 3 games. John Lanning (6-4 275 rFr) PS#571OL. Kevin Huelsman (6-5 275 Fr).

RG Vardan Mkhitarian Sr. 6-3 290 PS#290JC. 2nd string here in 2002 in 7 games. Jonathan Culp (6-6 275 So) 1 st, 9 games as rFr. Korey Lichtensteiger is PS#326.

LG Ryan Lucas Sr. 6-4 290 PS#227. 2 gms in '01. 2nd string LY, 8 gms. Andrew Hart (6-5 295 Jr) 1 st in '01 until ACL. 2nd string until inj LY. Derrick Markray (6-5 334 rFr).

RT JAMES WILLIAMS SR. 6-5 295 2 sts at DE as **true**, 8 tkls. RS in 2000. 2nd string in '01 on OL. 6 sts LY until inj. **Robert Haley** (6-4 290 Sr) Scout MVP in '01. **5 sts** LY.

LT SCOTT MRUCZKOWSKI JR. 6-4 305 11 sts as rFr. 12 sts at LG LY. Moved to LT. Rob Warren (6-6 290 So) is PS#254DL. 2nd string until inj LY. Andy Wenstrup (6-5 290 Jr).

K SHAUN SUISHAM JR. 6-0 196 Canadian. 14 of 14 L/58 as a senior in HS. 3 of 8 with L/28 in 2001. Hit super 12 of 14 in '02, long of 43. Drew Springer (5-11 198 rFr).

DE Rick Mauer Sr. 6-3 250 Air Force in '99. 3 sts at DE in '02, 14 tkls, 1 sk, 1 tfl, 8 games. Monty Cooley (6-2 260 So) 2 tkls as **true**. Brad Williams (6-3 215 rFr) PS#465.

NG Jamal Bryant So. 6-1 270 PS#266. 8 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. Mike Thaler (6-1 280 So) PS#189, 10 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. Thomas Smith (6-0 230 rFr) PS#365LB.

DT MATT LEININGER SO. 6-3 280 PS#335. Last 7 sts as **true**, 37 tkls, 1 sk, 3 tfl. Andy Grubb (6-4 260 Jr) PS#370. 10 tkls, 1 tfl, 2Y. Pascal Kokke (6-5 250 So).

LEO MITCHELL CROSSLEY SO. 6-3 245 Scout Tm MVP in '01. 10 sts as rFr, 52 tkls, **7 sks**, 6 tfl. Will Teague (6-5 260 Sr) PS#323LB, 10 tkls in 11 gms in '01. Devon Parks PS#235, in for spg.

WLB MITCH HEWITT SR. 6-1 215 PS#361. 3 sts as rFr (inj), 16 tkls. 11 tkls in '01, 84 tkls, 12 sts, 6 tfl, Top LB Award LY. Jason Hollingsworth (6-3 190 rFr). Lavelle Sharpe (5-11 195 So).

MLB JOVON BURKES JR. 6-1 225 PS#129DB. 13 tkls in '01. 11 sts at OLB LY, 51 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl. Ted Piepkow (6-0 205 So) 2 tkls as **true**. Ross Kollar (6-1 225 So) PS#412.

SLB Daniel Sayles Jr. 5-11 220 6 tkls as **true**. 19 tkls, 1 sk LY. Jamien Johnson (6-1 223 So) PS#209. 3 tkls as **true**. **Jeff Runnells** (6-3 220 Sr) PS#164JC. 4 games, 5 tfl LY.

CB JANSSEN PATTON SR. 6-0 180 6 sts as **true**, 4 int. **2nd Tm MAC** in '01 & '02. 11 sts, 4 int, 13 pbu in '01. 12 sts, 63 tkl, 3 int, 13 pbu LY. Jelani Jordan (5-10 175 So) 1 st, 24 tkl, 8 pbu as **true**.

CB KEON NEWSON JR. 6-0 180 5 sts as **true**. 35 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. 12 sts LY, 62 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 int, 8 pbu, 2 blk'd punts. Terrill Mayberry (5-11 170 So) PS#212, 10 tkls as **true**.

SS MIKE MALONE SR. 5-10 190 9 sts as rFr, 45 tkls, 5 pbu. 2 sts in 2001, 13 tkls. 9 starts LY (inj'd 2) 55 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu. Tim Arnold (5-9 196 So) PS#221. 4 tkls as **true**.

FS JASON MORTON SR. 6-0 190 PS#214. 5 sts in '01, 29 tkls. 11 sts LY, 85 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 int, 11 pbu. TJ Carswell (6-1 200 Jr) 1 st in '02, 38 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 int, 2 pbu.

P Nate Fry So. 5-10 200 **PS#9K**. Hit 11 of 18 FG's, long of 48 in HS & 40.5 avg on punts. Josef Timchenko (6-4 212 Jr) 43.0 avg in HS and is a JUCO transfer.

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WR	Greg Hutcherson 6-3 185 PS#101	
DB	Virgil Robinson 5-10 185 PS#106	
DL	Patrick Watson 6-5 265 PS#174	
DB	Deaudre Perry 6-1 195 PS#187	
OL	Drew Nystrom 6-5 285 PS#268	
QB	Kevin Norris 6-2 188 PS#160	
DL	Devon Parks 6-3 248 PS#235	
OL	Korey Lichtensteiger 6-3 295 PS#326	
LB	Nick Thurman 6-4 232 PS#284	
RB	Melvin Cole 5-10 200 PS#268	
OL	Ed Massey 6-3 300 PS#397	
RB	Dan Macon 6-1 205 PS#271	
OL	Kevin Huelsman 6-5 275 PS#456	

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2002 RECORD: (9-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (21,28,2)
Lost: 17 (9,6,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 17,819

MAC - WEST DIVISION

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BGSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 28	E Kentucky (Thur)	G						Bowling Green is 5-1 ATS the last 2 years in September. BG is 7-3 ATS the last 10 games vs Akron. The Falcons are 11-3 ATS as a home dog since 1997.
Sep. 6	at Purdue	G						Bowling Green is 3-1 SU vs non-lined foes since 1993. E Kentucky was 8-4 in 2002 & #18 in the final USA Today Poll.
Sep. 13	Liberty	G						The Falcons are 5-8 SU but 9-4 ATS in road openers since 1990. Falcons won only other meeting in West Lafayette in 1972.
Sep. 20	at Ohio St	G						Liberty was 2-9 SU last year in Div IAA & play in the Big South Conference. The Falcons are 13-2 SU & 11-3 ATS at home in September since 1991.
Sep. 27								BGSU is 4-10 SU & ATS L/14 Sept road games, but 3-1 SU & ATS L/4. Bowling Green is 0-2 SU but 2-0 ATS vs Ohio State (1992 & 1997).
Oct. 4	C Michigan (HC)	G						
Oct. 11	at W Michigan	A						BGSU is 5-2 ATS the last 7 games after a bye. The Falcons are 3-3 SU but 1-5 ATS vs Central Michigan since 1993.
Oct. 18	at E Michigan	A						BGSU is 16-26-1 SU & 14-28 ATS on the road vs current MAC tms /43. Bowling Green is 3-6-1 SU & 2-8 ATS vs Western Michigan their last 10.
Oct. 25	N Illinois	G						The Falcons are 7-16 SU & ATS on turf the last 7 years. Bowling Green is 5-0 SU & 4-1 ATS vs Eastern Michigan since 1990.
Nov. 4	at Miami, Oh (Tues)	G						Coming into 2003: BGSU is 18-9-1 L/28 games on grass. Bowling Green is 2-1 SU & ATS vs NI since 1997 when NI joined the MAC.
Nov. 8								The Falcons are 9-1 ATS the week prior to a bye pending 9/20. BGSU is 6-15 ATS on the road in November since 1989.
Nov. 15	Kent St	G						
Nov. 22	at Ball St	G						Bowling Green is 8-2 ATS in November home games since 1995. The Falcons are 11-2 SU but 5-7-1 ATS vs Kent State since 1990.
Nov. 28	Toledo (Fri)	G						Bowling Green is 3-10 ATS in their final lined road game since 1990. BGSU is 5-3-1 SU but 3-6 ATS vs the Cardinals since 1990.
								These 2 rivals are only 26 miles away from each other. The Falcons are 5-0 ATS in their final home game since 1998.

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	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	3-8	5-6	5-6	2-9	8-3	9-3	36-42
ATS	2-8	4-7	8-3	6-4	5-6	7-3-1	5-6	37-37-1
Home Fav	1-4	1-1	2-0	2-0	1-0	1-1-1	2-2	10-8-1
Home Dog	0-0	1-1	3-0	1-1	3-1	2-0	1-0	11-3
Away Fav	0-3	0-2	1-1	0-1	0-1	2-0	2-2	5-10
Away Dog	1-1	2-3	2-2	3-2	1-4	2-2	0-2	11-16
Favorite	1-7	1-3	3-1	2-1	1-1	3-1-1	4-4	15-18-1
Dog	1-1	3-4	5-2	4-3	4-5	4-2	1-2	22-19
Grass	2-6	4-3	6-3	5-1	4-4	6-1-1	3-3	30-21-1
Artificial	0-2	0-4	2-0	1-3	1-2	1-2	2-3	7-16
vs Conf	0-8	2-6	7-1	5-3	5-3	4-3-1	3-5	26-29-1
vs Non-Conf	2-0	2-1	1-2	1-1	0-3	3-0	2-1	11-8
Off SU Win	0-4	1-2	3-1	3-1	2-0	4-3	4-5	17-16
Off SU Loss	1-4	2-5	5-1	3-2	3-5	2-0-1	1-1	17-18-1

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joe Alls	122	824	23	801	4	6.6
Josh Harris	**186**	**862**	**125**	**737**	**20**	**4.0**
P.J. Pope	**101**	**587**	**10**	**577**	**4**	**5.7**
B.J. Lane	**25**	**165**	**9**	**156**	**1**	**6.2**
Andy Sahm	16	116	18	98	2	6.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Josh Harris	**353**	**198**	**56.1**	**2425**	**19**	**11**
Andy Sahm	37	25	67.6	244	4	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Robert Redd	83	973	11.7	9	52
James Hawkins	**44**	**546**	**12.4**	**5**	**52**
Charles Sharon	**33**	**465**	**14.1**	**3**	**44**
Cole Magner	**26**	**374**	**14.4**	**2**	**38**
Joe Alls	13	125	9.6	1	26

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Pat Fleming	51	2000	39.2	61	33.4	0	21

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Shaun Suisham	**57-59**	**6-6**	**4-6**	**2-2**	**0-0**	**12-14**	**43**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Chris Haneline	95	1	8	1	0
Jason Morton	**85**	**0**	**5**	**11**	**1**
Mitch Hewitt	**84**	**1**	**5**	**4**	**1**
Janssen Patton	**63**	**0**	**2**	**13**	**3**
Keon Newson	**62**	**1**	**2**	**8**	**2**
Alex Glantzis	59	2	6	3	0
Michael Malone	**55**	**0**	**3**	**6**	**1**
Mitch Crossley	**52**	**7**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Jovon Burkes	**51**	**3**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Luis Llamas	39	0	0	0	0
T.J. Carswell	**38**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**1**
Jerry Wagner	38	0	5	6	1
Matt Leininger	**37**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Marcus Allen	36	0	1	2	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Robert Redd	31	209	6.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Martez Johnson	18	400	22.2	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
61	Mercy	NL	Fresno St	6-36	–
82	California	NL	Fresno St	28-29	–
85	California	NL	Fresno St	7-51	–
91	Cal Raisin	NL	Fresno St	28-21	–
92	Las Vegas	NL	Nevada	35-34	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

BOWLING GREEN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	40.8	25	219	5.3	230	57.0	11.0	+9	2002	4	25.3	20	154	3.9	211	53.8	14.4
8*	30.3	21	167	3.8	217	60.9	12.7	+17	2001	9	19.5	16	86	2.6	233	52.9	16.3
5*	15.8	15	98	2.5	164	48.4	16.6	+4	2000	8	26.3	19	132	3.5	220	57.5	13.4
8*	26.9	21	150	3.4	201	51.7	13.1	-9	1999	7	28.4	18	150	4.0	225	58.7	13.2
7	26.5	21	215	4.3	151	50.2	13.8	-3	1998	7	28.4	18	160	4.3	221	60.4	13.4
7*	17.4	18	87	2.3	212	50.8	17.2	-2	1997	9	31.0	20	173	4.2	225	57.7	12.8

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Tennessee Tech	20	34-144	4.2	20-32	184	2	13	25-38	1.5	24-35	294	3	+3
Missouri	29	50-202	4.0	18-33	375	2	23	30-55	1.8	28-50	334	3	0
at Kansas	21	47-350	7.4	8-21	153	1	21	34-89	2.6	18-41	188	4	+1
Ohio U	37	48-349	7.3	24-30	343	1	12	51-193	3.8	1-7	12	0	+1
at C Michigan	23	44-228	5.2	18-33	176	0	23	39-209	5.4	27-47	232	2	-1
W Michigan	29	51-228	4.5	21-41	264	3	20	33-149	4.5	18-39	328	0	0
Ball St	28	40-250	6.3	19-32	195	0	21	37-153	4.1	23-41	205	1	0
at Kent St	26	45-272	6.0	19-25	214	2	22	44-252	5.7	9-20	113	0	+5
at N Illinois	23	30-86	2.9	27-53	271	1	16	46-198	4.3	10-16	145	0	-1
at S Florida	13	29-92	3.2	14-32	134	2	25	44-163	3.7	21-40	220	1	-2
E Michigan	32	52-351	6.8	24-36	284	0	15	27-76	2.8	18-38	233	2	+4
at Toledo	14	30-77	2.6	15-30	165	2	28	59-269	4.6	17-24	233	2	-1
TOTALS	294	500-2629	5.3	227-398	2758	16	239	469-1844	3.9	214-398	2537	18	+9
AVERAGES	24.5	42-219	5.3	19-33	230	1.3	19.9	39-154	3.9	18-33	211	1.5	+0.8

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Missouri	+25	0-37	L
at Penn St	+38	3-48	L
UCF	+20	31-38	W
Ohio U	+9	35-7	W
at Miami, Oh	+14'	12-24	W
at Toledo	+10	16-24	W
Kent St	-20'	42-21	W
Marshall	+11'	34-13	W
Akron	-7'	58-21	W
at W Michigan	-2'	27-56	L
at N Illinois	-9'	34-23	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Pittsburgh	+5	10-30	L
Tenn Tech	NL	40-15	–
at Marshall	+22	16-35	W
at Kent St	-16	27-41	L
Toledo	+2	34-23	W
Miami, Oh	+7	31-45	L
at Akron	+3'	25-55	L
at Ohio U	+6'	14-17	W
C Michigan	-5'	31-7	W
Ball St	-15'	35-14	W
at UCF	+11	33-30	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan	+30	7-42	L
Pittsburgh	+7	16-34	L
at Temple	+9'	14-31	L
at Buffalo	-20'	17-20	L
at Kent St	+4'	18-11	W
Akron	+8	21-27	W
at Miami, Oh	+13'	10-24	L
E Michigan	-9'	20-6	W
Marshall	+8'	13-20	W
Ohio U	+9	21-23	W
at Toledo	+25	17-51	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Missouri	+13	20-13	W
Buffalo	-22'	35-0	W
Temple	+1	42-23	W
at Marshall	+5	31-37	L
Kent St	-17	24-7	T
at W Michigan	+8	28-37	L
at Akron	-4'	16-11	W
Miami, Oh	-4	21-24	L
at Ohio U	-6'	17-0	W
at Northwestern	+6	43-42	W
Toledo	+3	56-21	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tenn Tech	NL	41-7	–
Missouri	+3'	51-28	W
at Kansas	-10'	39-16	W
Ohio U	-24	72-21	W
at C Michigan	-15	45-35	L
W Michigan	-17	48-45 OT	L
Ball St	-21	38-20	L
at Kent St	-18	45-14	W
at N Illinois	-3'	17-26	L
at S Florida	+3	7-29	L
E Michigan	-32	63-21	W
at Toledo	+3	24-42	L

BALL ST CARDINALS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 Talmadge Hill (PS#121) took over at QB in the 5th game after his predecessor had compiled an 0-15 record as a starter. Hill hit 61% with a 13-12 ratio and was voted MAC Frosh of the Year guiding the team to a 5-2 record in the final 7 games. In 2001 Hill completed just 52.8% with a 13-15 ratio. Last year he started the first 5 games and while hitting a solid percentage of his passes (59%) he rarely got the ball downfield and had just a 5-9 ratio. Against N Illinois, he threw a crucial int with the team trailing by 2 and of his 8 pass attempts of 20 yards or more, had just 1 completion and 1 int. Andy Roesch (PS#63), who had battled him for the starting job during the spring and fall, took over and would not relinquish the spot. Twice (E Mich, C Mich) he threw for 5 TD's in a game tying a school record. In his 7 starts Roesch threw for 1,341 yards (55.9%) with a solid 15-7 ratio. Hill, at season's end, saw action at WR as a backup but said he was still committed to playing out his career at Ball St and hoped to regain his QB job. Both QB's return this year. Also in the mix are Eric Hooks (5-10 200 So, PS#219), Todd Racine (6-4 220 rFr, PS#240) and Joey Lynch (6-2 180 rFr, PS#254) who happens to be former coach Lynch's son. With two very experienced QB's, this unit should improve from last year's decent numbers even though they are learning a new offense.

RUNNING BACKS - No player was more important to the Ball St offense the last 3 years than Marcus Merriweather. He became just the 9th player in MAC history to top 4,000 yards in a career. He beat out Bernie Parmalee (3,483) who went on to play for the Dolphins, as the school's all-time career rushing leader. Fifty percent of his yards came after the first hit and he had a "downhill" running style. He set the school single season record for rushing yards in 2001 at 1,244 and smashed that last year rushing for 1,618 with a solid 4.9 ypc. He will clearly be missed. Also departing is FB Scott Volk (27 career sts). Last year's backup TB, Scott Blair has 388 yards rushing in two years and had 177 in the spring game last season. He averaged just 2.9 ypc on 63 carries in 2002. Charles Wynn (5-10 243 So) had 85 total yards after winning the Offensive Scout Team Award in 2001. Chuckie Hawkins (5-8 192 So, PS#185DB) did not get a carry. Brad Seiss (PS#155) who I list as #1 FB could be the feature back. I list the other FB's below. This year's top recruits figure to have a shot at playing immediately with a new head coach. This unit goes from a team strength to what looks like a weakness in 2003.

RECEIVERS - Last year Ball St had to replace three of their top 5 receivers including a starter. They then lost TE Jon Eckert to injury for 4 games at midseason. This year they must replace WR Sean Schembra who had a streak of 29 consecutive games with a reception broken against Buffalo and was the #2 receiver as well as TE Eckert (7 sts, 10, 7.4) and TE Tim Streit (8 sts, 16 rec). True frosh Dante Ridgeway led the team in receptions despite not even starting and should be much improved in his second season. I list the 2 deep below. Not listed below are Chris Jackson (6-0 185 rFr, PS#349), Ben Bingham (6-0 180 So), Nathan Gill (5-10 190 rFr), Josh Young (6-3 210 So) and Brad Wilson (6-3 245 rFr) as well as this year's true frosh. This is a mediocre group and while they have less starting experience returning, they actually have more overall experience with 3 of the top 4 receivers from last year back.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the team had three starters returning but did go through some injuries with nine different players drawing starting assignments. Ball St averaged 3.6 ypc rushing and allowed 32 sacks. Last year they had to replace one full-time starter and two others who combined for eight starts so basically had three starters returning. The unit then suffered a big hit versus UConn when both starting tackles, Joel Hofmann (ACL) and Kris Berry (dislocated shoulder) went down to injuries. That precipitated RG Travis Barclay moving to RT and LG David Miller moving to LT. Despite the injures, the Cardinals offense showed improvement, averaging 3.8 ypc rushing, allowing just 23 sacks. This year they must replace C Colin Johnson (12 sts, 3 yr st'r), LG/LT David Miller (12 sts, 3 yr st'r) and LT Kris Berry (10 career sts, 2 yr st'r). Four players return who have started six or more games in their career and I list the 2 deep below. This group is more experienced than it was heading into last season and figures to remain healthier.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Ball St had an undersized defensive front in 1999 and allowed 4.8 ypc rushing while registering just 12 sacks. They made improvement the next two years getting bigger and in 2001 allowed 4.3 ypc with 27 sacks. Last year they had to replace three starters due to graduation and the biggest team concern in August was finding pass rushers. DT Greg Pagnard went down to injury with three games to go in the season and Nick Graymire got in three starts. The rush defense slipped a bit allowing 4.6 ypc and the team had just 15 sacks, bearing out their preseason concerns. This year the only loss is DE Jonas Williams (11 sts, 36 tkls, 8 tfl) and five players return with starting experience in the 2 deep I list below. This year's group does look a bit undersized with my projected starters averaging just 254 lbs, but overall the unit has more experience than it did last season and should generate a better pass rush. However, the unit did not look good vs the run in the spring.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the team had to replace one starter and one backup but had their top two tacklers returning. Lorenzo Scott led the team in tackles as a true frosh in 2000 with 96 and has led the team in each of the last two years with 124 and will try to accomplish that feat for a 4th straight season. The only losses from this unit are Mike Brizendine (11 sts, 104 tkls, 5 tfl) and 3rd stringer Andrew Metzler (4 tkls). Donta Smith was a Scout Team MVP in 2001 and was expected to contend for a starting job last year but tore his ACL in August and he should make a contribution this season. With five of the top six players back, this unit looks stronger in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 Ball St was #73 in my pass D rankings and last year had to replace two starters and then one of their stars, FS Jade Winchell, had to give up football prior to the season due to concussion problems so they basically just had their two starting CB's returning. Overall, BSU finished #106 in my rankings allowing 63.1% with a 22-10 ratio. This season they must replace CB Steve Monson (12 sts, 41 tkls, 2 int) and FS Charles Avant (7 sts, 32 tkls, 3 pbu). Avant missed the start of the season with a broken jaw which forced Doug Owusu into the starting role for the first five games, and Owusu is back this season. Jesse Avant is now in his fourth year as a starting CB. I list the 2 deep below and while this is not an overwhelming group, they should improve in the pass D rankings this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Bill Lynch did not have a lot of success in the special teams category with a high finish at #91 until 2001 when they finished #38. Last year they had to replace a super KR in Corey Parchman (31.0) who was 5th in the NCAA. They fell to #76 overall. The team has blocked 11 punts in the last 5 years but also allowed 6 blocked punts in that span. They opened up the year very poor in the KR department but Larry Bostick took over against E Michigan and they changed some blocking schemes. Bostick averaged 21.9 on 22 returns and is back. Phil Cunningham is back to handle KO's once again. Mike Langford had a streak of 12 straight FG's end vs UConn but hit a solid 9 of 13 with a long of 45 during the season. He returns for his senior year. The top PR, Sean Schembra, averaged a super 11.7 but unfortunately he departs. P Reggie Hodges missed one game with a back injury and had 57 punts (40.3) after averaging 41.3 in 2001. This should be an improved unit.

COACHES - Head coach Bill Lynch ended a streak of five straight losing seasons in 2002 and the team was 6-5 heading into the season finale against Marshall. The team had a 71% graduation rate for football, the highest in the MAC and 19th in the NCAA. He went 13-3 in MAC play in his first two years including a MAC Title in 1996. Despite those factors, Lynch was let go at the end of last season. In 1985 Ball St hired a Michigan assistant by the name of Paul Schudel who was 60-48-4 including two MAC Titles in 1989 and 1993 in his seasons here. They went that route again this year bringing in UM's DL coach, Brady Hoke who lettered here from 1977 to 1980. He was the Michigan DL coach for the past six years. His OC is Don Treadwell who was the Mich St WR coach the past three seasons. Treadwell was also a four year starting receiver at Miami, Oh ranking 7th on their all-time list and has had coaching stints at Stanford and Youngstown St. The new DC is Mark Smith and he was the Indiana St DC the past two seasons. Lynch said that budget restraints at the school limited him to mostly in-state recruits and he called the facilities probably the worst in the MAC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Bill Lynch led his team to a MAC Title in 1996, but appeared to be on his way out after a 21 game losing streak including a loss to a IAA school to start 2000. BSU turned it around in 2000 with a 5-2 record down the stretch and were MAC West co-champs in 2001. They were still picked fifth in the league in 2002 in the preseason poll. Despite the fact that Ball St compiled a 12-10 record in MAC play the last three years and finished fourth in the West including a 6-6 non-losing season (their first since 1996), Lynch was let go. Crowd support was weak as just 7,957 attended the Buffalo game, the lowest since 1994. All six of Ball St's losses were to quality opponents as the non-conf losses were to Missouri and Clemson and MAC losses to BG, Toledo, NI, and Miami. Brady Hoke inherits a veteran unit with 44 returning lettermen. They lose the second leading rusher in the MAC in Marcus Merriweather. I only rank this year's offense #11 in the MAC. Defensively they have seven starters back and should improve upon the 406 ypg they allowed last season. I thought Lynch did a good job the last three years and generally with a new head coach and new systems, teams take a step backward. This year's new schemes are more complex than in previous years. With that said I think it will be extremely difficult for them to match last year's six win total and I will call for Ball St to return to the losing side of the ledger overall and have their first losing season in the MAC in four years.

2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB ANDY ROESCH SR. 6-4 228 PS#63. L/7 sts LY, 1341 yds (56%), 15-7 ratio, 112 rush. Talmadge Hill (6-0 197 Sr) PS#121. 23 career sts, 4211 yds (57%), 31-36 ratio.

RB Scott Blair Jr. 6-1 202 PS#240. 1 st in '01, 208 yds (3.9), 107 in 1 start. 180 yds in '02 (2.9). Charles Wynn (5-10 243 So) PS#440. Scout Tm MVP in '01. 76 yds (3.5) in '02.

FB Brad Seiss rFr. 6-0 195 PS#155RB. Dan Sprouls (6-0 230 Jr) 2 letters. Nick Brownfield (5-11 224 Jr) 5 games in '02. Jason Sieman (6-3 220 rFr). 1 game LY.

WR DANTE RIDGEWAY SO. 6-1 183 PS#304. 12 gms as **true** & #1 w/44 rec (12.6). Larry Bostic (5-7 175 So) PS#186, 23 rec (12.6) as **true**. Clint Planck (6-3 201 Sr) Sct MVP in 2000.

WR Ryan Hahaj So. 6-3 188 PS#225. 10 sts as **true**, 23 rec (9.0). Jason Barnes (5-11 189 Jr) PS#263, 1 st, 15 rec (11.3) LY. Derek Broussard (6-1 190 rFr) PS#206.

TE Mark Franklin Jr. 6-4 252 PS#61. 5 gms as **true**. 1 st, 10 gms LY, 6 rec (10.2). Bryan Smith (6-4 254 So) PS#123. Noah Mangus (6-4 225 Sr). Michael Steinhaus is PS#51.

C NICK TABACCA JR. 6-3 283 PS#435. 2nd string as rFr, 1L. 9 sts LY. Mike Jantzen (6-0 284 Sr) PS#449. 1 st at C in '01. 2nd string C LY, 2L. Patrick Neils (6-2 279 So) PS#287.

RG Mike Brown rFr. 6-4 300 PS#231DL. 95% career grade in HS. Track in HS. RS LY. Ryan Steele (6-6 250 rFr). Moved from D-line to O-line this year. Brother played at WV.

LG Jeff Ramsey Jr. 6-3 284 PS#359. 2nd string as rFr in 2001. Last 8 starts at RG in 2002. Dustin Brown (6-3 260 Fr). 3rd in conf in HS wrestling, heavy wt div.

RT JOEL HOFMANN SR. 6-7 285 5 gms as rFr, lettered. 2 sts at RT in '01. First 4 sts at RT in '02 until inj. Jerome Tilmon (6-1 265 Jr) PS#188DL. Adam Rothstein (6-4 281 So).

LT TRAVIS BARCLAY SR. 6-3 291 PS#159. 8 gms as rFr. 11 sts (9 at RG) in '01. 12 sts LY (4 at RG, 8 at RT). Ty Knisley (6-5 330 Jr). Kris Anastopoulos (6-5 304 rFr) PS#272.

K MIKE LANGFORD SR. 5-8 161 Hit 3 of 5 FG's, L/33 in 2000. 6 of 6 FG's, L/38 in '01. 9 of 13 FG's, L/45, 5 of 7 40-49, 1 miss from 50+. Phil Cunningham (6-2 205 Sr) does KO's.

DEFENSE

DE Paul Strabavy Sr. 6-2 243 PS#111LB. 6 tkls, 4 QBH in '01. 1 start in 2002. 24 tkls, 6 tfl. Tom Kellar (6-3 250 rFr) PS#134DL. Kevin Violette (6-5 220 So) PS#492DL.

DT CONRAD SLAUGHTER JR. 6-2 268 15 tkls as true. 12 sts, 29 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl. Justin Schweighardt (6-1 265 So) PS#223OL. 6 tkls, 2 tfl as true. Keith Anderson (6-1 251 Jr) 15 tkls, 2Y.

NT GREG PAGNARD SR. 6-2 275 PS#226DL. 11 sts in '01, 55 tkls, 4 sks, 6 tfl. 9 sts in 2002, 29 tkls, 2 tfl. Nick Graymire (6-2 271 So) PS#347. L/3 sts at NT LY, 25 tkls, 2 tfl.

DE BLAIR KRAMER SO. 6-3 228 PS#198. 7 sts as rFr, 24 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 pbu. Mike Miller (6-4 275 So) 2 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Martin Miekczynski (6-2 281 So) PS#315. Ryan McKee is PS#384.

WLB LORENZO SCOTT SR. 6-2 210 7 sts, 96 tkls, 5 tfl as true. 11 sts, 124 tkls, 13 tfl in '01. 12 sts in '02, #1 w/124 tkls, 10 tfl. Andy Stark (6-1 225 So) PS#326. Jeff McElhaney (5-11 230 Sr).

MLB JUSTIN RILEY SR. 6-2 242 45 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl in '01. 12 sts in '02, 60 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl. Andrico Spates (6-0 215 So) PS#178. 13 tkls as **true**. Anthony Corpuz (6-2 210 rFr).

SLB Travis Mikalauskas So. 6-2 218 PS#209DL. 6 tkls, 1 tfl, 7 games in 2002. Donta Smith (6-0 218 So) PS#110RB. Def Sct MVP in '01. ACL LY. Vince Davis (6-3 200 rFr) PS#211.

CB JESSE AVANT SR. 5-9 181 PS#67RB. 11 sts as rFr. 34 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu. 11 sts, 46 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu in '01. 12 sts, 56 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu LY. Tommy Schembra (6-0 184 Jr) 6 tkls LY.

CB Quentin Manley Sr. 6-0 185 PS#380DB. 45 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu in 2001. 1 start, 69 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu LY. Cory Crumpton (5-11 190 Sr) 4 tkls. Kenny Daniels (5-9 165 Jr).

SS JUSTIN BERIAULT JR. 6-3 198 PS#222. 11 sts as rFr, 117 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. 12 sts LY. #2 w/121 tkls, 6 tfl, 1 int, 2 pbu. Erik Keys (5-10 203 rFr) PS#152. Aaron Matthews (5-10 190 rFr).

FS Doug Owusu Sr. 5-11 178 PS#209. 1 st, 7 tkls in 2000 & '01. 5 sts LY, 21 tkls, 3 int, 1 tfl. David Gater (5-11 189 So) 12 tkls, 1 tfl. Justin Wentzel (6-2 180 rFr) PS#297QB.

P REGGIE HODGES SR. 6-0 234 PS#76. 64 punts as true, 36.3 avg, 27.9 net. 60 punts in '01, 41.3 avg, net of 36.1. 57 punts LY, 40.3 average (23 inside the 20) 34.4 team net.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

QB	Casey Gillin 6-2 187 PS#97
WR	Bryan Williamson 6-3 190 PS#117
TE	Michael Steinhaus 6-3 228 PS#51
LB	Lorenzo Wims 6-3 230 PS#228
WR	Floyd Reddick 6-0 193 PS#254
LB	Cortlan Booker 6-2 210 PS#295
RB	Antonio Tharpe 5-8 180 PS#282
DB	Chris Allen 5-10 165 PS#380
RB	Jermaine Johnson 5-11 178 PS#312
OL	Dustin Brown 6-3 260 PS#504
DB	Mike Dorulla 6-0 190 PS#432
OL	Scott Bradtmiller 6-4 285 PS#562
DL	Temidayo McCarthy 6-4 240 PS#497
OL	Kevin Neville 6-7 310 PS#584

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	Indiana St	G						The Cardinals are 2-19 SU & 6-12 ATS their last 21 September contests. Ball St is 7-4 ATS the last 11 years in their season opener. BSU is 10-5 ATS as an away dog the last 3 years.
Sep. 6	Missouri	G						Ball St barely won last year's meeting between these teams 23-21. Indiana St was 5-7 overall last year & 1-6 on the road.
Sep. 13	at Pittsburgh	G						Ball St is 0-5 SU & ATS vs Big 12 teams since 1992. The Cardinals are just 2-8 ATS as a home dog since 1999.
Sep. 20	C Michigan	G						May apply: BSU is 2-11 SU & 8-5 ATS as a DD away dog since 2000. Ball St is 0-3-1 SU, but 4-0 ATS vs Big East foes since 1989.
Sep. 27	at Boston College	A						Ball St is 4-2 SU but just 1-5 ATS their last 6 vs C Michigan. The Cardinals are 0-7 SU & ATS their 1st conf home game the last 7 years.
Oct. 4	at Kent St	A						Ball St is 6-14 ATS on artificial turf since 1997. Cardinals will travel to Boston College for the 1st time in school history.
Oct. 11								Ball St is 4-1 SU & 3-1-1 ATS their last 5 vs Kent St. BSU has won their last 3 visits to Kent by an avg score of 24-6.
Oct. 18	Miami, Oh (HC)	G						The home team is 7-4 ATS the L/11 but 0-2 the L/2 meetings between these teams. The Cardinals are 3-0 SU & ATS their last 3 Homecoming games.
Oct. 25	Toledo	G						The Cardinals are just 4-7 ATS vs the Rockets the last 11 years. Ball St is 2-5 ATS at home vs Toledo the last 7.
Nov. 1	at N Illinois	A						BSU has covered 15 of their last 23 November games. The Cardinals are 2-4 SU & 1-5 ATS the last 6 vs N Illinois.
Nov. 8	at W Michigan	A						The visitor is just 3-7 ATS the last 10 meetings between these teams. BSU is 6-3 ATS the L/9 including 2-0 SU & ATS the last 2 games vs WMU.
Nov. 15	at E Michigan	A						Ball St is 5-2 ATS their last 7 visits to Ypsilanti, Michigan. BSU is 3-1 SU & 4-0 ATS vs EMU the last 4 years.
Nov. 22	Bowling Green	G						Ball St is 4-2 ATS in their home finale the last 6 years. The Cardinals are 4-0 ATS at home vs Bowling Green since 1990.
Nov. 29								

BRADY HOKE (Career 0-0)
1st Year at Ball St

Hoke's records AT BALL ST

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
		0-0	Vs Non-Conf

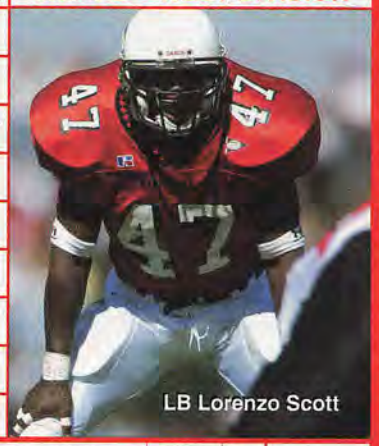
2002 RECORD: **(6-6)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (23,18,3)
Lost: 17 (8,9,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 12,849

MAC - WEST DIVISION


LB Lorenzo Scott

STADIUM: BALL STATE STADIUM (22,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	5-6	1-10	0-11	5-6	5-6	6-6	30-48
ATS	6-4	3-7	4-7	2-9	5-5	5-5	7-4	32-41
Home Fav	1-2	1-1	0-2	0-0	2-0	0-2	2-0	6-7
Home Dog	0-1	1-1	2-0	0-4	0-2	1-1	1-1	5-10
Away Fav	3-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-1	0-0	4-4
Away Dog	2-1	1-4	2-5	2-5	3-1	3-1	4-3	17-20
Favorite	4-2	1-2	0-2	0-0	2-2	1-3	2-0	10-11
Dog	2-2	2-5	4-5	2-9	3-3	4-2	5-4	22-30
Grass	3-3	3-4	4-3	1-6	4-3	2-5	6-2	23-26
Artificial	3-1	0-3	0-4	1-3	1-2	3-0	1-2	9-15
vs Conf	5-3	2-6	2-6	1-7	3-4	4-3	5-3	22-32
vs Non-Conf	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	1-2	2-1	10-9
Off SU Win	5-2	2-2	0-1	0-0	1-3	1-3	4-2	13-13
Off SU Loss	1-1	1-4	3-6	1-9	3-2	4-1	3-1	16-24

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Marcus Merriweather	332	1643	25	1618	12	4.9
Scott Blair	63	238	58	180	1	2.9
Andy Roesch	33	112	44	68	1	2.1
Talmadge Hill	33	116	137	-21	0	-0.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Andy Roesch	202	113	55.9	1341	15	7
Talmadge Hill	144	86	59.7	803	5	9

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Dante Ridgeway	44	556	12.6	4	39
Sean Schembra	30	340	11.3	2	37
Larry Bostic	23	289	12.6	5	45
Marcus Merriweather	22	207	9.4	2	41
Ryan Hahaj	23	206	9.0	2	21
Jason Barnes	15	169	11.3	2	45

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Reggie Hodges	57	2299	40.3	57	34.4	0	23

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Mike Langford	31-33	2-3	2-2	5-7	0-1	9-13	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Lorenzo Scott	124	1	9	3	0
Justin Beriault	121	0	6	2	1
Mike Brizendine	104	1	4	0	1
Quentin Manley	69	0	0	5	2
Justin Riley	60	3	3	0	0
Jesse Avant	56	0	3	5	1
Steve Monson	41	0	2	2	2
Jonas Williams	36	2	6	0	0
Charles Avant	32	0	1	3	0
Donald Crumpton	31	2	2	1	0
Greg Pagnard	29	1	1	2	0
Conrad Slaughter	29	2	3	1	0
Paul Strabavy	24	0	6	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Sean Schembra	21	246	11.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Sean Schembra	24	384	16.0	0
Larry Bostic	22	481	21.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
93	Las Vegas	+2	Utah St	33-42	L
96	Las Vegas	+6'	Nevada	15-18	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

BALL ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	OFF PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	23.2	20	159	3.8	179	57.2	14.6	-5	2002	5	27.8	21	170	4.6	236	63.1	14.6
7*	24.4	20	165	3.6	178	52.1	14.0	-8	2001	10	26.9	19	153	4.3	210	53.0	13.5
7*	19.3	19	165	3.4	155	57.1	16.6	-14	2000	7	31.7	18	170	4.4	200	47.3	11.6
4*	14.3	16	98	2.6	161	59.1	18.1	-8	1999	8	32.8	21	235	4.8	169	58.0	12.3
8*	13.6	16	143	3.5	139	48.2	20.7	-4	1998	3	31.2	21	211	4.8	220	64.2	13.8
3	21.7	17	169	3.7	150	48.7	14.7	-5	1997	4	23.6	19	132	3.5	239	60.9	15.7

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Missouri	18	45-164	3.6	18-25	150	2	21	37-221	6.0	16-32	216	0	-5
Indiana St	21	45-185	4.1	20-27	150	4	13	31-147	4.7	12-18	258	0	+2
at Clemson	16	38-82	2.2	16-23	138	3	22	39-203	5.2	21-29	209	1	-2
at Connecticut	16	41-135	3.3	15-26	156	5	22	34-155	4.6	24-38	243	2	+1
N Illinois	27	41-184	4.5	20-46	233	3	17	44-144	3.3	13-20	171	1	-2
at Toledo	23	44-127	2.9	18-32	182	3	26	39-260	6.7	21-26	258	0	0
E Michigan	18	34-171	5.0	14-28	270	0	18	41-109	2.7	21-34	221	3	+2
at Bowling Green	21	37-153	4.1	23-41	205	1	28	41-256	6.2	19-32	195	0	0
W Michigan	13	46-215	4.7	7-18	45	0	18	33-127	3.8	19-40	225	3	+2
at C Michigan	25	46-145	3.2	22-33	304	2	18	40-169	4.2	18-31	163	2	-1
Buffalo	23	54-289	5.4	12-24	134	0	17	31-152	4.9	18-36	210	1	-1
at Marshall	14	28-53	1.9	14-25	177	0	29	30-92	3.1	44-54	465	2	-1
TOTALS	235	499-1903	3.8	199-348	2144	23	249	440-2035	4.6	246-390	2834	15	-5
AVERAGES	19.6	42-159	3.8	17-29	179	1.9	20.8	37-170	4.6	21-33	236	1.3	-0.4

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at S Carolina	+20	20-38	W
E Michigan	-9	7-13	L
at Iowa St	+12	0-38	L
at Akron	+7'	14-52	L
N Illinois	-12	18-13	L
at Toledo	+19'	6-27	L
Miami, Oh	+19	17-28	W
at Marshall	+30	10-42	L
W Michigan	+10	23-24	W
at UCF	+31	14-37	W
at C Michigan	+7'	21-31	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Indiana	+24	9-21	W
at Wisconsin	+36	10-50	L
Toledo	+6'	10-23	L
at Army	+9'	21-41	L
Akron	+1	9-31	L
at N Illinois	+9	17-37	L
at W Michigan	+18	0-28	L
Ohio U	+7'	25-37	L
at E Michigan	+11	21-31	W
at Bowling Green	+15'	14-35	L
C Michigan	+2'	21-27	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida	+45	19-40	W
W Illinois	NL	14-24	–
at Kansas St	+46	0-76	L
N Illinois	+11	14-43	L
at Miami, Oh	+28	15-10	W
E Michigan	-6	33-14	W
at Buffalo	-10'	44-35	L
at C Michigan	-5	38-34	L
W Michigan	+22	3-42	L
at Toledo	+32	3-31	W
Connecticut	-16'	29-0	W

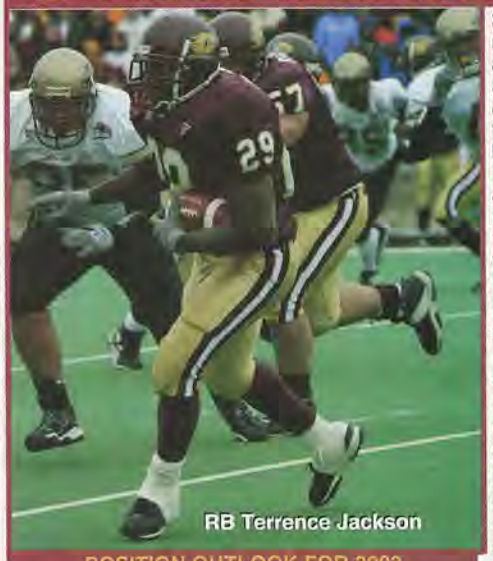
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Auburn	+21	0-30	L
at Kentucky	+11	20-28	W
N Iowa	NL	39-42	–
Miami, Oh	+6'	20-28	L
at E Michigan	-9	35-14	W
Toledo	+23'	24-20	W
at Connecticut	-10'	10-5	L
C Michigan	-11'	38-34	L
Kent St	-6'	18-31	L
at N Illinois	+10'	29-33	W
at W Michigan	+10	35-31	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Missouri	+14	6-41	L
Indiana St	NL	23-21	–
at Clemson	+27'	7-30	W
at Connecticut	+6	24-21 OT	W
N Illinois	+2	29-41	L
at Toledo	+18	17-37	L
E Michigan	-15	42-17	W
at Bowling Green	+21	20-38	W
W Michigan	+5'	17-7	W
at C Michigan	+2'	38-21	W
Buffalo	-16	41-21	W
at Marshall	+15	14-38	L

C MICHIGAN CHIPPEWAS


RB Terrence Jackson

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 rFr Derrick Vickers (PS#120) who has 4.6 speed alternated with Pete Shepherd who is CM's #2 all-time career passing leader. Vickers had a 24-4 ratio as a senior in HS and threw for 1,059 yards (46.1%) in his 5 starts with a 7-5 ratio while rushing for 170 yards. Vickers started the first seven games in 2001 but Derek Gorney started the last four after Vickers was injured. Gorney appeared to have the edge on the job but sprained his ankle and he missed most of August so Vickers reclaimed his starting job. He had a huge game vs Wyoming setting a school record for completions with 28 and throwing for 361 yards. He also struggled at times and was pulled in favor of preferred walk-on Grant Arnoldink (6-4 220) vs N Illinois. Later after hitting 4 of 14 for 30 yards vs Toledo, he was pulled for Kent Smith who led the team to 2 TD drives against Toledo. Smith was given the start against W Michigan in the finale but hit just 3 of 16 for 33 yards and Vickers finished up. Vickers is third in career completions and attempts here and 5th in passing yards, but DeBord was very unhappy with the passing production in 2002 and has the QB job up for grabs. Vickers will battle Smith and Arnoldink as well as Jeff Perry (6-1 210 So) and this year's true frosh Nick Gildersleeve (PS#251). Last year Vickers threw for 1,828 yards (54.7%) with a 9-5 ratio and I look for improved numbers from this position.

RUNNING BACKS - Injuries hurt the RB corps in 1999 and 2000. Robbie Mixon began 2001 as the starter and rushed for 223 yards in the first 3 games but FB Terrence Jackson took over and powered to seven straight 100 yard rushing games en route to 1,194 yards (4.7). He did all of that despite playing with a cast on his left hand due to a thumb injury. Kenan Lawhorne (PS#336) had 100 yards vs Marshall and finished with 506 (5.1) as well as 190 yards receiving. Mixon did not play after the 4th game due to injury. All three returned last year but unfortunately Jackson, who I listed on my preseason 1st Team MAC broke a bone in his right foot and missed the first 5 games. When he returned he was only 90%. Mixon stepped up and had 377 yards against E Michigan setting both school and MAC records for single game rush yards. He finished #3 in the NCAA in all-purpose yards and had 1,361 rushing (5.3). Jackson, rushed for 399 yards (3.9) while Lawhorne added 328 (5.0). They must replace Mixon and backup HB Alan Parks (96, 3.7) but having a healthy Jackson back is huge. Also in the mix at RB are Spencer Lewis (5-10 225 So, 71 yds), Desmond Crenshaw (5-8 170 So), Mike Pryce (5-10 190 So) as well as this year's true frosh. FB Adam Supianoski (6-3 235 Sr) is an outstanding blocker who started 8 games and returns as does backup Troy Peyerk (6-0 230 So). Despite the loss of Mixon, thanks to Jackson's healthy return this group looks just as strong as 2002.

RECEIVERS - In 2000 CM had a very young receiving corps that had to replace all three starters. Rob Turner led the team with 50 rec's (13.4) but no other receiver topped 300 yards. Last year, while far from overwhelming, they did have almost everyone back. Unfortunately the unit lacked speed. In fact DeBord said 3 of their 4 fastest receivers all missed the year including Willie Hill, Obed Cetoute Genaille and Scott Gibson all who possesses 4.4 speed or better. This year the only losses are Turner who was #1 with 43 rec's (11.8) and WR Roderick Means (17, 13.8). They get a huge addition in Jovan Witherspoon (PS#43) who originally signed with Notre Dame and later played at Northwestern. I list the 2 deep below and this year list 3 WR positions. I have Hill listed in all caps (signifies returning starter) because FB Supianowski who I eliminated from the 2 deep had 8 starts and is back. Despite the fact that this unit is a little less experienced, it does have more speed. I look for more production in 2003 especially if Witherspoon lives up to his advance billing.

OFFENSIVE LINE - CM's O-line has made dramatic improvement the last two years. After paving the way for just 2.6 ypc rushing in 2000 they averaged 4.3 ypc rushing in 2001 and 4.4 last year. CM even improved on their top-notch sacks allowed totals as they allowed just 18 in 2001 and only 14 last season. Last year's line had 3 starters returning as does this one plus Jeff Jenerou who logged five starts. The only losses are RG Kyle Croskey (12 sts, 1st Tm MAC, 330 lbs, 4 yr st'r), RT Paul Brieger (7 sts) and backup G Eric Schulenbburg. I list the 2 deep below. Croskey was their top OL as well as their biggest and will be missed but this still looks like one of the MAC's better offensive fronts.

DEFENSIVE LINE - CM allowed 5.1 and 4.7 ypc rushing in 2000 and 2001 while recording just 12 and 18 sacks. Last year six of the top seven DL's returned and the unit made significant strides as the team allowed just 3.6 ypc rushing and recorded 29 sacks with the D-line responsible for 20 of them. This year the losses are much heavier. Gone are DE Matt Reynolds (12 sts, 40 tkls, 4 tfl), DT Marvin Smith (12 sts, 50 tkls, 3 sks), DE Cullen Jenkins (12 sts, 38 tkls, 4 sks) and DT Jay Davidson (6 tkls, 2.5 tfl). DT Kalani Muragin is the lone returning starter. This has the makings of a decent group but clearly is less experienced than last season, and will probably regress in the ypc and sack totals.

LINEBACKERS - CM was very experienced at LB last year with practically everyone returning including a 2000 starter who missed most of 2001 with injury. OLB James King was moved to FS because of the great depth at LB. This season they must replace ILB Jovan Clarke (12 sts, #1 tkl'r, 20 tfl), and OLB Darvin Lewis (8 sts, 36 tkls). Three players who I list in the 2 deep below all logged five starts or more last season and they get a super addition in Anthony Rogers (PS#55), their top signee this season as well as two other top-notch true frosh LB's. Technically two starters depart but you can technically say that Hillery, who has eleven starts in his career, is a returning starter. While replacing a #1 tackler will be tough and this group is a little less experienced last year, it has the makings of a decent unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 CM finished #81 in my pass D rankings and last year they had to replace three full or part-time starters with two returning. They added OLB James King to the secondary so basically they had three starters back. CM finished just #104 in my pass D rankings allowing 63.4% with a 23-12 ratio and 264.4 ypg. That was the highest pass ypg allowed since 1997 but was partly due to the fact that teams were not able to run as easily on them as they had the previous five years. Pass D was a major emphasis in the offseason and they brought in Ball St's former DC Bart Bartolomeo to be the new DC and CB coach. The only loss this year is S/CB Ron Bartell (12 sts, 68 tkls, 6 pbu). As you can see by the fact there is only one senior in the 2 deep below, this was a very young group last year that should greatly benefit from added experience. Not listed are FS Doug Kress (6-2 200 rFr), Orlando Walton (6-0 190 rFr) and Matt Gorman (6-1 210 rFr).

SPECIAL TEAMS - CM finished a poor #101 in 1998, #111 in 1999 and #101 in 2000 in my special teams rankings. In 2001 they improved to #62 thanks in part to two big additions. James King had an amazing 8 blocked kicks and P Brian Brandt became the first CM punter since they moved to Kelly/Shorts Stadium in 1972 to average over 40 yards. Last year they had to replace their PR plus K and surprisingly dropped to #110. While Brandt averaged 39.6 last year, two punts were blocked and they had a poor net of 29.7. New K Mike Gruzwalski had a fine year hitting seven straight FG's and finished 14 and 19 with a long of 40. This year they lose their top KR in Robbie Mixon (20.1) but return top PR Dante McKnight (8.5). James King blocked two kicks last year and is back. I like the talent and with practically everyone back, I will call it potentially the most improved special teams unit in the country.

COACHES - Frank DeBord was the OC at Michigan from 1997-'99 and is now in his fourth year as head man here. Last year he talked big at the MAC media days forecasting the team to do well, but the season was a bit of a disappointment. They had two wins in 2000, three in 2001 and four last year and he was rewarded with a contract extension through 2006. The OC is Butch Jones who is now in his 3rd year in that role. The team finished 11th in the MAC in offense in 2000 but were 5th in his first year here and 8th last year. The new DC is Bart Bartlomew who was Ball St's former DC and replaces John Milligan who left the team in April for personal reasons.

PHIL'S FORECAST

CM used to have a solid team and in fact won the Div II National Championship in 1974 and then moved to the MAC in 1975. Four of the first five years in MAC play they finished #1 or #2 and went on to win MAC Championships in 1990 and 1994 getting to a pair of bowl games. Since their last bowl in 1994 they've suffered 7 out of 8 losing seasons. The team was extremely young in Mike DeBord's first year (2000) and went 2-9. They were 3-8 in 2001 but averaged 427.9 ypg offense in conference play, the second best in the MAC. Despite their 2-6 MAC record they were only outgained by 13.4 ypg. DeBord talked about the '02 season possibly being a surprise winning year for CM prior to the season and with nine starters back on offense much was expected. They opened the year 3-0 for the first time since 1986 and led Indiana 26-16 at the half. When the Hoosiers came back to beat them it would be the start of a huge downturn as they won only one of their remaining games and that was vs E Mich and CM finished 6th in the MAC West. They did trail Marshall just 23-18 and had the ball at the Marshall 46 with :59 left but still lost. At 4-6 they shockingly finished the season with a pair of home losses to Ball St and W Mich by 17 and 25 points. One of the keys to the offensive dropoff to 350.4 ypg in MAC play was the loss of star RB Terrence Jackson for a good portion of the season. Overall CM was outgained by 48.7 ypg and outscored by 12.5 ppg in MAC play. This year they return seven starters on offense and just five on defense. I do expect their offense to be their most potent offense since at least 1997 and to top last year's 22.3 ppg. The defense will be a question mark. They lose only 15 of 56 lettermen (26.8%) which is one of the lowest in the conference. CM pulls Akron and UCF, two tough MAC East foes, and two of their home games will be very difficult against Toledo and N Illinois. With a pair of IAA games early, it's possible to top last year's 4 win total but it won't be easy.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB DERRICK VICKERS SR. 5-11 195 PS#120. 12 sts in 2000-01, 2215 yds (51%) 14-11 ratio, 384 rush. 11 sts LY, 1828 yds (55%) 9-5 ratio. Kent Smith (6-5 205 So). Grant Arnoldink.
HB Terrence Jackson Sr. 6-0 235 L/8 sts in '01, 1194 yds (4.7), 7 straight 100 yd gms, **2nd Tm MAC**. Inj LY, 399 yds (3.9) 7 gms. Kenan Lawhorne (5-11 215 Sr) 920 yds (4.9) 3Y.
WR Obed Cetoute Genaille So. 6-3 200 4.34 spd. Good size, Canada. Lonnell Bess PS#145, 4.5 spd. Justin Harper (5-11 185 So) 4 sts, 19 rec (8.9) as rFr. Jemmy Jasmin (5-9 185 Fr) PS#175.
WR STEVE MESSAM SR. 5-9 165 PS#277. 22 rec (13.1) as **true**. Triple jump on track team. 1 rec in '01. 10 sts, 26 rec (11.5) LY. Jacob Brown (6-2 205 Jr) 3 sts, 10 rec 2Y.
WR WILLIE HILL SR. 5-11 185 4.38 spd. 19 rec (12.5) in '01. RS in '02. **Jovan Witherspoon** (6-3 205 Jr) **PS#43**. 12 rec @ N'wstn in '01, JC LY. Scott Gibson (6-3 185 So) 4.4 spd.
TE TORY HUMPHREY JR. 6-3 240 PS#116. 24 rec (9.9) as **true**. 11 sts LY, 22 rec (12.5). Dave Kurzen (6-6 252 Jr) PS#113. 1 st, 4 rec LY, blk'r. Dave Condeni (6-4 230 rFr) PS#122.
C ERIC GHIACIUC JR. 6-3 295 PS#271. 2nd string C as rFr all year. 12 sts at C in 2002, 1 letter. Brandon Pitzer (6-3 285 Jr) PS#150. 3 games in '01, 7 games in 2002.
RG Dean Zarafonetis So. 6-4 310 PS#252OL. RS in '01 but preseason shoulder inj LY missed year. Jay Gillette (6-3 290 rFr) PS#262. Drew Mormino (6-6 275 rFr) PS#288.
LG DEREK McLAUGHLIN SR. 6-5 315 PS#300. L/5 sts as rFr. 10 sts in '01. 12 sts in 2002, 3L. Michael Raffaeli PS#274 recruited by L'ville. Caleb Anthony (6-4 270 So) PS#160TE.
RT Jeff Jenerou So. 6-7 297 PS#255. #2 LT into 2002 but 5 sts at RT, 9 games as rFr. Thomas Langton (6-7 325 Sr) PS#342. Robert Stanger (6-4 320 rFr) PS#525.
LT ADAM KIEFT JR. 6-7 320 PS#244. 8 starts as rFr at RT. 12 starts at LT in 2002, earned 2 letters. Brandon Zukoff is PS#284. Eric Karbowski (6-3 286 rFr) PS#520.
K Mike Gruzwalski So. 5-8 165 PS#88. 14 of 19 FG's as rFr. Did hit 7 straight at one point. Only 5 of 10 from 30+. Long of 40 and 1 of 3 from 40+. 27-31 on xp's.

DE Ikechuckwu Ajoku Sr. 6-1 260 PS#207. 21 tkls as rFr, 3 tfl. Inj'd in '01, 3 tkls, 1 tfl, 3 gms, last year. William Brookshire (6-3 250 Jr) 20 tkls in '01, 17 tkls, 1.5 tfl last year.
MG Tony Thompson So. 6-1 290 PS#265. 22 tkls, 2 tfl, 12 gms as **true**. Caleb Anthony (6-4 270 So) PS#160TE. Inj LY as rFr. HS Wrestling AA. Desmond Harris (6-4 285 Fr) PS#376.
DT KALANI MURAGIN JR. 6-2 280 24 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl as rFr. 11 sts in '02, 36 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl. Stephen Hankins (6-2 280 Fr) PS#334. Troy Golba (6-4 290 rFr). James Cooper (5-11 265 So).
DE Matt Wohlgemuth Sr. 6-5 265 31 tkls, 1 tfl as **true**. 22 tkls, 6 tfl in 2001. 35 tkls, 6 sks, 6 tfl LY. Dan Bazuin (6-3 250 rFr) PS#294. John Pittman (6-3 250 Jr) 9 tkls last year.
BLB ANTHONY TYUS JR. 5-11 225 5 sts as rFr, 45 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl. 7 sts in '02, 63 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl, 1 int. Joshua Reardon (6-1 220 Jr) 5 tkls, 17 gms 2Y. Leython Williams PS#269.
MLB Anthony Rogers Fr. 6-1 240 **PS#55LB!** Jon Nelson (6-1 220 Jr) 8 tkls as rFr at SS until inj, 5 sts LY, 36 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 int, missed 5 w/inj. Mike Ogle (6-2 230 rFr) PS#341DB.
WLB Ed Hillery Sr. 6-1 235 21 tkls, 2 tfl as **true**. 6 sts, 42 tkls, 2 tfl in '01. 5 sts, 66 tkls, 5 sks, 6 tfl LY. James Reese (6-1 225 So). PS#305. Walk-on. 7 tkls in 10 games LY.
CB DANTE McKNIGHT SR. 5-10 187 13 rec (10.4). 185 ret yds in '01. 12 sts at CB LY, 104 tkls, 4 int, 6 pbu. Derrick Holoman (5-10 180 Jr) 4.36 spd. 25 tkls, 2 pbu as **true**, 2 tkls LY.
CB Jesse Dailey So. 5-10 180 PS#290. 4 sts, 20 tkls, 1 pbu LY. Fabrice Raymond (Canadian) 10 tkls as rFr. Tyrone Kelly (6-1 190 rFr) PS#238. Richard Kiel (5-10 180 Jr) PS#169.
SS OMARI COLEN JR. 6-1 205 3 sts as rFr, 17 tkls, 1 int. 7 sts in 2002, 55 tkls, 1 int. Michael Thomas (5-8 189 Jr) 13 tkls, 7 games LY. Charles Archie (6-0 190 rFr) PS#303.
FS JAMES KING JR. 6-1 215 8 blocked kicks as rFr. 10 sts at OLB, 86 tkls, 11 tfl. 12 sts LY at FS, 100 tkls, 4 int, 2 pbu. Jason Smith (6-1 200 So) PS#305LB, 11 tkls as **true**.
P BRIAN BRANDT SR. 6-2 200 PS#75. 87 punts as rFr, 39.5 avg and net of 32.1. 1st CM player to avg 40 since 1972 in '01, 40.1 and net 36.0! 71 punts LY 39.6 avg, net of 29.7.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

LB	Anthony Rogers 6-1 240 PS#55	
LB	De'Onte Burnam 6-0 225 PS#88	
WR	Lonnell Bess 6-3 220 PS#145	
WR	Jemmy Jasmin 5-9 185 PS#175	
OL	Mike Raffaeli 6-5 290 PS#274	
RB	Jerry Seymour 5-8 190 PS#192	
WR	Damien Linson 6-0 175 PS#207	
OL	Brandon Zukoff 6-5 300 PS#284	
LB	Leython Williams 6-0 225 PS#269	
RB	Isaac Brown 6-1 190 PS#262	
DL	Eric Tunney 6-3 240 PS#309	
DL	Stephen Hankins 6-2 280 PS#334	
WR	Jovan Witherspoon 6-3 205 PS#285JC	
OL	Matt Lamela 6-4 285 PS#465	

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#109

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	at Michigan	A						CM is 0-7 SU & 1-6 ATS vs the Big 10 since '94 being outscored 308-94. The dog in the Bowling Green/C Michigan series is 7-1 ATS the last 8. Chippewas are 3-17 SU & 8-12 ATS their last 20 away on artificial turf.
Sep. 6	New Hampshire	A						C Michigan is 3-6 ATS in season openers since 1991. Chips are just 3-11 ATS the last 14 away vs non-conference opponents.
Sep. 13	E Kentucky	A						New Hampshire was 3-8 LY & lost to Kent St 34-7 in their only Div IA game. CM is 5-0 in non-lined games since 94, winning by an avg of 17 ppg.
Sep. 20	at Ball St	G						E Kentucky Colonels were 8-4 LY and finished ranked #20 in Div IAA. CM leads the series 6-1 SU & won their last meeting 42-28 in 2001.
Sep. 27								C Michigan is 2-4 SU but 5-1 ATS the last 6 vs the Cardinals. The last 6 in Muncie have been decided by a combined average of 4.2 ppg.
Oct. 4	at Bowling Green	G						CM is 1-3 SU & ATS the last 4 trips to BG w/avg score of BG 28, CM 20. Central Michigan is 0-4 SU & 1-3 ATS the last 4 games after a bye.
Oct. 11	N Illinois (HC)	A						C Michigan is 0-5 SU & ATS vs N Illinois since 1998. CM is 9-4 SU & 9-3-1 ATS in their 1st lined home game since 1990.
Oct. 18	Toledo	A						CM is 0-8 SU & 2-6 ATS vs the Rockets since 1995. In the last 3 meetings UT has won by an avg score of 46-15.
Oct. 25	at UCF	G						This is the first ever meeting between these 2 MAC teams. Pending earlier results: CM is 5-14 ATS as an away dog since 1999.
Nov. 1	E Michigan	A						CM is 8-4-1 SU & 4-9 ATS vs E Michigan since 1990. The dog is 10-3 ATS in this series.
Nov. 8	Akron	A						The favorite is 3-7 ATS the last 10 meetings. CM is 2-9-1 SU & 1-11 ATS the game before rival W Mich since 1991.
Nov. 15	at W Michigan	A						C Michigan is 7-3 ATS vs the Broncos since 1993. Chippewas are 2-4 SU but 4-2 ATS in their final conf game since 1997.
Nov. 22	at Navy	G						CM is just 1-5 SU but 4-2 ATS the last 6 road finales. Central Michigan is 5-0 ATS as an away fav since 1999.
Nov. 29								

MIKE DeBORD (Career 9-25)

4th Year at C Michigan

DeBord's records AT C MICHIGAN

9-25	Straight Up	1-3	Home Favorite
15-17	Vs The Spread	6-4	Home Dog
11-11	Off A SU Loss	3-0	Away Favorite
12-12	Vs Conference	5-10	Away Dog
		3-5	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (18,19,4)
Lost: 15 (8,7,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 17,311

MAC - WEST DIVISION

STADIUM: KELLY/SHORTS STADIUM (30,199)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	2-9	6-5	4-7	2-9	3-8	4-8	26-52
ATS	4-7	4-7	5-5	4-6	3-8	7-3	5-6	32-42
Home Fav	2-2	2-1	2-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-1	7-8
Home Dog	0-1	0-2	1-0	2-1	3-1	1-2	2-1	9-8
Away Fav	1-1	0-2	0-1	2-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	6-4
Away Dog	1-3	2-2	2-3	0-4	0-6	5-0	0-4	10-22
Favorite	3-3	2-3	2-2	2-1	0-1	1-1	3-1	13-12
Dog	1-4	2-4	3-3	2-5	3-7	6-2	2-5	19-30
Grass	1-3	2-2	0-1	2-3	0-3	2-0	0-1	7-13
Artificial	3-4	2-5	5-4	2-3	3-5	5-3	5-5	25-29
vs Conf	3-5	3-5	5-3	4-4	3-5	5-3	4-4	27-29
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	0-2	0-2	0-3	2-0	1-2	5-13
Off SU Win	1-4	0-2	1-4	1-2	0-2	2-1	2-2	7-17
Off SU Loss	2-3	3-5	4-0	3-4	3-5	5-2	3-4	23-23

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Robbie Mixon	255	1422	61	1361	9	5.3
Terrence Jackson	**103**	**421**	**22**	**399**	**6**	**3.9**
Kenan Lawhorne	**66**	**344**	**16**	**328**	**2**	**5.0**
Kent Smith	**15**	**112**	**6**	**106**	**1**	**7.1**
Derrick Vickers	**62**	**190**	**85**	**105**	**4**	**1.7**
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Derrick Vickers	**320**	**175**	**54.7**	**1828**	**9**	**5**
Kent Smith	**32**	**10**	**31.2**	**96**	**1**	**1**
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Rob Turner	43	506	11.8	0	39	
Steve Messam	**26**	**300**	**11.5**	**3**	**51**	
Tory Humphrey	**22**	**276**	**12.5**	**2**	**35**	
Robbie Mixon	26	253	9.7	1	45	
Roderick Means	17	234	13.8	1	28	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Brian Brandt	**71**	**2815**	**39.6**	**56**	**29.7**	**2**	**9**
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Mike Gruzwalski	**27-31**	**9-9**	**4-7**	**1-3**	**0-0**	**14-19**	**40**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jovan Clarke	108	4	16	4	1
Dante McKnight	**104**	**0**	**4**	**6**	**4**
James King	**100**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**4**
Ron Bartell	68	1	2	6	0
Ed Hillery	**66**	**5**	**6**	**2**	**0**
Anthony Tyus	**63**	**4**	**5**	**0**	**1**
Omari Colen	**55**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**1**
Marvin Smith	50	3	2	0	0
Matt Reynolds	40	2	2	1	0
Cullen Jenkins	40	4.5	2	2	0
Kalani Muragin	**36**	**2**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Darvin Lewis	36	0.5	1	2	0
Jon Nelson	**36**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**
Matt Wohlgemuth	**35**	**6**	**6**	**0**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Dante McKnight	**18**	**153**	**8.5**	**0**	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Robbie Mixon	28	563	20.1	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
90	Raisin	+14	San Jose St	24-48	L
94	Las Vegas	+5	UNLV	24-52	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

C MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	22.3	20	206	4.4	166	51.9	16.7	+3	2002	8	32.0	21	140	3.6	264	63.4	12.6
6*	22.8	21	199	4.3	181	52.2	16.6	-5	2001	8	31.5	21	208	4.7	232	52.0	14.0
6*	12.5	14	92	2.6	179	51.2	21.8	-6	2000	6	34.2	23	268	5.1	150	51.1	12.2
6*	20.8	19	142	3.3	218	53.5	17.3	+3	1999	6	31.3	20	172	4.2	214	51.1	12.3
8	20.8	19	179	4.0	189	46.7	17.7	+3	1998	10	23.0	20	165	3.7	190	48.7	15.4
8	25.6	22	156	3.9	250	47.8	15.8	-13	1997	8	43.5	23	186	4.9	290	60.0	10.9

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Sam Houston St	20	50-224	4.5	17-28	208	0	13	32-32	1.0	17-36	218	3	+1
Wyoming	28	54-168	3.1	28-39	361	3	16	24-64	2.7	20-36	290	3	+1
at Akron	27	59-242	4.1	21-33	227	0	18	30-87	2.9	23-33	287	1	-2
at Indiana	24	48-263	5.5	18-36	198	0	22	51-215	4.2	15-24	316	3	+1
at Boston Coll	12	42-154	3.7	12-27	88	0	26	34-195	5.7	29-39	330	0	-3
Bowling Green	23	39-209	5.4	27-47	232	2	23	44-228	5.2	18-33	176	0	+1
at N Illinois	6	30-53	1.8	13-30	117	2	22	62-238	3.8	12-19	150	6	-2
Marshall	22	48-208	4.3	15-32	183	2	22	30-92	3.1	29-42	374	1	+1
at E Michigan	31	72-488	6.8	8-12	69	0	14	29-39	1.3	16-30	178	6	+2
at Toledo	14	41-213	5.2	9-31	71	0	24	37-193	5.2	28-37	329	1	-1
Ball St	18	40-169	4.2	18-31	163	2	25	46-145	3.2	22-33	304	2	+1
W Michigan	10	33-82	2.5	8-28	77	3	23	54-152	2.8	20-31	221	3	+3
TOTALS	235	556-2473	4.4	194-374	1994	14	248	473-1680	3.6	249-393	3173	29	+3
AVERAGES	19.6	46-206	4.4	16-31	166	1.2	20.7	39-140	3.6	21-33	264	2.4	+0.3

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa	+33'	0-38	L
W Illinois	NL	35-14	–
Kent St	-7	46-7	W
at Michigan St	+28	7-38	L
at E Michigan	+3'	36-23 OT	W
at N Illinois	-10	6-16	L
W Michigan	+4	26-24	W
Akron	-2'	28-27	L
at Marshall	+19	0-28	L
at Toledo	+13'	14-17	W
Ball St	-7'	31-21	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Illinois	NL	33-17	–
at Syracuse	+30	7-47	L
at Purdue	+38	16-58	L
Miami, Oh	+19	16-24	W
at W Michigan	+14	16-38	L
at Buffalo	-17	38-19	W
N Illinois	-2	27-31	L
at Bowling Green	+5'	7-31	L
Toledo	+6'	13-32	L
E Michigan	+3'	29-26	W
at Ball St	-2'	27-21	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Purdue	+38	0-48	L
Akron	+6	17-7	W
at Wyoming	+13	10-31	L
Boise St	+10'	10-47	L
at Toledo	+22'	0-41	L
Kent St	-4	21-24 2OT	L
at Ohio U	+24	3-52	L
Ball St	+5	34-38	W
at E Michigan	+9	15-31	L
W Michigan	+35'	21-17	W
at N Illinois	+24	6-40	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Kentucky	NL	42-28	–
at Michigan St	+27	21-35	W
Toledo	+24'	28-52	W
at Buffalo	-7	16-8	W
Ohio U	+8	3-34	L
at Marshall	+23'	21-42	W
N Illinois	+8'	24-33	L
at Ball St	+11'	34-38	W
E Michigan	-13	35-30	L
at W Michigan	+17'	17-20	W
at Boise St	+24	10-26	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Sam Houston St	NL	34-10	–
Wyoming	-3'	32-20	W
at Akron	-1	24-17	W
at Indiana	+5'	29-39	L
at Boston Coll	+20	0-43	L
Bowling Green	+15	35-45	W
at N Illinois	+9'	0-49	L
Marshall	+20'	18-23	W
at E Michigan	-10	47-21	W
at Toledo	+14	17-44	L
Ball St	-2'	21-38	L
W Michigan	+2'	10-35	L

E MICHIGAN EAGLES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - The Eagles have produced some outstanding QB's including Charlie Batch who was the #2 DC of DET in 1998 and then Walt Church who simply broke most of Batch's records. In 2001, for the first time in six years, the team had a QB battle in the spring between Troy Edwards and Jeff Crooks, a JUCO transfer who threw for 2,293 yards in 2000, the most by a California JUCO QB that year (see Hardcore Fans). Last year Edwards started the 2002 opener. Crooks came off the bench and hit 5 of 8 for 54 yards and then started the next week against Toledo. Amazingly the game was tied 13-13 vs the Rockets as Crooks led two scoring drives but after 4 int's he was pulled for Edwards who would throw every single pass (except for 5 against Ball St) the rest of the year. Edwards did not have a strong arm and did not always throw a spiral but was a solid leader and had a career high 390 yards against Akron. He finished the year with 22 TD passes coming up one short of Charlie Batch's record. Edwards threw for 2,762 yards (56.6%) with a 22-18 ratio. Crooks had just 29 pass attempts for 185 yards. Crooks also had 47 pass attempts in 2001 throwing for 221 yards (44.7%) with a 1-0 ratio and 76 yards rushing. He is back but will have to hold off Canadian Eric Deslauriers who one Canadian source said had the quickest release of all the Canadian QB prospects and a bazooka for an arm. He created a lot of trouble for the EM defense with the scout team last year (but what QB didn't?). Chinedu Okoro (6-2 206 Jr) was PS#250 and got in two games with 2 pass attempts after being the scout team QB in 2001. This year they signed Ken Bohnet (PS#126). While this year's group has just about as much experience as it did heading into last season, it will be tough to duplicate Edwards' numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 Chris R. Roberson who was a WR in HS was forced to take over the feature TB duties due to a myriad of injuries at that position. He had four 100 yard rushing outings and led the team with 755 yards (4.5) despite being injured down the stretch. Ime Akpan, a transfer from Youngstown St, who missed the majority of the year due to injury, had 98 yards rushing in the final four games. Roberson was moved back to his receiver position when Akpan was finally healthy. While not highly recruited, Akpan increased his bench press to 405 lbs, and became the first 1000 yard back here since 1994 with 1,221 yards (4.6) despite only starting 8 games due to injury. Akpan missed most of August practices while straightening up his academics. That is the reason Ashantti Watson started the opener and he rushed for 123 rush (2.7) and 12 rec's. He will have to battle Nelson Drew who had 17 yards as a true frosh and 146 KR yards after spending a year at prep school. Drew was the 2000 Delaware HS POY. Also in the mix is Anthony Sherrell (5-9 194 Jr). Some of this year's true frosh could play immediately. With the loss of a talent like Akpan, this unit looks weaker in 2003.

RECEIVERS - In 2000 Kenny Christian and Kevin Walter were the 4th most productive receiving tandem in the NCAA. In 2001 they had to replace Christian. Walter had twice the amount of receptions as the #2 man with 62 (12.1). The team was hit very hard by injuries at the TE position with the TE's combining for just 14 rec's. Walter returned for his senior season and leaves as the school's all-time leading pass receiver (#7DC of NYG) and also set single season marks in rec's with 93 (old record 78) and yards 1,368. Walter also set a Rynearson Stadium record with 225 yards receiving vs Akron. Roberson, the team's leading rusher in 2001, adapted well at WR with 40 grabs (9.5) and figures to be the feature WR. I list the rest of the 2 deep below which includes a JUCO. Also gone from last year is TE Brett Wells (5 sts, 4 rec) and WR Eric Ibom (3 sts, 13 rec). While 3 of 4 starters are back, a talent like Walter who had more yards than the three returnees COMBINED will be tough to replace.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 EM rushed for 3.2 ypc and allowed 32 sacks. Last year the OL was hit hard by graduation as they lost four starters including a #1DC in the CFL as well as a backup. Starting G Scott Golem was lost after six games due to injury and later in the season LG Michael Johnson went down forcing true frosh Michael Romeli to take off his redshirt for the final three games where he started at LG. Overall the team averaged 3.47 ypc rushing while allowing just 25 sacks (respectable numbers for a 3-9 team). This year the unit should be in much better shape as the only losses are LG Michael Johnson (10 sts), backup LG Derrick Swanigan and Nick Suszan (2nd string) who moves to the DL. Golem is back to battle Germayel Cowser, a rFr who took his starting spot last year and Romeli should fill in nicely at LG.

RT Tom Kaleita

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Eagles allowed 4.0 ypc and recorded just 15 sacks. Last year the D-line had to replace three players who combined for 18 starts so basically had two starters returning. The unit was then hit hard by injuries with three DT's hurt vs CM. The EM defense was rolled over often yielding 294 ypg rushing and an amazing 6.1 ypc and they put little pressure on opposing QB's with just 10 sacks. There is a possibility that DC Rose will switch them to more of a 3-4 or 3-3-5 defense this year but I list them in the 4-3 they used last season as some of the DE's may end up playing the extra LB position. This year the only losses are DT Jari Brown (6 sts, 24 tkls), DE Chris J Roberson (3 sts, 7 tkls) and DE James Booker (12 tkls). There is a lot of experience in this year's group and they can only improve upon last year's pathetic numbers. Last year three of the four starters were underclassmen at season's end.

LINEBACKERS - EM had a young LB corps last season as they had to replace all three starters including a pair that were basically four year starters. EM had the worst D in the NCAA last year yielding 519.9 ypg and 47.2 ppg. This year's group is much more experienced. The only loss is WLB Chris Whittington (2 sts, 24 tkls). I list the 2 deep below and David Lusky was the #1 tackler by far with 141 last year adding 10 tfl and the other four LB's who earned starts were all underclassmen. This has to be a much improved group in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - EM finished #92 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and last year had three starters returning to the unit. Not much went right for EM on the defensive side of the ball last year and as you would expect from the worst D in the NCAA, EM finished #117 in my pass D rankings allowing 225.8 ypg (63.7%) with a terrible 28-4 ratio facing one of the lighter slates of opposing QB's. They must replace Erick Middleton (5 sts, 33 tkls, 2 pbu) and SS Frank Archie (5 tkls). They figure to have some players in new positions including Nate Brooks who started ten games at CB last year and has moved to safety. There's only one way to go in the rankings for this group.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2001 EM ranked just #115 out of 117 teams in my special teams ratings. Last year they improved just a little bit up to #108. Ohio St transfer Eric Klaban had an awful year although it must be noted that three of his misses were from 50+. His younger brother, Brian Klaban, figures to be the man to replace him. P Davis Rysko was a JUCO transfer two years back who improved his net punting from 32.8 to 34.4 while improving his gross average from 35.8 to 41.6. I expect similar improvement in his 3rd season and his 41.6 average was #1 in the MAC. All of the key PR's and KR's are back and CR Roberson had an 82 yard PR TD (the first return TD for EM since '99). While Eric Klaban had a strong leg for KO's the team allowed 23.8 per KR in 2001 and 28.1 last year. They should be able to improve on those numbers. The team has allowed 7 TD's by opponents' special teams as well as 4 blocked punts in the last 3 years and needs to improve in that area. They also must replace LS Carson Dach who is in an NFL camp right now and had zero bad snaps in 4 years. This is far from an overwhelming group but there's only one way to go.

COACHES - Jeff Woodruff enters his fourth year here and he was the RB coach at Arizona from 1998-'99 and OC at Washington from 1992-'94. He made a great hire this year in DC Tim Rose who has been at E Carolina in that role the last four years and was at Boston College as DC in '97 & '98, Minnesota in '96 and Cincy in '95 and Memphis from '92-'94. He was one of five finalists for the Broyles for top assistant in the country in 1999. He was also the HC at Miami (OH) from 1983-'89. I put Tim Rose in the top 20 of DC's in the country. OC is Pete Alamar who enters his fourth year in that role after being the TE and special teams coach at Arizona from 1993 to 1999.

PHIL'S FORECAST

When Jeff Woodruff took over he said they had guys who could only bench 200 lbs trying to block guys benching 400. They tried to play smashmouth ball with players recruited for a finesse offense. In his first year they went 3-8 and were outscored by an average of 12.8 ppg. In his second year they were outscored by 14.5 ppg and slipped to 2-9. Heading into last year they had to replace 22 of 50 lettermen (44%) which was the highest in the conference. They came into last season ranking #117 in my power ratings out of 117 teams. EM would slip again and while they actually won more games than 2001 (3-9) they were outgained in MAC games by an average of 154.2 ypg and outscored by 24.4 ppg. This year they are a much more veteran group. They lose just 16 of 53 lettermen (30%) and return 17 starters, the most in the league. Last year they beat two IAA teams and then upset Akron and actually stood 3-3 at one point. In the last two years they have three wins over IAA foes and those have been by a combined 10 points or 3.33 ppg and they needed SE Missouri St to miss a 48 yard FG at the end of the game to win last year. They almost beat W Mich yielding a 39 yard FG with :12 left to lose by 2. Last year they suffered the team's worst home loss ever when they were ripped by Toledo 65-13. Woodruff is now 0-17 in road games. EM has only had six winning seasons since 1974. Woodruff was able to redshirt 25 players last year and only a third of that the previous two years. EM set MAC and NCAA records last year but it was for most points allowed in a season (566) and total yards allowed (6,239). Last year's defense did not start more than three upperclassmen on D all year but returns 10 starters this year. I do think Tim Rose will be able to take the talent on hand and make it a stronger D but they remain near the bottom of the MAC on that side of the ball. Offensively they bring in a new QB and also lose their top rusher and receiver who both topped 1,000 yards. While this team has a lot more starters than in the past, they are the second least experienced team with 7 seniors on the 2 deep. EM was -22 in turnovers last year and that generally means good things are in the offing, and they should get off to a solid 2-0 (IAA foes) start. However, hosting teams like W Michigan, Bowling Green and UCF does not present many chances for victories so it looks like another finish at the bottom.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Eric Deslauriers rFr. 6-4 201 Strong armed Canadian. Jeff Crooks (6-1 216 Sr) 2293 yds pass, 504 rush at JC in 2000. 406 yds pass here 2Y. Chinedu Okoro (6-2 206 Jr) PS#250.

RB Ashantti Watson Sr. 5-9 207 PS#145WR. 353 rush (4.2) as **true**. 3 starts. 156 rush (2.6) 2Y, 30 rec (6.2), 462 ret yds, 3Y. Nelson Drew (5-11 202 So) 163 ttl yds as **true**.

WR Marc Mathieu Jr. 5-11 195 31 rec (20.3) at JUCO LY, in for spring. Alonzo Harris (6-1 199 Jr) 1 rec (14.0) 5 games LY. Adam Jacobs (6-3 208 Jr) 1 start in 2 years.

WR CHRIS TALLEY JR. 5-11 180 PS#240. 12 KR (16.5) as **true**. 9 sts in '02, 28 rec (14.8). Dan Fugate (6-2 196 rFr). High & long jump on EM track. Greg Lowe II is PS#372.

WR CHRIS R ROBERSON JR. 5-11 192 10 sts at RB in '01, #1 w/755 yds (4.5). 23 rec (4.0). 12 sts at WR LY, 40 rec (9.5). LaGarian Houston (5-6 151 So) 2 sts, 1 rec, 32 KR (18.8).

TE KEVIN ZUREKI SR. 6-3 263 PS#214LB. 4 sts, 12 rec in '00. 7 sts, 10 rec in '01. 8 sts, 28 rec (12.2) LY. Wes Kesner (6-4 249 So) DT/TE true. Josh Riske (6-6 237 Fr) Fork Union LY.

C LLOYD WILSON SR. 6-2 291 2 year starter at C at JUCO. In for spring here LY & 12 sts at C. Jeff Schrad (6-4 268 rFr). Brian Booth (6-4 282 So) 2nd string last year.

RG SCOTT GOLEM JR. 6-5 288 PS#235OL. 4 sts (2 at LG, 2 at RG) as **true**. 6 sts at RG in '02 until ACL. Germayel Cowser (6-2 276 So). Last 6 starts at RG in '02.

LG Michael Romeli So. 6-3 299 PS#188LB. Took off RS & started L/3 as **true**, 3 games. Steven Godbold (6-2 289 Jr) 2nd string in '02. Steve Moorman (6-1 320 rFr).

RT DAN DAVIS JR. 6-4 276 PS#285DL. First 6 sts as rFr until inj & out the year. 11 sts at RT in 2002. Mario Tucker (6-3 298 Jr). Maurice Lewis (5-11 333 rFr).

LT TOM KALEITA JR. 6-5 306 1 st at TE in '01. 1 rec & inj & out yr. 4 gms. 12 sts at LT LY& NFL potential. RJ Seehase (6-7 299 rFr). 2nd string LY. Roshaun Harris (5-10 296 rFr).

K Brian Klaban So. 5-8 179 Erik's brother. Andrew Wellock (5-11 160 Fr) is PS#54. 23 of 34 FG's, L/48 last 2 years of HS. 28 of 28 xp's LY and 38.7 average punt.

DE MATT KUDU JR. 6-3 277 PS#364. Canadian. 7 sts as true, 41 tkls, 4 tfl, 9 sts LY, 39 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl. Olivier Gagnon-Gordillo (6-3 243 So) Canadian. Reggie Woods (6-3 283 rFr).

DT JASON ROBERT SO. 6-4 296 10 sts as true, 25 tkls, 1.5 tfl at DT. Added 15 lbs. Kyle Westman (6-1 290 So) PS#424JUCO. All Conf DL. Kevin Minor (6-2 236 rFr).

DT BRIAN JENKINS SR. 6-0 279 PS#299LB. 8 tkls, 3 tfl as true. 10 sts at DT LY. 31 tkls, 4 tfl, +20 lbs. Eric Pettway (6-1 273 Jr) 3 sts, 25 tkls, 2 tfl. Nick Suszan (6-2 266 Jr).

DE MATT LISEK SO. 6-2 256 PS#249OL. 6 sts at DE in '02, 25 tkls, 2 sks. Brandon Baker (6-2 220 So) PS#529DL LY. Prop 48. Mark Wooten (5-8 220 rFr).

OLB KEVIN HARRISON JR. 6-0 248 PS#250QB. 12 sts in 2002, 83 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 pbu. Steve Bednarik (6-2 228 So) PS#276. 5 sts as rFr, 39 tkls, 1 tfl. Mark Zambrano (6-1 209 rFr).

ILB KEYVON BARBEE JR. 5-10 226 PS#315LB. 2 sts, 11 tkls as **true**. L/3 sts at WLB LY. 45 tkls, 2 tfl. John Wester (6-1 237 So) **PS#169**. 3 sts, 16 tkls as rFr. Mike Salvatori 33 tkls in 3Y.

ILB DAVID LUSKY SR. 6-1 245 PS#361. 2 sts, 50 tkls in first 2Y. 11 sts in '01, #1 w/141 tkls, 10 tfl, 1 pbu. Rontrell Woodruff (5-11 196 Jr) 3 sts at SS, 51 tkls, 3 tfl in 2002.

CB Chris Black Jr. 5-9 174 PS#465, 20 tkls, 2 pbu. Steven Lewis (5-8 160 So) 9 gms as frosh, 18 tkls in '02. Yves Dieudonne (6-0 162 So) 1 st as true. 9 tkls, 2 pbu.

CB MICHAEL WOODS JR. 5-10 170 PS#439DB. 6 sts as **true**, 22 tkls, 2 tfl, 6 pbu. 9 sts in 2002. 38 tkls, 3 tfl, 6 pbu. Geoffrey Pope (5-11 175 rFr). Fred Walker (5-9 166 rFr).

SS JAMIE MANOR SR. 5-11 206 92 tkls at JUCO in '01. In last spring. 9 sts at SS LY, 66 tkls, 1 tfl, 4 pbu. **Nate Brooks** (5-9 178 Jr) **10 sts** at **CB** in '02. 65 tkls, 4 pbu, 3 tfl.

FS JERRY GAINES JR. 6-1 180 PS#388DB. 8 sts in '01. 33 tkls, 3 tfl as **true**. 11 sts in '02, 73 tkls, 2 int. Corey Parker (6-0 178 Jr). 1 st as rFr, 25 tkls. Zedrick Bryant (6-2 183 Fr).

P DAVID RYSKO SR. 5-11 193 JUCO in '99. 88 punts in '01, 35.8 avg, net of 32.8. 64 punts in 2002, 41.6 avg and net of 34.4. **2nd Tm MAC**. Nicholas Marks (5-11 215 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

QB	Kenny Bohnet 6-5 200 PS#126	
RB	Marlon Galbreath 5-11 180 PS#174	
RB	Pierre Walker 5-9 194 PS#223	
K	Andrew Wellock 5-11 160 PS#54	
OL	Adolphio Johnson 6-2 297 PS#440	
WR	Marc Mathieu 6-0 190 PS#297JC	
LB	Corey Riley 6-4 210 PS#390	
WR	Yorel Fernnadze 6-5 210 PS#357	
WR	Greg Lowe 6-2 178 PS#372	
LB	Jake Drongowski 6-2 215 PS#495	
WR	Dane Evans 6-2 195 PS#421	
DL	Courtney Ford 6-6 255 PS#507	
OL	Chris Thomas 6-5 330 PS#594	
LB	Brandon Watkins 6-2 220 PS#522	

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#106

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score EM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 28	E Tenn St (Thur)	A					
Sep. 4	W Illinois (Thur)	A					
Sep. 13	at Akron	A					
Sep. 20	at Navy	G					
Sep. 27	Maryland	A					
Oct. 4	W Michigan (HC)	A					
Oct. 11	at Toledo	A					
Oct. 18	Bowling Green	A					
Oct. 25							
Nov. 1	at C Michigan	A					
Nov. 8	UCF	A					
Nov. 15	Ball St	A					
Nov. 22	at N Illinois	A					
Nov. 29							

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

E Michigan is 2-11 ATS in their 1st lined game of the season.
EMU is 1-3 SU & 0-4 ATS vs Independents since 1999.
Eagles are 12-6 ATS the last 18 games played in the State of Ohio.

The Bucs were 4-8 in 2002 & 2-6 in the Southern Conference.
The Eagles are 5-2 in non-lined games at home since 1993.

The Leathernecks were 11-2 LY & ended the season ranked #5 in Div IAA.
These teams last met in 1993, when EMU won 16-14 in Michigan.

E Michigan is 1-3 SU, but 3-1 ATS away vs Akron since 1993.
The Eagles are 6-2 SU and 7-1 ATS the last 8 vs the Zips.

E Michigan is 2-17 ATS vs non-conference opponents the last 9 years.
E Michigan is 1-13 ATS on grass the last 4 years.

E Michigan is 1-4 ATS in the 1st of two straight home games the L3Y.
EMU is 0-2 SU & ATS vs Maryland, being outscored a combined 95-6.

EMU is 1-5 SU & 1-4 ATS their last 6 Homecoming games.
Eagles are 3-10 SU, but 9-4 ATS vs W Michigan the L/13 series meetings.

EMU is 7-3 ATS as a double digit MAC road dog the last 4 years.
E Michigan is 2-4 SU, but 4-2 ATS vs Toledo since 1997.

The Eagles are 0-5 SU & 1-4 ATS vs the Falcons since 1990.
EMU is 0-4 SU & ATS in games prior to a bye since 1998.

Bonus: EMU is 2-9 SU & 7-4 ATS in November the last 3 years.

E Michigan is 5-1 ATS the last 6 trips to Mount Pleasant.
EMU is 4-8-1 SU & 10-3 ATS vs C Michigan since 1990.

EMU is 3-7 ATS at home in November since 1995.
E Michigan is 0-3 SU & 0-2 ATS vs UCF.

The Eagles are 1-3 SU & 0-4 ATS the last 4 vs the Cardinals.
E Michigan is 4-9 ATS in their last 13 home finales.

The Eagles are 2-1 ATS in DeKalb since the Huskies rejoined the MAC.
EMU is 3-6 SU, but 6-3 ATS in their final conf road game since 1994.

JEFF WOODRUFF (Career 8-26)

4th Year at E Michigan

Woodruff's records AT E MICHIGAN

8-26	Straight Up	2-1	Home Favorite
11-19	Vs The Spread	3-7	Home Dog
8-12	Off A SU Loss	0-1	Away Favorite
10-12	Vs Conference	6-10	Away Dog
		1-7	Vs Non-Conf

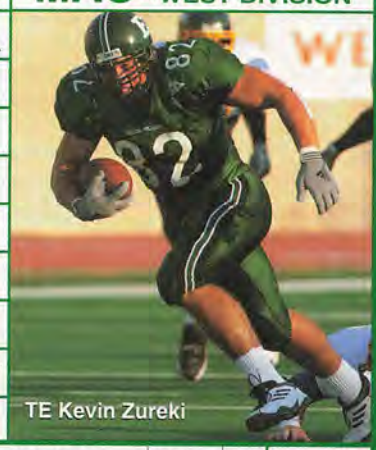
2002 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (17,19,1)
Lost: 16 (8,6,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 10,777

MAC - WEST DIVISION


TE Kevin Zureki

STADIUM: RYNEARSON STADIUM (30,200)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (StadiaTurf)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	4-7	3-8	4-7	3-8	2-9	3-9	22-56
ATS	5-6	5-5	6-4	4-6-1	3-8	6-3	2-8	31-40-1
Home Fav	1-1	2-2	0-2	0-1-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	5-7-1
Home Dog	1-3	0-1	2-0	2-0	1-3	1-1	1-3	8-11
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-2
Away Dog	3-2	2-2	3-2	2-4	1-4	4-1	1-5	16-20
Favorite	1-1	3-2	1-2	0-2-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	7-9-1
Dog	4-5	2-3	5-2	4-4	2-7	5-2	2-8	24-31
Grass	1-1	0-1	2-2	1-2	0-4	0-2	0-5	4-17
Artificial	4-5	5-4	4-2	3-4-1	3-4	6-1	2-3	27-23-1
vs Conf	4-4	5-4	6-3	4-3-1	2-5	6-1	2-6	29-26-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-1	0-1	0-3	1-3	0-2	0-2	2-14
Off SU Win	0-2	1-2	0-2	1-3	1-2	1-1	1-2	5-14
Off SU Loss	5-3	4-2	6-2	3-2-1	2-5	5-2	1-5	26-21-1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
71	Pioneer	NL	Louisiana Tech	3-14	–
87	California	NL	San Jose St	30-27	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ime Akpan	267	1282	61	1221	15	4.6
Ashantti Watson	46	135	12	123	0	2.7
Anthony Sherrell	14	63	2	61	0	4.4
Troy Edwards	45	120	215	-95	0	-2.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Troy Edwards	410	232	56.6	2762	22	18
Jeff Crooks	29	15	51.7	185	1	3
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Kevin Walter	93	1368	14.7	9	62	
Chris Talley	28	414	14.8	0	43	
Chris R. Roberson	40	379	9.5	7	27	
Kevin Zureki	28	342	12.2	3	57	
Erik Ibom	13	171	13.2	0	36	
Ime Akpan	26	115	4.4	0	17	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
David Rysko	64	2660	41.6	60	34.4	1	14
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Eric Klaban	37-39	2-2	0-0	1-4	0-3	3-9	41

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
David Lusky	141	0	10	1	0
Kevin Harrison	83	1	3	2	0
Jerry Gaines	73	0	0	0	2
Jamie Manor	66	0	1	4	0
Nate Brooks	65	0	3	4	0
Rontrell Woodruff	51	1	2	1	1
Keyvon Barbee	45	1	1	0	0
Steven Bednarik	39	0	1	0	0
Matt Kudu	39	3	2	1	0
Michael Woods	38	1	2	6	0
Erick Middleton	33	0	0	2	0
Brian Jenkins	31	0	4	0	0
Eric Pettway	25	1	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Chris R. Roberson	21	232	11.0	1	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
LaGarian Houston	31	601	18.8	0	
Chris R. Roberson	16	328	20.5	0	

E MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	23.8	19	113	3.5	247	56.2	15.1	-22	2002	6	47.2	25	294	6.1	226	63.7	11.0
4	17.9	17	109	3.2	192	50.0	16.8	-7	2001	6	32.4	20	178	4.0	198	54.6	11.6
6*	19.0	17	95	3.0	219	59.3	16.5	+1	2000	6	31.8	21	194	4.5	211	56.1	12.7
7*	21.7	16	83	2.6	227	54.8	14.2	0	1999	7	30.7	20	157	3.6	229	56.3	12.6
4	19.6	19	89	2.6	274	57.7	18.4	-1	1998	3	28.1	23	166	3.7	225	59.2	13.9
8*	29.9	24	125	3.7	301	57.0	14.3	-2	1997	7	32.0	24	236	5.2	227	53.7	14.5

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Michigan St	12	20-54	2.7	23-49	187	0	31	48-369	7.7	15-25	256	0	+1
Toledo	19	37-169	4.6	16-31	191	2	27	56-303	5.4	11-17	207	0	-6
SE Missouri	22	29-153	5.3	25-38	254	1	23	37-166	4.5	26-36	309	2	0
at Maryland	14	31-105	3.4	16-32	173	0	27	46-238	5.2	17-23	329	1	0
S Illinois	28	40-244	6.1	20-36	352	1	26	68-481	7.1	6-10	62	1	-1
Akron	24	44-157	3.6	25-39	390	0	26	29-162	5.6	29-37	344	2	+2
at Ohio U	20	23-117	5.1	20-34	289	1	24	69-418	6.1	7-9	132	0	-3
at Ball St	18	41-109	2.7	21-34	221	3	18	34-171	5.0	14-28	270	0	-2
C Michigan	14	29-39	1.3	16-30	178	6	31	72-488	6.8	8-12	69	0	-2
at W Michigan	19	34-112	3.3	21-37	221	2	15	37-155	4.2	14-34	227	3	-3
N Illinois	23	36-21	0.6	27-43	272	7	14	28-227	8.1	8-14	221	1	-4
at Bowling Green	15	27-76	2.8	18-38	233	2	32	52-351	6.8	24-36	284	0	-4
TOTALS	228	391-1356	3.5	248-441	2961	25	294	576-3529	6.1	179-281	2710	10	-22
AVERAGES	19.0	33-113	3.5	21-37	247	2.1	24.5	48-294	6.1	15-23	226	0.8	-1.8

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Iowa	NL	10-13	–
at Ball St	+9	13-7	W
at Michigan	+35	20-59	L
Marshall	+14'	23-26	W
at Kent St	-8'	26-17	W
C Michigan	-3'	23-36 OT	L
at W Michigan	+10'	35-45	W
N Illinois	-10'	14-26	L
at Ohio U	+13'	21-49	L
at Akron	+8	21-24	W
Toledo	+12	10-7	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan St	+32	7-51	L
at Miami, Oh	+24'	14-35	W
Akron	+1	38-17	W
at Louisville	+23	10-45	L
W Michigan	+8'	37-40 OT	W
Ohio U	-1	27-26	T
at Toledo	+10'	20-13	W
at UCF	+8	6-31	L
Ball St	-11	31-21	L
at C Michigan	-3'	26-29	L
at N Illinois	+4'	23-30	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Connecticut	-20	32-25	L
Miami, Oh	+10	17-34	L
at S Carolina	+23	6-41	L
at Temple	+14'	40-49	W
UCF	+5'	10-31	L
Toledo	+17'	14-42	L
at Ball St	+6	14-33	L
at Bowling Green	+9'	6-20	L
C Michigan	-9	31-15	W
N Illinois	+14'	39-32	W
at W Michigan	+26	0-28	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SE Missouri St	NL	16-12	–
at Maryland	+25	3-50	L
Indiana St	NL	14-21	–
W Michigan	+26	10-31	W
at Connecticut	-1'	0-19	L
Ball St	+9	14-35	L
Buffalo	-3	24-20	W
at N Illinois	+24	17-40	W
at C Michigan	+13	30-35	W
at Toledo	+33	7-28	W
at Akron	+17	62-65	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan St	+37	7-56	L
Toledo	+22	13-65	L
SE Missouri St	NL	35-32	–
at Maryland	+34'	3-45	L
S Illinois	NL	48-45 2OT	–
Akron	+11	42-34	W
at Ohio U	+8	27-55	L
at Ball St	+15	17-42	L
C Michigan	+10	21-47	L
at W Michigan	+25'	31-33	W
N Illinois	+23	21-49	L
at Bowling Green	+32	21-63	L

SUN BELT CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 SUN BELT TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team
QB	Brian Lindgren, Idaho	Buck Pierce, N Mex St	Steven Jyles, ULM
RB	Patrick Cobbs, N Texas	Eric Higgins, N Mex St	Shermar Bracey, Ark St
RB	Antonio Warren, Ark St	Don Calloway, MTSU	Malfred Shaw, Idaho
WR	Fred Stamps, ULL	Kerry Wright, MTSU	Chris Stallworth, Utah St
WR	Mack Vincent, ULM	Mike Cox, Ark St	Drouzon Quillen, ULM
TE	Chris Cooley, Utah St	Kelly Nead, Idaho	Josh Joerg, ULL
C	Matt Martinez, Idaho	Aric Galliano, Utah St	Hayden Wadsworth, ULM
G	Nick Zuniga, N Texas	Shane Luna, ULM	Josh Willoughby, MTSU
G	Steve Subia, N Mex St	Trevor Hutton, Utah St	Nick Cole, N Mex St
T	Brandon Westbrook, MTSU	Jake Scott, Idaho	Donald Penn, Utah St
T	Kimani Jones, Ark St	Trevor Kine, N Mex St	Julius Gant, MTSU
DL	John Thompson, ULM	Adrain Awasom, N Texas	Courtney Todd, Ark St
DL	Brandon Kennedy, N Texas	Corey Williams, Ark St	Ronald Tupea, Utah St
DL	Jon Bradley, Ark St	Jeff Littlejohn, MTSU	Joe Olivo, N Mex St
DL	Derace James, ULL	Justin Jackson, Utah St	Charles Dupree, N Texas
LB	Taylor Casey, N Texas	LeUndo Adams, Ark St	Les Echols, Ark St
LB	Maurice Sonnier, ULM	Cody Spencer, N Texas	Jimmy Cottrell, N Mex St
LB	Nate Putnam, Utah St	Ross Brupbacher, ULL	Chris Hurd, N Texas
CB	Cash Mouton, ULM	Mark Estelle, Utah St	Muhammad Rashada, MTSU
CB	Jonathan Burke, Ark St	Ricky Thomas, ULL	Tony Sutton, MTSU
SS	Craig Jones, N Texas	Brandon Lynch, MTSU	A.J. Bocard, ULM
FS	Jonas Buckles, N Texas	Chris Harris, ULM	Will Martin, MTSU
K	Dario Aguiniga, N Mex St	Brian Kelly, MTSU	Nick Bazaldua, N Texas
P	Brad Kadlubar, N Texas	Robert Billings, MTSU	Ryan Downes, Idaho
KR	Jerome Dennis, Utah St	Cedric Thompson, Idaho	Ja'Mel Branch, N Texas
PR	Ja'Mel Branch, N Texas	David Fiefia, Utah St	Cedric Thompson, Idaho

Idaho QB Brian Lindgren

Louisiana-Lft
WR Fred Stamp

PHIL STEELE'S 2003 SUN BELT FORECAST

1. N TEXAS - NT has the large advantage of having two years of bowl practices and their bowl win under its belt as well as the confidence of winning two conference titles. NT is a very experienced team with 19 upperclassmen starters. Although they have to play four SBC road games, including trips to both New Mexico St and MTSU (their top 2 rivals), I will call for them to pull off a threepeat for the SBC Title.

2. MIDDLE TENNESSEE ST - Not a lot went right for MTSU last year. They were clearly the preseason favorite for the SBC in each of the last two years but have come up short. They now have experience at QB and their best defense since joining the league. If MTSU can remain healthy on offense, then they are a clear threat to winning the title. MTSU has the benefit of hosting both N Texas and New Mexico St, their major rivals this year.

3. NEW MEXICO ST - The Aggies surprised many last season finishing 5-1 in SBC play. In fact, they are outstanding in league play with only three league losses in 2 years by a combined 16 (10,4,2) points. They outgained league foes by 79.8 ypg last year which was the best in the league and will have a top-notch offense once again. They do have to face MTSU on the road but this is a dangerous New Mexico St team. They almost won the title the last two years and could break through this season.

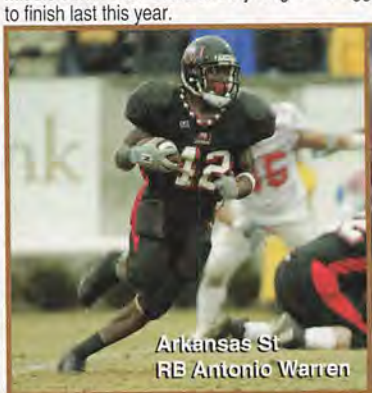
4. ARKANSAS ST - The Indians should finish in the upper half of the league standings this year despite the fact they have just three home games and four on the road in the SBC. Last year they finished third in the league and this year have 15 starters back including nine on defense. I rate their stop unit #2 in the league coming into the season. ASU will clearly make some noise in the SBC this year and their defense gives them an outside shot at the title.

5. LOUISIANA LAFAYETTE - ULL did lose 39.3% of their lettermen from last year which is the highest in the conference. They figure to be among the weaker teams in the league offensively breaking in a new QB, but should have an improved defense this season. Overall they get five games at home and only two on the road. With the favorable schedule, I expect Ricky Bustle's team to move up in the SBC standings.

6. IDAHO - The Vandals have disappointed me in each of the last two years, as I thought they would finish higher and yet they had a couple of basement finishes. They have the most explosive offense in the SBC but also the weakest defense. Last year they were -14 in turnovers so a turnaround should be in the offing. This is a capable group, but they have just three home games and four on the road. As long as Brian Lindgren stays healthy all year, Idaho should be able to escape the basement for the first time in league play.

7. UL MONROE - I probably would have picked ULM a little higher as they are a very experienced team with 49 lettermen and 16 starters returning including 20 upperclassmen starters. Unfortunately they did not have a coach at the end of spring or for a good part of April. Their opener will feature their 3rd head coach in less than a year. That instability plus only three SBC home games and four on the road have me calling for them battling to stay out of the basement.

8. UTAH ST- USU can be a dangerous team for a couple of reasons. First of all, they finished -11 in turnovers last year. The last two seasons when the second half of the season has rolled around, they've had no conference title to play for and lacked motivation. This year they finally have a title to play for. A big part of USU's finish will be how quickly their new QB develops. This team is very capable of escaping the basement. In fact, if you check my All-Conference Team, you will see that USU has eight of their players listed on my 1st and 2nd Teams which ties them for second most in the league. While they have four home games in league play, Wyoming, Arkansas St and Middle Tennessee St are all very tough. The Aggies could surprise, but I had to call for someone to finish last this year.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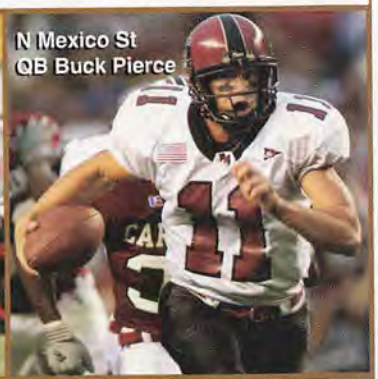
N Mexico St
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Sun Belt Notes: Due to the fact that the league has a lot of new teams in it, money is tighter because of low home attendance and the league teams are forced to play a lot of money games. A money game is when they travel to take on another major college team in order to land a fat paycheck from the trip. It was out of those money games that the leagues seven teams won a grand total of three non-conference games in 2001. The SBC was actually 1-4 SU vs IAA teams that year. Last year things were much better. After N Texas won the league title with a 5-6 record in 2001, the league changed the rules concerning the conference tie into the New Orleans Bowl. If the league champ is not bowl eligible, the SBC can send another team to New Orleans. They did not need to do that LY as N Texas swept the SBC (they have now won 11 straight SBC games SU) winning their 2nd straight conference title and bowl bid. The SBC got a huge boost when N Texas defeated CUSA co-champ Cincinnati in the New Orleans Bowl. The teams were also much stronger in non-conference play and EVERY Sun Belt member won a non-conference game last year. The league finished last year with 12 wins combined in those games.

This year league play due to expansion is a little unbalanced. N Texas, New Mexico St and Idaho all play the other remaining teams in the SBC, but five do not play one or more foes. Arkansas St will use Tulsa as a conference game this year, Utah St will use Wyoming. ULM has Troy St, ULL (which does not play two conf members) will substitute Louisiana Tech and Florida International as their conference games. MTSU uses Troy as its conf game. Last year the SBC won 12 non-league games including Idaho's upset of San Diego St (39-29), ULL's shutout of UAB (34-0), Arkansas St's 21-19 upset of Tulsa, MTSU's 21-20 upset of SEC member Vanderbilt, New Mexico St's 24-13 upset of New Mexico, and their 49-14 romp over UTEP. North Texas's bowl win will go a long way in the SBC gaining respect this year.

2002 SUN BELT vs SUN BELT OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
67	N Mexico St	29.5	1	446.0	1	218.2	3	4.6	3	227.8	3	66.4	1	15.1	3	12.0	5	8.0	3
80	Idaho	20.5	6	396.3	2	124.3	6	4.0	5	272.0	2	54.5	6	19.3	7	17.0	7	15.0	6
86	Mid Tenn St	26.3	3	377.5	3	220.2	2	4.8	1	157.3	5	55.2	4	14.3	2	11.0	2	12.0	4
102	UL Monroe	23.3	4	360.2	4	148.0	5	4.0	6	212.2	4	51.9	7	15.4	4	12.0	5	13.0	5
107	N Texas	26.5	2	328.7	7	234.7	1	4.7	2	94.0	7	55.1	5	12.4	1	11.0	2	2.0	1
108	Arkansas St	20.8	5	332.3	6	186.3	4	4.5	4	146.0	6	55.7	3	16.0	5	9.0	1	4.0	2
114	Louisiana-Lft	19.5	7	350.5	5	68.2	7	2.1	7	282.3	1	60.3	2	18.0	6	11.0	2	21.0	7

2002 SUN BELT vs SUN BELT DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '02 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
30	N Texas	9.8	1	270.8	1	94.2	1	2.6	1	176.7	1	50.6	1	27.5	1	15.0	2	22.0	1
87	Arkansas St	18.2	2	328.5	2	151.2	2	3.9	2	177.3	2	58.1	4	18.1	2	19.0	1	15.0	2
89	Louisiana-Lft	29.7	7	386.8	4	167.8	3	4.0	3	219.0	6	58.2	5	13.0	7	12.0	3	6.0	6
94	N Mexico St	26.7	4	366.2	3	179.8	4	4.7	5	186.3	3	63.8	7	13.7	6	8.0	7	7.0	5
95	Mid Tenn St	25.2	3	387.0	5	188.3	5	4.4	4	198.7	4	55.8	3	15.4	4	9.0	6	5.0	7
106	UL Monroe	29.3	6	417.5	6	192.7	6	4.7	6	224.8	7	60.8	6	14.2	5	10.0	4	10.0	3
112	Idaho	27.7	5	434.7	7	225.8	7	4.9	7	208.8	5	52.5	2	15.7	3	10.0	4	10.0	3

2002 SUN BELT STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
North Texas	6	0	159	59	8	5	249	192
N Mexico St	5	1	177	160	7	5	327	328
Arkansas St	3	3	125	109	6	7	259	361
Mid Tenn St	2	4	158	151	4	8	297	332
UL Monroe	2	4	140	176	3	9	236	451
Louisiana-Lft	2	4	117	178	3	9	203	352
Idaho	1	5	123	166	2	10	285	428

Coach of the Year: Darrell Dickey, N Texas

2001 SUN BELT STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
North Texas	5	1	200	104	5	7	275	293
Mid Tenn St	5	1	248	152	8	3	408	286
N Mexico St	4	2	209	163	5	7	286	400
Louisiana-Lft	2	4	163	192	3	8	234	365
UL Monroe	2	4	105	152	2	9	148	351
Arkansas St	2	4	90	194	2	9	177	357
Idaho	1	5	234	292	1	10	313	495

Coach of the Year: Darrell Dickey, N Texas

2000 TEAM RECORDS NO CONFERENCE

	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Mid Tenn St	6	5	350	316
Idaho	5	6	321	377
N Mexico St	3	8	295	357
N Texas	3	8	162	300
Arkansas St	1	10	247	410
Louisiana-Lft	1	10	171	355
UL Monroe	1	10	96	415

2002 SUN BELT LEADERS

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Mack Vincent, ULM	12	79	1198	7	99.8	6.6	15.2
Frederick Stamps, ULL	12	54	1002	8	83.5	4.5	18.6
H.B. Briscoe, NMS	11	50	880	5	80.0	4.5	17.6
Josh Jelmberg, Idaho	10	64	785	8	78.5	6.4	12.3
Orlando Winston, Idaho	11	50	624	1	56.7	4.5	12.5
Chris Belser, Idaho	11	47	596	4	54.2	4.3	12.7
Drouzon Quillen, ULM	10	32	514	3	51.4	3.2	16.1
Tyrone Calico, MTSU	12	45	606	4	50.5	3.8	13.5
Andre George, ULL	11	49	531	2	48.3	4.5	10.8
P.J. Winston, NMS	12	39	574	3	47.8	3.3	14.7

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Danny Smith, ASU	13	254	1390	5.5	14	106.9
Dwone Hicks, MTSU	10	184	1011	5.5	11	101.1
Kevin Galbreath, N Texas	13	272	1298	4.8	9	99.8
Blair Lewis, Idaho	10	176	930	5.3	11	93.0
Bryant Jacobs, ULM	12	205	1043	5.1	7	86.9
Paul Dombrowski, NMS	12	189	868	4.6	12	72.3
Patrick Cobbs, N Texas	13	159	761	4.8	8	58.5
Reshard Lee, MTSU	11	110	642	5.8	6	58.4
Antonio Warren, ASU	12	134	554	4.1	3	46.2
Andrico Hines, MTSU	11	150	486	3.2	10	44.2

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Brian Lindgren, Idaho	382	240	62.8	10	2763	7.2	19	134.8
Andrico Hines, MTSU	243	142	58.4	7	1753	7.2	6	121.4
Elliot Jacobs, ASU	258	136	52.7	7	1751	6.8	7	113.2
Steven Jyles, ULM	368	181	49.2	9	2318	6.3	17	112.4
Jon Van Cleave, ULL	316	169	53.5	15	2081	6.6	9	108.7
Andrew Smith, N Texas	196	91	46.4	9	1206	6.2	7	100.7

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDSPG
Brian Lindgren, Idaho	11	47	(-97)	382	2763	2666	242.4
Steven Jyles, ULM	12	85	160	368	2318	2478	206.5
Andrico Hines, MTSU	11	150	486	243	1753	2239	203.5
Jon Van Cleave, ULL	11	64	(-50)	316	2081	2031	184.6
Paul Dombrowski, NMS	12	189	868	158	1327	2195	182.9
Elliot Jacobs, ASU	13	82	193	258	1751	1944	149.5
Danny Smith, ASU	13	254	1390	0	0	1390	106.9
Dwone Hicks, MTSU	10	184	1011	0	0	1011	101.1
Kevin Galbreath, N Texas	13	272	1298	0	0	1298	99.8
Blair Lewis, Idaho	10	176	930	0	0	930	93.0

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Robert Billings, MTSU	12	61	2599	42.6
Brad Kadlubar, N Texas	13	85	3619	42.6
Ryan Downes, Idaho	12	56	2338	41.8
Grant Autrey, ULL	12	78	3108	39.8
Mike Alexander, ASU	12	64	2469	38.6
Brian Copple, NMS	12	42	1585	37.7
Kjell Nesen, ULM	9	56	2048	36.6

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Jamie Hickenbotham, ASU	23	247	0	10.7
Tyrone Gifford, NMS	26	276	0	10.6
Cedric Thompson, Idaho	29	242	0	8.3
Andre George, ULL	21	170	0	8.1
Ja'Mel Branch, N Texas	29	229	0	7.9
H.J. Adams, ULM	12	74	0	6.2
David Youell, MTSU	17	86	0	5.1

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Bryant Jacobs, ULM	15	357	0	23.8
Cedric Thompson, Idaho	37	836	0	22.6
Jamie Hickenbotham, ASU	22	483	0	22.0
ReShard Lee, MTSU	12	252	0	21.0
Tyone Gifford, NMS	13	272	0	20.9
P.J. Winston, NMS	21	437	0	20.8
Ja'Mel Branch, N Texas	19	385	0	20.3
Jerome Stegall, ASU	14	272	0	19.4
Rod Bryant, Idaho	16	307	0	19.2
Billy Sampy, ULL	20	376	0	18.8

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Chris Harris, ULM	12	78	49	127	10.6
Jordan Kramer, Idaho	12	62	62	124	10.3
Taylor Casey, N Texas	13	61	56	117	9.0
Richard Glover, NMS	11	47	48	95	8.6
Jimmy Cottrell, NMS	12	35	67	102	8.5
Charles Tillman, ULL	12	66	34	100	8.3
Sheldon Durham, MTSU	12	59	38	97	8.1
Siddeeq Shabazz, NMS	12	54	39	93	7.8
Randy Arnold, MTSU	12	54	34	88	7.3
Chris Hurd, N Texas	13	48	43	91	7.0
Craig Jones, N Texas	13	62	28	90	6.9

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Brandon Kennedy, N Texas	10	71
Corey Williams, ASU	9	64
Adrian Awasom, N Texas	8	33
Jon Bradley, ASU	8	38
Courtney Todd, ASU	6	36
Talifaia Atoe, Idaho	6	20
Cody Spencer, N Texas	5	32
Chris McIver, N Texas	5	24
Antonio Floyd, ULL	5	22
Jordan Kramer, Idaho	5	19

TFL

	NO	YDS
Brandon Kennedy, N Texas	25	111
Antonio Floyd, ULL	14	45
Jordan Kramer, Idaho	14	45
Talifaia Atoe, Idaho	14	31
Corey Williams, ASU	12	76
Courtney Todd, ASU	10	43
Chris McIver, N Texas	10	36
Gary Rudick, ULL	10	35
LeKeith Robinson, ULM	8.5	21

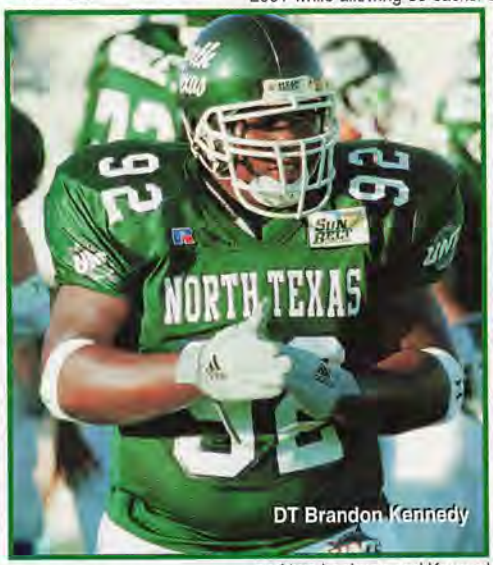
FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Brian Kelly, MTSU	12	10	13	76.9	45
Dario Aguiniga, NMS	12	17	23	73.9	52
Nick Bazaldua, N Texas	12	10	15	66.7	44
Sean Comiskey, ULL	11	9	18	50.0	50
Eric Neihouse, ASU	13	10	22	45.5	39
Keith Stamps, Idaho	12	7	17	41.2	49
Tyler Kuecker, ULM	12	4	10	40.0	42

NORTH TEXAS EAGLES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - N Texas has not had highly productive QB's. The first QB in four years to top 50% completions was Scott Hall who threw for 1,638 yards (51.3%) with a 19-12 ratio in his second year as a starter (2001). Hall was a proven leader who compiled a 38-3 record as a starting QB in HS. He injured his shoulder in two-a-days last year and then re-aggravated it in the opener against Texas after hitting just 4 of 13 for 35 yards. It looked like he would be able to return by midseason but the team opted to redshirt him due to the emergence of Andrew Smith. Smith threw for 2,281 yards and 23 TD's as a senior in HS and started the final 12 games throwing for 1,206 yards (46.4%) with a 7-9 ratio while rushing for 143 gross yards. He has a strong arm and is very mobile but surprisingly the offense did not take advantage of his mobility often during the season. Hiram Gonzalez (6-1 204 So) saw some action during garbage time vs TCU hitting 2 of 3 passes for 65 yards including a 32 yard TD pass with :42 left. Smith struggled in the early going hitting just 41% with a 2-4 ratio for 516 yards (80.3 pass eff rat) in non-conf play but in the last 7 games had a 5-5 ratio completing 53% and a 125.2 pass eff rating. All three return. Also in the mix is Cullen Mills (6-3 227 rFr) and Bryan Klingaman (5-11 206 rFr). With basically two returning starters I look for them to continue to improve statistically.



DT Brandon Kennedy

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 the Mean Green had to replace Ja'Quay Wilburn who left as the school's all-time leading rusher. JUCO Kevin Galbreath stepped in and led the team with 1,225 yards (4.3) tying an NT record with five consecutive 100 yard games and was the first-ever NT player to top 100 yards in his first game (ironically against TCU which had not yielded a 100 yard rusher the entire previous year). True frosh Patrick Cobbs also rushed for 449 yards (4.5). Michael Hickmon had 616 career yards but made a big sacrifice by moving to FB last year and his blocking was a solid reason for the team's success. Galbreath and Cobbs set the school record for yards by a RB duo in 2002 as they combined for 2,059 yards. Galbreath led the team with 1,298 (4.8) while Cobbs added 761 (4.8). This year they must replace both Galbreath and Hickmon. I list the 2 deep below and Roy Bishop (PS#181) had 62 yards last year as a rFr. Not listed below is Kevin Moore (5-9 195 rFr) and James Mitchell (5-9 191 rFr). Dupree Jones had 568 yards rushing in just four games at JUCO in 2002 before getting injured. Michael Ruff led the team in rushing in the spring game with 137 yards as Bishop was out injured. I think Cobbs will have a fine junior season but with the loss of two starters, this unit looks weaker in 2003.

RECEIVERS - Last year basically everyone returned to this unit but many of the players stats dropped. The two possible reasons could be: 1.) With a redshirt frosh QB the team did not throw as much or 2.) The WR Coach resigned after week 1 after an off-field situation. George Marshall led the team in rec's with 36 in 2001 (16.6) and had 11 TD's but suffered from a case of the dropsies in 2002. He had five drops (2 in the EZ) in the first three games and then dropped a wide open bomb in the bowl game. He finished with just two TD's and 30 rec's (13.3). Starting TE Jeff Muenchow missed 5 games due to a back injury and had just 2 rec's but still was 1st team SBC due to his blocking. Ja'Mel Branch, who had 34 rec's (12.7) in 2001 had 27 (14.2) last season. Kevin Howard, the team's fastest WR, saw his reception total drop from 22 to 12. This year they must replace Marshall and Muenchow but everyone else is back. Michael Thrash (Eagles star James' younger brother) should have a bigger season. Despite the losses, this group will have better numbers with better QB play but talent-wise appears to be on par with 2002.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Eagles averaged 3.7 ypc rushing in 2001 while allowing 30 sacks. Last year six players who had been full-time starters returned. As you would expect, the team improved to 4.04 ypc rushing with their 182.5 ypg being one of the best in recent history and they allowed just 17 sacks. This year the losses are a little heavier. Gone are LG Jonah Bense (13 sts, 2 yr st'r), RT JR Randle (13 sts, 1st Tm SBC 2x's, 4 yr st'r) and LT Matt Turney (13 sts, 2nd Tm SBC 2x's, 3 yr st'r). This year's line is clearly less experienced and it will be tough to match last year's solid numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Eagles defense allowed 3.9 ypc rushing in 2001 but recorded just 18 sacks which was surprising considering the presence of DT Brandon Kennedy. It's been a long time since Mean Joe Green played DT for NT but the 2002 line had to replace just one starter and two backups and Kennedy had a monster year. He was named the SBC Defensive POY recording ten sacks (SBC high) and was 6th in the NCAA with 25 total tfl. This unit was the key to the defense and all four starters earned either 1st or 2nd Tm SBC honors. This year they must replace DT Chris McIver (13 sts, 32 tkls, 5 sks, 2nd Tm SBC), DE Darrell Daniels (13 sts, 37 tkls, 5 sks, 1st Tm SBC), NT John Ryan (10 tkls, 1 sk) and 3rd string DE Eric Bridges (4 tkls). Five of the top eight are back including their top two players in terms of sacks. They also add in three top-notch JUCO's this year including super JUCO DT Mike Pruitt, a rare VHT here. This group should even top 2002's numbers when they allowed just 3.08 ypc rushing and recorded 42 sacks.

LINEBACKERS - The Eagles had two starters return to the LB corps last year but did have to replace the third leading tackler in NT history as well as a top backup. Chris Hurd may not be one of the most athletic players in the NCAA but does a lot of studying in the film room and won a starter's job while being very productive (91 tkls). The Eagles had arguably the best LB corps in the SBC last year despite the fact that their top LB, Cody Spencer, missed all or part of five games due to injury. This year five of the top six return with the only loss being WLB Donovan Wright (14 tkls, 4 tfl). There are five seniors and a junior in the 2 deep I list below. This is clearly the SBC's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - NT finished #79 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and returned all four starters last year. As expected, they made a major climb in the rankings moving up to #36 allowing just 54.2% and only 8 TD's while recording 16 int's. They do have just one loss from the 2 deep this year but it is a big one in Don McGee who was arguably the best cover CB in the SBC (13 sts, 1st Tm SBC). Backup FS Robert Conrad (6 tkls) also leaves. NT has one of the top safety tandems in the country and they are back together for their third straight year. I list the 2 deep below and generally when a team loses its top cover CB, they go down in the rankings but this is such an experienced unit that they could even improve upon last year's solid numbers.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2000 the Eagles finished #114 in my special teams rankings but improved in 2001 to #54. Last year the team had to replace their punter and kicker but they finished a respectable #41 in my rankings and basically everyone returns. Nick Bazaldua did a tremendous job on KO's and after 7 games only had 8 KO's returned due to the high amount of touchbacks. He also hit 10 of 15 FG's with a long of 44. P Brad Kadlubar had 85 punts (42.6) and an outstanding net of 37.2. Ja'Mel Branch led the team in both KR's (20.3) and PR's (7.9) and he is back. This has the makings of a pretty good unit and is probably the SBC's best.

COACHES - Darrell Dickey enters his sixth season as the head man here after he barely survived in 2001 (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). Dickey was justly awarded with a 3 year contract extension after the season and since that turning point of mid-2001 his team is 14-6. Dickey has won the SBC Coach of the Year for two straight seasons. His DC, Gary DeLoach moved on to UCLA so the new DC is Kenny Davis. He is in his sixth year with the team and spent the first 5 as the LB coach. Davis has twelve years experience as a DC in IAA. The OC is Ramon Flanigan who was a QB at SMU and enters his first year in that role. One of the reasons for the slow growth at NT was that Dickey took over a team that was built on JUCO's and opted to go the freshmen route but this year surprisingly signed 7 JUCO's.

PHIL'S FORECAST

N Texas faced a tough non-conf schedule last year with their opponents combining for a 51-21 (70.8%) record and three of them notching at least ten wins. The offense got off to a slow start, only topping 300 yards once in the first seven games vs that tough schedule but they did top 300 yards in five of the last six. The team had its first winning season in IA ball since 1980 (they were in IAA from 1983 to 1994 where they had six winning seasons). They have won 11 straight SBC games and won back-to-back Conference Titles. The offense totalled 3,699 yards, the most at NT since 1980. NT topped over 200 yards rushing in seven of their games with four of the six opponents holding them to under 200 being the #1 rush D, TCU, #4 Alabama, #7 S Florida and #47 Texas. The defense has shown steady improvement under Dickey going from 416.9 ypg in 1998 to 400.1, 379.7, 354.4 and 290.2 last year. In the bowl game N Texas defeated CUSA co-champ Cincinnati for its first bowl win since 1946. Thanks in part to three shutouts, NT allowed just 14.8 ppg, 3rd best in the NCAA. NT also played better in non-conf ball last year as they outgained both TCU and Arizona although they came up short on the scoreboard in both. In conf play NT was dominating, outscoring league foes by 16.7 ppg and outgaining them by 58.7. NT did average just 19.2 ppg last year. They return only 4 starters on offense, which gives them the #7 offense in the SBC. Defensively they are still #1 by far and last year they yielded just 9.8 ppg in conference play. They have the fewest amount of lettermen lost in the league and with 19 out of 22 projected upperclassmen starters, rate as the most experienced. They do face two of the top teams in the league on the road in MTSU and NMSt and have four league road games with just three at home. NT does have the large advantage of having extra practices during the bowls the last two years and the confidence of a champion and have a good shot at three straight League Titles.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB SCOTT HALL JR. 6-1 211 9 sts as **true**, 937 yds (49%), 364 yds rush. 11 sts in '01, 1638 yds (51%), 19-12 ratio. **Andrew Smith** (6-0 190 So) **12 sts** LY, 1206 yds (46%) 7-9 ratio.

RB Patrick Cobbs Jr. 5-9 189 PS#386. 449 yds (4.5), 9 rec (18.8) as **true**. 761 yds (4.8), 301 ret yds LY. Roy Bishop (6-2 207 So) PS#181. 62 yds LY. Michael Ruff (5-11 190 rFr).

FB Justin Claborn Sr. 6-2 242 PS#337LB. 19 tkls, 3Y at LB. Chad Boyd (6-0 200 Jr). Jimmie Williams (6-0 223 Jr). **TB** Dupree Jones (5-10 180 Jr) 568 yds, 4 gms at JC LY.

WR JA'MEL BRANCH JR. 5-7 170 PS#130. 34 rec (12.7) in '01, 587 KR yds, **SBC Fr of Yr**. 4 sts LY, 27 rec (14.2), 192 rush, 614 ret yds. Joel Nwigwe (5-11 170 So) fastest WR.

WR Michael Thrash Sr. 6-2 187 James' brother. 9 sts LY, 7 rec (12.0). Kevin Howard (5-8 165 Sr) PS#210. 22 rec (11.9) in '01. 12 rec (15.9) LY. Johnny Quinn (6-0 181 rFr).

TE Randy Gardner Sr. 6-4 245 PS#100. 1 st, 6 rec as **true**. 5 sts, 7 rec in '01. 5 rec LY (16.2) 5 sts. Solid blk'r. Andy Blount (6-4 215 Jr) 1 st, 4 rec 2Y. Matt Bradshaw (6-4 246 Jr).

C ANDY BREWSTER JR. 6-2 247 7 games as **true**. 12 sts in '01, added 20 lbs. 13 sts at C LY. Lonnie Chambers (6-3 284 Jr) PS#431JUCO. In for spring. Also played T.

RG NICK ZUNIGA SR. 6-3 295 PS#275. 10 sts as **true**. 12 sts in '01. 13 sts in '02, **1st Tm SBC 2Y**. Cory Hall (6-0 278 Jr) 1 letter. Damien Nobles (6-4 290 Jr) PS#411JC.

LG Dylan Lineberry rFr. 6-3 310 PS#497OL. #1 LG out of spring. Jonathan Jusiewicz (6-4 255 Jr) PS#435. 2nd string in '01. 1 letter. Evan Rausch (6-3 334 rFr).

RT Jason May So. 6-4 295 PS#267. 2nd string as **true**. RS in '02 (inj'd). Ian Hobbs (6-4 279 Sr) PS#449. **11 sts at C** as rFr. Suspended in '01. 2nd string in 2002.

LT Weston Thaggard So. 6-4 280 Top backup at G & T as rFr, 8 gms. Joel Foster (6-4 240 rFr) PS#200TE in '02. David Blevins (6-7 290 rFr). Jeremy Brown is PS#198DL.

K NICK BAZALDUA SO. 5-10 164 Hit 12 of 18 FG's in HS. Hit 10 of 15 FG's here in '02, long of 44, with 3 of 5 from 40-49. Brad Kadlubar had 12 FG's as senior in HS, L/52.

DE ADRIAN AWASOM JR. 6-5 278 Basketball & track. Chiseled. 13 sts, 41 tkls, **8 sks**, 4 pbu LY. Eli Hutchinson (6-4 215 Jr) PS#398JC. 12 sks at JC LY. Grady Davis (6-5 242 So).

DT Mike Pruitt Jr. 6-1 275 **PS#11JC**. 9 sks at JC and 1st Tm JCAA last year. Evan Cardwell (6-3 270 Jr) 7 tkls, 1 sk, 2Y. Trey Davis (6-1 235 Sr) 2 sts, 18 tkls, 6 tfl in 2001.

DT BRANDON KENNEDY SR. 5-10 312 12 sts in '01, 43 tkls, 6 tfl. **SBC POY** in '02, 13 sts, 76 tkls, **10 sks**, 15 tfl. Chris Miller (6-1 265 So) PS#269DL. Sky Pruitt (6-2 295 rFr).

DE Charles Dupree Jr. 6-3 228 **PS#68** & orig signed w/Oklahoma. Luke Conder (6-3 257 Sr) 4 sts, 67 tkls, 3 sks, 6 tfl, 3Y. Tommy Harrison (6-3 235 Jr) 14 tkls, 1 sk in 2 years.

WLB CHRIS HURD SR. 6-1 220 Former walk-on. 39 tkls, 4 tfl in 2000 & '01. 13 sts in '02, 91 tkls, 6 tfl. Koryee Wyatt (6-1 216 Sr) PS#98JC, 60 tkls, 4 sks, 4 sts, 2 tfl here LY.

MLB CODY SPENCER SR. 6-3 240 PS#177DL. 12 sts in '01, #1 w/114 tkls, 4 tfl. 9 sts LY (inj), **1st Tm SBC**, 66 tkls, 5 sks. Justin Claborn (6-2 242 Sr) 19 tkls. Philip Graves (6-2 205 rFr) PS#263.

SLB TAYLOR CASEY SR. 6-3 215 PS#93TE. 12 sts in '01, 73 tkls. 7 tfl, 4 pbu. 13 sts LY, #1 w/117 tkls, 9 tfl, **1st Tm SBC**. Montrell Parks (6-2 224 Jr). Arther McNac (6-0 260 So) JC.

CB Jeremy Pearl Sr. 6-3 198 1 start in '02, 25 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu, 1 int TD in bowl. LeMario Hollis (6-0 170 rFr), Remon Williams (5-10 173 So), Terry Shelton (5-11 195 Jr).

CB WALTER PRIESTLEY JR. 5-10 178 12 sts as rFr, 36 tkls, 4 pbu. 12 sts at CB LY. 29 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu, 2 sks. Dominique Mackey (6-1 192 So) PS#319, 2 tkls in '01. Marcovick Evans (6-2 161 Jr).

SS CRAIG JONES SR. 6-0 211 8 sts as rFr, 73 tkls, 12 sts in '01, 87 tkls, 2 int. 12 sts LY. 90 tkls, 4 tfl, 4 pbu, **1st Tm SBC**. Shawn Early (6-0 210 So) PS#147LB, 1 tkl LY.

FS JONAS BUCKLES JR. 5-11 213 **PS#47DB**. 10 sts, 53 tkls, 6 int, 3 pbu, **1st Tm SBC** in '01. 13 sts LY, 52 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu. Markeith Knowlton (6-0 205 Jr), 3 sts, 53 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu 2Y.

P BRAD KADLUBAR JR. 5-11 205 PS#75K. Practice squad as rFr. 85 punts, #2 in SBC with 42.6 avg & super net of 37.2. #1 in SBC with 29 inside the 20, **2nd Team SBC**.

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DL	Charles Dupree 6-3 228 PS#157JC
DL	Montey Stevenson 6-2 240 PS#260
DL	Joey Byerly 6-4 215 PS#268
WR	Jonathan Ieans 6-5 200 PS#261
DL	Curt Jones 6-2 260 PS#278
DB	Allan Harrison 6-2 188 PS#298
DL	Blake Burruss 6-7 235 PS#299
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DICKEY's records AT N TEXAS

21-37	Straight Up	5-1	Home Favorite
30-24	Vs The Spread	6-10	Home Dog
17-15	Off A SU Loss	3-2	Away Favorite
15-11	Vs Conference	16-11	Away Dog
		15-13	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: **(8-5)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (20,22,2)
Lost: 14 (7,7,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,260

SUN BELT

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#105

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
								N Texas is 1-5 ATS in their 1st lined home game the last 6 years. Eagles are 4-1 in non-lined games since 1996. N Texas is 2-8 SU, but 9-1 ATS as a dog of 28 or more since 1997.
Aug. 30	at Oklahoma	G						N Texas is 1-9 SU their last 10 vs Big 12 foes but 7-3 ATS. NT is 0-7 SU & 2-5 ATS in lined season openers.
Sep. 6	Baylor	A						North Texas is 9-3 ATS the last 12 games on artificial turf. The Eagles have dropped the last 2 SU & ATS vs the Bears.
Sep. 13	at Air Force	G						This is the 1st meeting between these two teams. North Texas is 8-4 ATS their last 12 September road games.
Sep. 20	at Arkansas (Little Rock)	A						N Texas is 9-4 ATS in their 2nd of back-to-back away games. NT is 0-6 SU, 2-4 ATS & have been outscored by an avg of 37-9 the L/6 vs SEC opp.
Sep. 27	Louisiana-Lft	A						N Texas is 11-1 SU & 9-3 ATS the last 2 years in Sun Belt play. NT is 3-0 SU & ATS in this short series, outscoring ULL by an avg of 27-6 the L/3.
Oct. 4								Bonus: N Texas is 5-1 SU & 4-2 ATS away vs conference foes.
Oct. 11	at Idaho	A						The road team has covered 4 of the last 5 series meetings. North Texas is 5-2 ATS (6-1 SU) as an away favorite.
Oct. 18	Utah St (HC)	A						May apply: NT is 6-2 ATS the last 7 years as a home favorite. The road team is 4-1 ATS in this series.
Oct. 25	at Middle Tennessee	A						In the only 2 meetings between these teams, North Texas is 2-0 SU & ATS and holds a 714-581 total yardage edge.
Nov. 1	Troy St	A						May apply: N Texas is 9-2 ATS after a SU road win. NT is 8-2 ATS in November games the last 3 years.
Nov. 8	at UL Monroe	G						N Texas is 3-5 SU but 5-3 ATS in November road games since 1998. Last year NT hammered ULM 41-2; outrushing the Indians 322-67.
Nov. 15	Arkansas St	A						NT is 2-2 SU & 1-3 ATS but have outscored Ark St 96-77 the L/4 contests. North Texas is 7-1 ATS in their final home game.
Nov. 25	at N Mexico St (Tues)	G						N Texas is 6-1 SU & ATS the last 7 battles vs New Mexico St. Eagles are 5-2 SU & 6-1 ATS since 1996 in their season finales.
Nov. 29								

RB Patrick Cobbs

STADIUM: FOUTS FIELD (30,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	4-7	3-8	2-9	3-8	5-6	7-5	29-49
ATS	7-2	4-6	7-4	3-8	5-5	8-3	7-4	41-32
Home Fav	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2-1	6-2
Home Dog	3-0	1-0	1-3	1-3	2-2	2-1	0-1	10-10
Away Fav	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-1	5-2
Away Dog	2-2	2-5	5-1	2-5	3-3	3-1	3-1	20-18
Favorite	2-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	4-2	11-4
Dog	5-2	3-5	6-4	3-8	5-5	5-2	3-2	30-28
Grass	1-1	1-1	3-1	0-6	2-2	3-2	4-2	14-15
Artificial	6-1	3-5	4-3	3-2	3-3	5-1	3-2	27-17
vs Conf	4-0	2-3	2-1	2-4	2-3	5-1	4-2	21-14
vs Non-Conf	3-2	2-3	5-3	1-4	3-2	3-2	3-2	20-18
Off SU Win	2-1	2-1	1-1	0-2	1-1	5-0	4-2	15-8
Off SU Loss	4-1	2-4	6-2	3-5	4-3	2-3	2-2	23-20

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kevin Galbreath	272	1358	60	1298	9	4.8
Patrick Cobbs	159	799	38	761	8	4.8
Ja'Mel Branch	36	216	24	192	4	5.3
Michael Hickmon	27	114	0	114	1	4.2
Roy Bishop	10	67	5	62	0	6.2
Andrew Smith	75	143	195	-52	1	-0.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Andrew Smith	196	91	46.4	1206	7	9
Scott Hall	13	4	30.8	35	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
George Marshall	30	398	13.2	2	61	
Ja'Mel Branch	27	384	14.2	2	57	
Kevin Howard	12	191	15.9	2	40	
Michael Thrash	7	84	12.0	0	25	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Brad Kadlubar	85	3619	42.6	71	37.2	2	29

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nick Bazaldua	25-31	2-3	5-7	3-5	0-0	10-15	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Taylor Casey	117	2	7	2	0
Chris Hurd	91	1	5	1	2
Craig Jones	90	0	4	4	0
Brandon Kennedy	76	10	15	1	0
Cody Spencer	66	5	3	4	3
Koryee Wyatt	60	4	2	2	0
Jonas Buckles	52	0	3	6	2
Adrian Awasom	41	8	0	4	0
Darrell Daniels	37	5	1	5	0
Markeith Knowlton	33	0	0	3	2
Chris McIver	32	5	5	0	0
Don McGee	31	0	1	7	5
Walter Priestley	29	2	1	3	1
Jeremy Pearl	25	0	0	4	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ja'Mel Branch	29	229	7.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ja'Mel Branch	19	385	20.3	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
01	New Orleans	+11	Colorado St	20-45	L
02	New Orleans	+7'	Cincinnati	24-19	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NORTH TEXAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	19.2	15	182	4.0	102	45.2	14.9	+4	2002	9	14.8	16	119	3.1	172	54.2	19.7
6*	22.9	16	158	3.7	146	49.8	13.3	+6	2001	6	24.4	19	137	3.9	219	62.1	14.6
7*	14.7	11	134	3.4	107	46.9	16.4	+4	2000	5	27.3	20	183	4.4	197	61.3	13.9
5*	10.7	12	136	3.6	110	40.4	22.9	+2	1999	8	26.5	20	217	4.8	184	61.3	15.1
8	15.7	13	142	3.5	117	43.4	16.4	+4	1998	6	27.0	22	215	4.8	202	60.3	15.4
9*	21.1	16	133	3.6	176	48.2	14.6	-16	1997	6	30.1	22	196	4.2	227	59.1	14.1

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Texas	11	38-90	2.4	6-20	55	2	16	35-28	0.8	16-28	186	8	-2
Nicholls St	8	42-232	5.5	3-7	43	1	12	49-149	3.0	3-10	27	3	+3
at Alabama	11	37-50	1.4	10-19	91	5	25	58-336	5.8	14-19	198	1	+1
at TCU	12	33-34	1.0	12-34	185	3	8	39-102	2.6	11-22	76	3	+1
at Arizona	21	60-282	4.7	12-18	149	1	20	35-121	3.5	16-27	189	2	-3
S Florida	12	35-84	8.0	8-28	114	2	25	44-161	3.7	29-47	271	2	-3
at Arkansas St	15	49-210	4.3	6-7	80	2	10	40-113	2.8	9-18	110	1	-1
at Louisiana-Lft	16	56-213	3.8	7-12	147	0	12	19-9	0.5	21-41	232	3	+2
UL Monroe	16	49-322	6.6	2-5	24	0	18	37-67	1.8	16-37	119	5	+2
Idaho	17	50-225	4.5	3-14	50	0	11	29-68	2.3	14-33	180	4	-2
New Mexico St	18	51-263	5.2	6-10	57	0	18	42-105	2.5	19-27	335	5	+3
at Middle Tenn	18	44-175	4.0	14-21	206	0	15	47-203	4.3	12-24	84	4	0
† Cincinnati	15	43-192	4.5	9-22	126	1	15	29-85	2.9	19-34	224	1	+3
TOTALS	190	587-2372	4.0	98-217	1327	17	205	503-1547	3.1	199-367	2231	42	+4
AVERAGES	14.6	45-182	4.0	8-17	102	1.3	15.8	39-119	3.1	15-28	172	3.2	+0.3

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oklahoma	+18	9-37	L
Texas Tech	+22	0-30	L
at Arizona St	+37	15-34	W
at Texas A&M	+35	9-38	W
at Boise St	+7'	21-13	W
Nevada	+1	27-21	W
Houston	+3'	9-31	L
Idaho	+3	23-41	L
at Kansas	+15	14-23	W
at Utah St	+7'	27-28	W
N Mexico St	-2'	19-11	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UNLV	+2	3-26	L
at LSU	+34	0-52	L
at Texas Tech	+31	21-14	W
at Baylor	+11'	10-23	L
at Idaho	+20	10-28	W
Boise St	+7	17-10	W
Arkansas St	+1/2/E	10-14	L
at Nevada	+11	28-41	L
at TCU	+22	3-27	L
at N Mexico St	+12	9-22	L
Utah St	+4	7-34	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Baylor	+6	7-20	L
at Texas Tech	+30'	7-13	W
at UNLV	+16'	0-38	L
at Kansas St	+51'	10-55	W
Samford	NL	41-6	–
Utah St	+1	12-17	L
at Boise St	+27	0-59	L
at Louisiana-Lft	+4'	13-0	W
Idaho	+13'	14-16	W
at Arkansas St	+7'	28-53	L
N Mexico St	+11	30-23	W

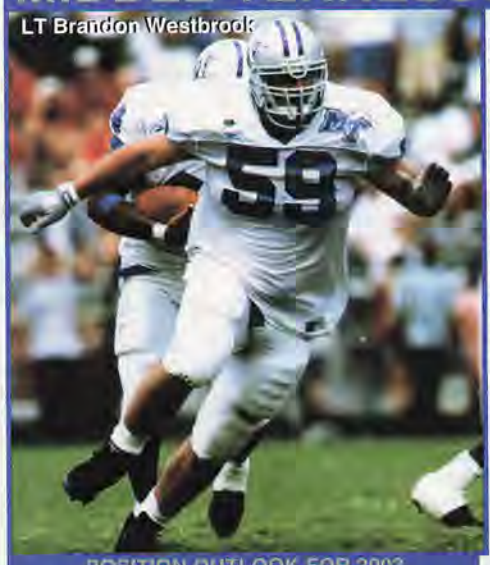
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
TCU	+17	5-19	W
at Oklahoma	+41	10-37	W
Texas Tech	+18	14-42	L
at S Florida	+12	10-28	L
at UL Monroe	-6	17-19	L
Mid Tenn	+14	24-21	W
Arkansas St	-6'	45-0	W
at N Mexico St	+9	22-20	W
Louisiana-Lft	-10	42-17	W
at Idaho	-3	50-27	W
at Troy St	+6	16-18	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas	+35	0-27	W
Nicholls St	NL	23-0	–
at Alabama	+21	7-33	L
at TCU	+12'	10-16	W
at Arizona	+14'	9-14	W
S Florida	+2	17-24	L
at Arkansas St	-8'	13-10	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-4	27-0	W
UL Monroe	-17	41-2	W
Idaho	-14	10-0	L
N Mexico St	-6	38-27	W
at Mid Tenn	-2'	30-20	W

MIDDLE TENNESSEE BLUE RAIDERS


LT Brandon Westbrook

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Wes Counts was not very big (6-1 185), not very mobile and did not have a powerful arm but had a fine career here which he wrapped up in 2001 throwing for 2,327 yards leading the NCAA with an amazing 72.6% completions and a super 17-4 ratio. Last year the three QB's contending for the starting job did not have a single pass attempt in IA ball. Andrico Hines threw for 1,319 yards (64%) with a 15-4 ratio as a JUCO in 2000 and he redshirted here in 2001. Andre Green was PS#121. Josh Harris (6-3 167 So) was PS#72. Hines only topped 200 yards passing once in his first six games (137 ypg). He then exploded against ULL hitting 17 of 24 for 347 yards while also rushing for 75. Unfortunately he was injured and not able to start the next week. Harris became the first frosh to start here since Kelly Holcomb (1991). Harris, unfortunately, broke his collarbone on the 2nd series and was lost for the season. Andre Green relieved but was ineffective and Hines, although only about 50%, was forced to play half the game hitting just 8 of 23 for 85 yards and with -7 yards rushing. Hines sat out the next week against N Mex St and Green started, hitting just 2 of 4 for 8 yards. RB ReShard Lee ran the offense in the 2H and was very effective. The team passed the ball just six times in the game. The next week Hines returned against ULM and throwing for 239 yards and played the rest of the year. For the season Hines threw for 1,753 yards (58.4%) with a 6-7 ratio while rushing for 645 gross yards. Hines and Harris return so this unit is much more experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - Dwone Hicks is the type of athlete I like as he worked hard following each season and increased his bench and lowered his forty time. In 2001 he rushed for 1,143 yards (6.0) with 20 TD's despite suffering a hamstring injury that limited him in three games. Hicks was hyped for the Heisman Trophy coming into 2002 and in his previous seven games against BCS teams he had rushed for an average of 118 ypg (6.7). Hicks only had 42 against Alabama in the opener and followed that with 33 against Tennessee. He had 97 yards in the 3Q against Kentucky when he suffered a knee injury and he missed the next two games and was not 100% vs Vanderbilt. ReShard Lee (PS#81) had three consecutive 100 yard efforts in those three starts. Lee also topped 100 yards while playing QB against New Mex St. In the final five games Hicks rushed for 741 yards (6.5) and was able to top 1,000 despite his limited play. Surprisingly, Lee opted to enter the NFL draft despite the fact that he would have been the feature back this season and still had 2 seasons of eligibility left (he went undrafted). Those are two big losses plus FB Avery Hatten (1 st, 4 yds) and FB John Madrick. I list the potential candidates below and Don Calloway (PS#155) has 819 yards rushing in 3 years with his best season being 2000 where he rushed for 420 (5.1). Not listed below is Kevin Davis (5-9 219 So) who was a PQ and FB Nick McAfee (5-11 243 Jr). Eugene Gross was a wishbone QB in HS. I do not see a player the caliber of Hicks or Lee and this group is far less experienced overall.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace their all-time leading receiver in Kendall Newson as well as their #4 receiver. They did have Tyrone Calico returning who was one of the fastest players on the team, had the top VL and even cleaned 374 lbs, which tied Daryl Gardner for the strength coach's record. Calico injured his knee vs Idaho but still led the team with 45 rec's (13.5) and was #2DC of TEN, the highest ever a MTSU player was taken in the draft. He departs as does WR David Youell (10 sts, 33, 11.6). Everyone else returns and I've expected big things from Kerry Wright (PS#34) for two years but he has just 18 rec's. I list the 2 deep below and they do have a VHT in TE Quan Domineck (PS#9) who was suspended in the spring. I also expect big things from Sam Williams (6-1 170 rFr) who was PS#39QB and was arguably the SBC's top recruit last year. The team also added in a pair of JUCO's with speed in Tommy Manus (6-4 215) and Pedro Holiday (6-1 185) and both were in for spring. Not listed below is Pierre Ingram (6-4 200 rFr, 4.55 spd) and this year's true frosh. There is some very solid talent in this group but with the loss of a player like Calico and the #2 man, I'll call the unit down a notch in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 the Blue Raiders had all five starters returning and the line paved the way for 5.5 ypc rushing while allowing just 24 sacks. They had to replace 3.5 starters in 2001 but the team averaged 5.5 ypc while yielding just 17 sacks. Last year the entire 2 deep returned so expectations were high. While still solid statistically, surprisingly the numbers dropped to 4.7 ypc rushing and 23 sacks allowed. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are C Glen Elarbee (12 sts, 2 yr st'r, 735 plays, 2nd Tm SBC), LG Jonathan Barry (10 sts, 560 plays), RG Kevin Pascoe (6 sts, 417 plays), LT Jonathan Proby (5 sts), LG David Coy (4 sts, 300 plays) and Jonathan Proby (4 sts, 421 plays). Four players return with starting experience including Brandon Westbrook, who has earned 1st Tm SBC two straight years. They also add some JUCO's whom I list in the 2 deep below. I look for a bigger impact out of Brett Trott (PS#66) who was in just three plays last year. Without a doubt, this group is less experienced than it was last season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - MTSU had just one starter returning to the three man defensive front last year and went from allowing 3.8 ypc rushing in 2001 to 4.3 while the team recorded a minuscule 13 sacks. This year they look to be in better shape. The only losses are DE Curtis Daniely (11 sts, 17 tkls, 6 tfl) and DE Samuel Smith (5 sts, 18 tkls). Three players return who started four or more games. Jeff Littlejohn (PS#14) who originally signed at Miami (FL) should have a bigger impact. He added 40 pounds and was the #1 DT this spring and could emerge as the SBC's top defensive player. There are some HT's in the mix with good size and I look for the defensive front to be significantly improved in 2003.

LINEBACKERS - MTSU used a 3-5-3 scheme and usually the 3-5-3 and 3-3-5 are very similar with the only difference being the terminology, however that is not the case here. Interestingly, Steve Davis took over as DC two years ago and calls five players LB's and says that the OLB's are hybrid LB/CB's as opposed to the normal terminology of LB/Safety. However, I will go the traditional route to create a four man secondary and list one of the OLB's positions at SS. Last year only one starter departed from the group but this year they must replace LLB Sheldon Durham (12 sts, 97 tkls, 7 tfl), RLB Louis Kemp (5 sts, 27 tkls, 1 tfl), MLB Chris Gatlin (1 st, 3 tkls) and OLB Kareem Bland (6 sts, 26 tkls, 1 sk). They signed some JUCO's last year who should have a bigger impact and add a couple of JUCO's this year. Also, look for more of a contribution from Alvin Fite who choose MTSU over Tennessee. Despite the losses, I think the Raiders will have a more effective LB corps in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 MTSU finished #93 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace a 1st Team SBC CB and three others who combined for seven starts. They did bring in a JUCO who originally signed at Kansas St in Will Martin and he took over the FS spot so basically two of four starters returned. MT St finished #103 allowing 61.4% with a 19-10 ratio and 229 ypg passing. The good news in 2003 is that basically everyone returns and I list the 2 deep below with the possibility that some of the backups will take over starting spots including Dwone Hicks' brother Tyrone who DNQ in 2002.

SPECIAL TEAMS - MTSU has finished in the same area of my special teams rankings in each of McCollum's four years (#70 to #75). What is surprising in this unit is the fact that Kerry Wright has not had a bigger impact. In 2001 he averaged 24.9 on 16 KR's but last year had just 1 KR and 8 PR's (5.8) despite the fact that he had blazing speed. Robert Billings has been a top-notch punter and he has improved his average each year from 37.5 to 42.3 to 42.6. He was 1st Team SBC last year. Kicker Brian Kelly hit a super 10 of 13 but his long was just 45. The previous year he hit just 6 of 9 with a long of 47. Top PR David Youell (5.1) and top KR Reshard Lee (21.0) must be replaced. Paul Wheeler is the team's KO specialist and had 23 TB's last year. The team will miss OLB Kareem Bland who was responsible for most of the 9 blocks (4 punts, 3 xp's, 2 FG's) the team has recorded in the last two years. With both K's back and some speed in the return game, this has the makings of the SBC's top special teams unit.

COACHES - Andy McCollum is doing a fine job at MTSU and is now 21-24 entering his fifth season. Last year at midseason OC Steve Campbell moved onto the field while Darin Hinshaw called the plays from the booth. With Campbell departing this year, Hinshaw and Blake Anderson will be co-OC's. Anderson is in his second year at MTSU and is the WR coach. The DC is Steve Davis who is in his third year at that position here and was formerly the DB coach at S Miss in '99 and the LB coach at Tulane from '97-'98.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Things looked bright for MTSU the past two years as they've been the conference favorite. Last year they were not only picked to win the SBC, but they also received one vote in the Preseason AP Top 25 and were #50 overall coming into the season. They trailed Alabama just 32-27 with 3:00 left but had an interception returned for a TD. They upset SEC member Vanderbilt by a 21-20 margin and in their 13-7 loss to Arkansas St, a 4th & 9 pass was caught at the one but ruled out of bounds. Last year's team had 21 seniors but this year MTSU has 13 returning starters. This is a team that had just 58 scholarship players in the spring of 1999, their first in IA ball yet finished with an 8-3 record in 2001. Injuries hurt them last season as they surprisingly dropped to 4-8 including just 2-4 in conference play but despite that record, they outscored foes in league play 26.3-25.2. MTSU gets four home games in league play this year, including both of the SBC's top two contenders (NMS and NT). Offensively five starters are back and since they are much more experienced at QB, they should be much more explosive than last year's 24.8 ppg which was a large drop off from the 37.1 they averaged in 2001. Defensively they return eight starters and should have their best stop unit statistically since 1998 and that was when they were back in IAA. Despite losing a player like Dwone Hicks as well as their top two WR's, this team must be considered one of the favorites for the SBC crown and should return to the positive side of .500.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB ANDRICO HINES SR. 6-2 212 1319 yds, 15-4 ratio at JC in '00. 11 sts here LY, 1753 yds (58%) 6-7 ratio, 645 rush. Josh Harris (6-3 167 So) PS#72. 1 st, 16 yds as **true**. Inj'd.

RB Don Calloway Sr. 5-6 182 PS#155. 172 yds (4.9) in '01. 227 yds (5.8) LY. Kelvin German (5-11 193 So) PS#155DB. 204 ttl yds as **true**. Eugene Gross (5-11 215 rFr).

WR Sam Williams rFr. 6-1 170 **PS#39QB**. Chris Henry (5-8 166 So) PS#284. 4 sts, 14 rec (12.9) in '02. Tommy Manus (6-4 215 Jr) 30 rec at JC LY. Ryan Edminston (6-0 182 Sr).

WR Wardell Alsup Sr. 5-9 152 5 sts @ CB in '01, 13 tkls. 6 sts @ WR LY, 10 rec (15.7). **Pedro Holiday** (6-1 185 Jr) PS#115 & orig at **Aub**. JC. Michael Watkins (6-2 175 rFr) PS#63.

WR KERRY WRIGHT JR. 5-9 174 **PS#34WR**. 4.38 spd. 3 sts, 7 rec in '01. 6 sts, 11 rec (10.6) LY. Hashem Joyner (5-9 154 Jr) PS#91. Seneca Chambers (6-2 180 Jr) 56 rec at JC LY.

TE QUAN DOMINECK JR. 6-5 243 **PS#9TE**. 2 rec (18.5) as **true**. 6 sts, 12 gms, 1 rec in 2002. Susp in spg. Chris Sapp (6-5 245 rFr) DL in '02. DeLorean Jordan (6-0 232 rFr).

C Shavaskey Brown So. 6-2 338 PS#216OL. 1 game as rFr, #1 C this spring. Seth Grabo (6-4 281 Jr) wrestler in HS. No letters. Paul Cantrell (6-4 319 rFr) PS#252.

RG JOSH WILLOUGHBY SR. 6-4 330 PS#249. 1 st, 10 gms, 142 plays in '01. 6 sts at RG LY, 443 plays, 59 KD's, 78.7% grade. Joe Evilsizer (6-1 302 Jr) PS#213 JC in for spring.

LG Bill Brasch Sr. 6-3 304 PS#329JC. 2nd string here in '01, 10 gms, lettered. 2 gms, 10 plays LY. Doug Waller (6-4 312 Sr) PS#258JC orig at S Miss. 6 gms LY.

RT Julius Gant Jr. 6-4 305 PS#251DL. 8 sts as rFr, 11 gms. 4 sts at RT in '02, 366 plays, 11 gms, NFL potential. Brandon Parker (6-7 316 Sr) 3 sts, 113 plays in '02.

LT BRANDON WESTBROOK SR. 6-6 301 10 sts, 583 plays in '00. **1st Tm SBC '01 & '02**, 11 sts, 684 plays, 10 sts, 676 plays, 108 KD's LY. Willie Hall (6-6 300 rFr). **Brett Trott** (6-4 290 So) **PS#66**.

K BRIAN KELLY SR. 6-0 180 11 of 13 FG's in '00, long of 46. 6 of 9 FG's in '01, long of 47. Hit 10 of 13 FG's LY, long of 45, **2nd Tm SBC**. Paul Wheeler (6-1 228 So) KO's.

LLB Dennis Burke So. 6-1 220 PS#206LB. 9 tkls, 2 KR as **true**. Joey Montalbano (5-9 200 Sr) 740 squat. 14 tkls in '01. 12 gms, 23 tkls LY. Zack Swanson (6-0 196 rFr).

DE DEMETRIOS WALKER SR. 6-3 254 10 sks at JC in 2000, 4.5 spd. 5 sts in '02, 29 tkls, 2 sk, 4 tfl. Devarick Scadrett (6-4 240 So) 11 tkls, 2 sks, **true**. Bobby Payne (6-4 285 rFr) PS#117.

DT Jeff Littlejohn So. 6-2 330 **PS#14** & orig at **Miami (FL)**. 1 st, 13 tkls as rFr. Added 40 lbs! Thomas Johnson (6-2 286 Jr) 8 sts, 33 tkls, 4 tfl, 2Y. Marcus Gates (6-2 267 rFr).

DE JERRY VANDERPOOL JR. 6-3 288 PS#218. 1 st, 12 tkls in '01. 10 sts, 40 tkls, 3 tfl in '02. Dominic Jones (6-3 283 Sr) JC. John Henry (6-6 303 rFr) **PS#89**. Jonathan Callahan (6-4 244 So).

RLB Kenny Edwards Sr. 6-0 233 55 tkls, 14 tfl, 14 QBH at JC in '01. 5 sts in '02, 21 tkls, 3 tfl. Leon Cesar (6-1 225 Jr) **PS#106JC**. Jonathan Bonner (6-0 210 So) 4 tkls as **true**.

MLB RANDY ARNOLD SR. 5-11 231 9 sts in 2001, 50 tkls, 2 tfl. 11 sts in '02, 88 tkls, 4 tfl. Alvin Fite (6-0 221 Jr) PS#129, 1 st, 8 tkls LY. LaRue Beck (6-2 218 So) PS#128DB.

OLB MICHAEL WOODS SR. 6-1 201 PS#380. 11 sts in 2001, 80 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 int. 6 sts LY, 48 tkls, 2 tfl. Sprinter. Chris Hough (6-1 202 Jr) 1 st, 27 tkls in '01. Brent Moore (6-1 200 rFr).

CB TONY SUTTON SR. 5-11 190 4.4 spd. JC. 12 sts, 55 tkls, 3 int, 3 pbu LY. Tyrone Hicks (5-10 175 Fr) PS#104, 4.39 spd. Dwone's brother. Aaron Pitts (5-11 174 Sr) 1 st, 14 tkls LY.

CB MUHAMMAD RASHADA SR. 5-11 174 PS#169. 2 sts, 28 tkls in '01. 12 sts, 55 tkls, 3 int, 9 pbu LY. Danny Tolbert (5-10 170 Jr) PS#133JC. In for spg. Kabote Sikyala (5-10 194 Sr) 3 tkls LY.

SS BRANDON LYNCH SR. 6-0 186 4.3 spd. 10 sts in '01, 54 tkls, 4 tfl. 12 sts in '02, 75 tkls, 7 tfl. Justin Rainey (6-1 195 rFr) PS#282, 4.4 spd. Kevin Copeland (5-9 183 So) 2 tkls as **true**.

FS WILL MARTIN SR. 5-11 204 **PS#92** in '00, **orig at Kan St.** JC. 12 sts LY, 78 tkls, 2 int. Chris Johnson (5-10 184 Sr) 10 sts in '99 & '00, 18 tkls '01 & '02 (RS). Shawn Allen (6-0 191 So).

P ROBERT BILLINGS SR. 6-0 200 52 punts as rFr, 37.5 avg. Big improvement in leg strength in 2001. 35 punts, 42.3 avg, net of 36.9. 61 punts LY, 42.6, 35.8 net, **1st Tm SBC**.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

DL	Kenyon Buford 6-6 345 PS#89
LB	Sean Mosley 6-3 245 PS#99
LB	Antoine Owens 6-2 215 PS#123
DB	Taron Henry 6-2 187 PS#126
LB	Leon Cesar 6-1 225 PS#106JC
RB	Terry Jackson 5-10 185 PS#155
DB	Danny Tolbert 5-10 170 PS#133JC
DB	Jonathan Ward 6-1 222 PS#216
OL	Lance McCullough 6-4 309 PS#276
OL	Ty Goodrich 6-5 300 PS#286
QB	Patrick Jackson 6-3 180 PS#169
RB	Demarco McNair 6-0 180 PS#220
OL	Joe Evilsizer 6-1 302 PS#213JC
LB	Darren Mustin 6-1 220 PS#300

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8-12 Vs Conference	12-7 Away Dog
	12-6 Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: **(4-8)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (18,23,4)
Lost: 20 (14,6,0)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 11,163

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#115

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 28	Fla Atlantic (Thur)	A						Middle Tennessee is 10-5 ATS the last 15 as a non-conference away dog. Blue Raiders are 3-7 ATS the last 10 off SU losses. MTSU is 3-1 SU & 1-3 ATS vs UL Monroe, outscoring them by an avg of 28-15.
Sep. 6	at Georgia	G						Florida Atlantic Owls finished last year with a 2-9 record in Div IAA. The Blue Raiders are 5-2 in non-lined games since 1999.
Sep. 13	at Clemson	G						MTSU is 2-6 SU, but 5-3 ATS the last 8 vs the SEC. Blue Raiders are 10-5 ATS their last 15 as an away dog.
Sep. 20	at Missouri	A						MTSU is 8-3 ATS as a dog of 17 or more pts (0-11 SU) since 1999. MT is 2-7 SU, but 6-3 ATS in the 2nd of B2B away games the L4Y.
Sep. 27								First time MTSU will play a Big 12 foe since a 48-7 loss vs Nebraska in '92. Blue Raiders are 1-4 SU but 4-1 ATS in games prior to a bye. Bonus: Middle Tennessee is 1-4 ATS after a bye.
Oct. 4	Temple	A						The Owls are the 1st ever BCS team to visit Floyd Stadium. Mid Tenn will face a Big East foe for the first time in school history.
Oct. 11	N Mexico St (HC)	A						Middle Tennessee is 0-2 ATS in conference openers. Mid Tenn is 7-5 SU but 4-8 ATS in the Sun Belt Conference.
Oct. 18	at Idaho	A						In 2 meetings, MTSU and Idaho have scored a combined 167 points. Middle Tennessee is 0-2 ATS vs Idaho.
Oct. 25	N Texas	A						Blue Raiders are 0-2 SU & ATS in this short series that began in 2001. MTSU conference home games have averaged 78 ppg the last 2 years.
Nov. 1	at Utah St	G						LY in their 2nd ever meeting, MTSU beat the Aggies 45-28 as a 6' pt fav. The Blue Raiders have never lost on grass in November going 3-0 ATS.
Nov. 8	Troy St	A						Middle Tennessee leads the all-time series 9-1 SU. This will be the 2nd time these teams meet in a lined game, MTSU 1-0 ATS.
Nov. 15	Louisiana-Lft	A						MTSU has won SU & ATS the last 2 years; total ppg in this series is 68. Blue Raiders are 1-3 ATS their final lined home game the last 4 years.
Nov. 22	at Arkansas St	G						MTSU has outscored the Indians 61-19 but have split their 2 meetings SU & ATS. Mid Tenn is 1-2 SU, but 3-0 ATS in their away finale the last 3 years.
Nov. 29								

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	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	4-6	5-5	3-8	6-5	8-3	4-8	36-40
ATS	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-4	7-2	5-6	5-6	20-18
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-3	2-1	5-5
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-2
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-2	0-2	2-4
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3	4-1	2-1	3-2	12-7
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	3-5	2-3	7-9
Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-4	5-1	2-1	3-3	13-9
Grass	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3	4-1	3-2	3-3	13-9
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-1	2-4	2-3	7-9
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	3-1	2-4	2-4	8-12
vs Non-Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	4-1	3-2	3-2	12-6
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	3-1	4-3	1-2	8-8
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	3-1	0-3	3-4	8-10

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dwone Hicks	184	1047	36	1011	11	5.5
ReShard Lee	110	665	23	642	6	5.8
Andrico Hines	**150**	**645**	**159**	**486**	**10**	**3.2**
Don Calloway	**39**	**239**	**12**	**227**	**2**	**5.8**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Andrico Hines	**243**	**142**	**58.4**	**1753**	**6**	**7**
ReShard Lee	4	3	75.0	81	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Tyrone Calico	45	606	13.5	4	63
David Youell	33	383	11.6	0	38
Dwone Hicks	15	250	16.7	0	69
Chris Henry	**14**	**180**	**12.9**	**1**	**44**
Wardell Alsup	**10**	**157**	**15.7**	**0**	**39**
ReShard Lee	12	78	6.5	0	25

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Robert Billings	**61**	**2599**	**42.6**	**68**	**35.8**	**2**	**18**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brian Kelly	**31-32**	**3-3**	**3-5**	**4-5**	**0-0**	**10-13**	**45**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Sheldon Durham	97	2	5	3	0
Randy Arnold	**88**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Will Martin	**78**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**2**
Brandon Lynch	**75**	**1**	**6**	**3**	**1**
Tony Sutton	**55**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**3**
Muhammad Rashada	**55**	**0**	**3**	**9**	**3**
Michael Woods	**48**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Jerry Vanderpool	**40**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**0**
Demetrios Walker	**29**	**2**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Louis Kemp	27	0	1	0	0
Kareem Bland	26	1	0	0	0
Joey Montalbano	**23**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Kenny Edwards	**21**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
David Youell	17	86	5.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
ReShard Lee	12	252	21.0	0
Kelvin German	**12**	**190**	**15.8**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MIDDLE TENNESSEE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9	24.8	18	209	4.7	154	57.8	14.7	0	2002	6	27.7	20	172	4.3	229	61.4	14.5
7*	37.1	26	238	5.5	244	69.0	13.0	-4	2001	6	26.0	22	140	3.8	255	58.8	15.2
10*	31.8	22	194	5.3	239	59.6	13.6	+1	2000	8	28.7	22	151	4.2	236	62.0	13.5
5*	24.7	20	111	3.5	246	63.9	14.5	-5	1999	6	34.5	22	212	4.9	233	62.2	12.9
8	25.0	18	155	3.9	180	65.2	13.4	+10	1998	10	25.6	19	156	4.2	225	58.6	14.9

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Alabama	22	38-183	4.8	17-25	202	0	22	43-194	4.5	16-22	236	0	-1
at Tennessee	12	38-100	2.6	13-23	109	3	20	31-137	4.4	24-29	263	2	0
at Kentucky	18	39-220	5.6	10-19	202	0	26	39-205	5.3	22-31	305	3	-1
SE Missouri	17	36-151	4.2	20-27	133	4	17	43-203	4.7	14-23	204	0	+1
at Arkansas St	19	40-193	4.8	12-23	137	0	12	42-229	5.5	6-13	59	0	-3
at Vanderbilt	22	48-213	4.4	8-17	82	2	16	43-180	4.2	13-23	107	0	0
Louisiana-Lft	25	49-173	3.5	17-24	347	2	25	32-20	0.6	28-41	396	3	0
at Idaho	16	50-256	5.1	8-25	85	3	17	38-242	6.4	14-26	226	1	+2
at N Mexico St	13	43-300	7.0	3-6	46	2	25	64-294	4.6	13-22	154	0	-2
UL Monroe	21	47-196	4.2	17-23	245	1	20	34-170	5.0	17-42	151	1	1
N Texas	15	47-203	4.3	12-24	84	4	18	44-175	4.0	14-21	206	0	0
Utah St	18	53-316	6.0	11-20	176	2	18	23-11	0.5	32-54	442	3	+3
TOTALS	218	528-2504	4.7	148-256	1848	23	236	476-2060	4.3	213-347	2749	13	0
AVERAGES	18.2	44-209	4.7	12-21	154	1.9	19.7	40-172	4.3	18-29	229	1.1	0.0

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tennessee St	NL	28-27	–
at Illinois	NL	20-48	–
at Jacksonville	NL	7-10	–
E Kentucky	NL	24-28	–
at Tenn Tech	NL	19-16	–
Murray St	NL	35-14	–
E Illinois	NL	32-35	–
at SE Missouri	NL	21-19	–
at Tenn-Martin	NL	47-33	–
at UAB	NL	17-26	–

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Miss St	+35'	7-40	W
at Arizona	+44	19-34	W
Wofford	NL	52-42	–
at SW Louisiana	+2	31-45	L
Troy St	NL	31-48	–
at Arkansas	+36	6-58	L
at LA Tech	+30	18-42	W
at NE Louisiana	+6	0-10	L
Tenn-Martin	NL	70-14	–
UCF	+14	14-39	L
E Tennessee	NL	24-7	–

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Illinois	+33'	6-35	W
at Florida	+39'	0-55	L
Murray St	NL	44-28	–
at Maryland	+20	27-45	W
LA Tech	+2	49-21	W
UL Monroe	-18	28-0	W
at UAB	+10	9-14	W
at Miss St	+27'	35-61	W
at Connecticut	-10'	66-10	W
S Florida	NL	45-9	–
Louisiana-Lft	-26'	41-38 OT	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Vanderbilt	+7'	37-28	W
Troy St	-14	54-17	W
at UL Monroe	-20'	38-20	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-16	26-9	W
Idaho	-19'	70-58	L
at N Texas	-14	21-24	L
at Mississippi	+12	17-45	L
N Mexico St	-7'	39-35	L
Arkansas St	-22	54-6	W
at LSU	+17	14-30	W
Connecticut	-26'	38-14	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Alabama	+17	34-39	W
at Tennessee	+22	3-26	L
at Kentucky	+5'	22-44	L
SE Missouri	NL	14-24	–
at Arkansas St	-16	7-13	L
at Vanderbilt	+6'	21-20	W
Louisiana-Lft	-9'	48-35	W
at Idaho	-3'	18-21	L
at N Mexico St	+6'	21-24	W
UL Monroe	-17	44-28	L
N Texas	+2'	20-30	L
Utah St	-6'	45-28	W

NEW MEXICO ST AGGIES

QB Buck Pierce

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - KC Enzminger was a three year starter here and his injury in the second half of the 2001 season greatly affected the team as he had just three rush attempts in the last four games (can you imagine a Nebraska QB running the ball just three times in four games?). Buck Pierce (PS#250) got in some action that season hitting 20 of 37 passes for 215 yards while also rushing for 180 in 11 games as a rFr. Samuel vowed to use two QB's on a regular basis in 2002. Pierce got off to a great start leading the SBC in pass efficiency when he injured his shoulder against Cal in the 3Q. Paul Dombrowski had a big game against New Mexico with 50 and 47 yard runs. He would end up starting eight games throwing for 1,327 yards (60.1%) with a 7-5 ratio while having 962 gross yards rushing. The two QB's combined for just six int's on the year. Pierce returned against Georgia and UTEP but then sprained an ankle vs ULL. Third stringer Doug Brady (5-9 197 Jr), a JUCO transfer also got in five pass attempts in two games. Dombrowski began the year slowly hitting just 43% in the first four games but improved greatly down the stretch. His 3rd & 10 run for 14 yards late in the MTSt game was a key to that victory but his int in the endzone late in the N Texas game was costly. Dombrowski's 12 rushing TD's set a school record for a QB and he did all of that as a rFr. Pierce threw for 949 yards (63.6%) with a 6-1 ratio while also rushing for 269 yards. This unit is in great shape as all 3 return. Also in the mix are Carl Scaffidi (6-3 189 Jr) who played in one game and Joey Vincent (6-1 207 rFr, PS#189). This unit is far more experienced than last year and clearly has the deepest set of QB's in the SBC.

RUNNING BACKS - Tony Samuel brought Nebraska's offense here and built a powerful rush attack since he arrived. In 2000 they set a school record for rushing yards and Chris Barnes had 1,131 yards (6.6) and was #5DC of BAL. In 2001 the leading rusher, Kenton Keith, had just 839 yards (4.6) after rushing for 849 yards (7.8) the previous year. Last year they had to replace their top two rushers and the leading returning rusher was Walter Taylor who had 317 yards (4.3) in 2001. Eric Higgins had 1,082 yards rushing (6.7) as a freshman at JUCO. In eight starts he rushed for a team leading 499 yards (5.3) but then was injured. Higgins returns as do five of the top six RB's. The only loss is Taylor (5 sts, 458 yds, 4.7). Tony Bostic is Keith's son (a former DB in the NFL) and he rushed for 254 yards (4.9). Tony Irions (5-10 204 So) surprisingly did not see action last year. The FB's were also productive with Marcus Dixon rushing for 129 yards. In fact, four RB's topped the 100 yard marker during the year. I list the 2 deep below. Not listed is IB Tony Joseph (5-11 198 rFr), FB Bobby Rios (5-9 225 rFr), IB Roberto Muro (5-9 198 Jr), FB Beau Sylvestre (5-11 233 Jr, PS#252LB) and FB Simon Ocampo (5-11 219 Jr, PS#257). This group has more experience than last season and hopefully Higgins will be able to stay healthy.

RECEIVERS - In 2000 the Aggies had to replace all three starters and were a very young group. In 2001 the top four receivers were all back plus they added a couple of transfers. Last year almost everyone returned again. A key for the Aggie receivers is that they are excellent blockers. PJ Winston, who led the team in 2001 with 46 rec, saw those numbers drop a little to 39 (14.7) last year. He departs as does leading receiver HB Briscoe who had 50 rec's and a super 17.6 ypc. They also must replace solid blocking TE Chris Gocke. I list the 2 deep below and Leon Oloya had 5 starts in 2000 but missed the last 2 years with injury. Not listed is Jared Quick (6-1 188 So). Naturally this unit does not get much attention in the option offense and I do not see any NFL caliber WR's in the group (although TE Davis has a shot). Overall this unit looks weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE- In 2000 the Aggies averaged 5.6 ypc rushing. In 2001 they had to replace three starters and dropped down to 4.5 ypc while allowing 13 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and one backup due to graduation. True frosh Nick Cole surprisingly won a starting job but then broke his hand in the second game and after missing three weeks returned as a backup. This year they must replace C BJ Van Briesen (Iowa trans, 12 sts, 2nd Tm SBC), LG Shalimar Jackson (12 sts, PS#132, 1st Tm SBC, 3 yr st'r), RT Steve Mascorro (PS#124, 12 sts, 2 yr st'r), and backup LT Terry Givens. Five players return with starting experience and six of the top ten from last year are back. Last year's group paved the way for 4.5 ypc rushing while allowing 21 sacks and new OL coach Kevin Lightner should be able to get close to that level of production out of this unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Aggies allowed 4.8 ypc rushing in 2000 and trimmed that to 4.4 in 2001 while recording 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups. The unit struggled once again allowing 4.52 ypc rushing while recording just 14 sacks. The only loss is DT Jeremy Barth (3 sts, 9 tkls). Basically seven of the top eight are back and five players recorded six or more starts last year. You know that I think wrestlers make for good linemen and Joe Olivo was the Massachusetts state champion and Lionel Apineru the #1 heavyweight wrestler in California and those two clog the middle. Not listed below is Julmar Howard (5-10 205 Sr, 4 tkls) and Sam Ford (6-4 290 So). This is the most experienced Aggie D-line in quite some time and I expect significant improvement.

LINEBACKERS - Last season this group was extremely inexperienced as they had to replace all three starters who had combined for 227 tackles and 17 tfl. This year the group is in far better shape as all three starters return. Rich Glover, in his first year as a starter, earned 2nd Tm SBC honors. In the game against MTSt he got a concussion late in the 1H and MTSt had just 57 total yards at the time. In the 2H without Glover, MTSt accumulated 289 yards. Jimmy Cottrell ended up as the team's leading tackler. The only loss from this group is SLB Daniel Garcia (5 tkls). They also moved LB Julmar Howard to DE and Simon Ocampo to FB. I list the 2 deep below and Samuel says, "It's as good a group as I've been around."

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Aggies finished #71 in my pass D rankings in 2001 on the strength of 16 interceptions (they had 7 in 2000). Last year they had to replace two starters and two very productive backups who had combined for 74 tackles. They still returned an HT FS and a 1st Tm SBC SS as well as a VHT CB so they were in pretty good shape. Surprisingly they dropped to #102 allowing 61.9% with 16-7 ratio. This year the losses are extremely heavy. Gone are CB Robert Canidate (12 sts, PS#27JC, 52 tkls, 5 tfl), SS Siddeeq Shabazz (12 sts, 93 tkls, 1st Tm SBC, #7DC of OAK), CB Darrell Bernard (11 sts, 57 tkls, 4 pbu), FS Ty Gifford (12 sts, PS#67, 71 tkls) and FS Nick Crawford (15 tkls). There are three JUCO's that I plug into the 2 deep but this unit is a lot less experienced than last season and may not improve much on last year's poor pass D ranking.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Aggies finished a solid #28 in my special teams rankings in both 1999 & 2000. In 2001 they were #79 but last year had basically everyone back and Dario Aguiniga improved his leg strength for the second straight year and in fact hit a 52 yard FG against New Mexico. Surprisingly NMS finished #88 in my special team rankings but they were a little higher (#77) if you include FG accuracy. Aguiniga made 17 of 23 FG's hitting 2 of 5 in the 50+ range and he is clearly the best kicker in the SBC. P Brian Copple had a net of 31.5 each of the last two years and he departs. Tyrone Gifford averaged a solid 10.6 on PR's and he was also one of the top KR's along with PJ Winston (20.9, 20.8) but both must be replaced. It will be interesting to see who steps in at P (most likely a JUCO), PR and KR but they have a strong base to build on with Aguiniga.

COACHES - Tony Samuel came over from Nebraska and is trying to mirror that program. They have a solid weight lifting system and they run the option offense just like the Huskers. Samuel has guided the team to two winning seasons in the last four years and now enters his seventh year at the helm. Their nine league wins in two years is the most ever by an Aggie team. Success did hurt the coaching staff this year as their OC, Barney Cotton, left to take over that position at Nebraska and DC Steve Standard left for Colo St. The new DC is Ross Els who has been an assistant here the last two years. Prior to coming here he'd been the head coach at Hastings College and his team was 32-9 with two appearances in the NAIA playoffs. The new OC is Gerry Gdowski who is in his seventh year here at NMSt (QB coach) and is a former Nebraska QB.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Aggies have not been to a bowl game since the 1960 Sun Bowl. Last year NMSt had the fewest amount of returning starters (9) and had to replace 32.7% of their lettermen, the highest percentage in the conference. The Aggies very nearly won the title as they led NT in the 4Q but let the game slip away with 4 turnovers in the last period. In fact, in the last two years NMSt has lost three SBC games and they led in the 4Q in all three. They played 13 consecutive games with no open date and just 73 scholarship players but finished 5-1 in conference play and outgained foes by 79.8 ypg, which was the best in the league. They were undefeated (5-0) at home last year for the first time since 1967 and recorded their most wins since that same year at 7-5. This year the Aggies have six starters back on offense including two very capable QB's and should even improve upon last year's 27.2 ppg. Defensively they have seven starters returning from a unit that allowed 27.3 ppg and should be stronger. They do get four home games in league play and if they take care of business at home, have two very winnable road games vs ULL and ULM, giving them a shot at the conference title. An Oct. 11th matchup against MTSt will be one of the key games, as will be the season finale vs NT, which will be the first ever nationally televised game from Aggie Memorial Stadium. Last year they averaged 22,163 at home which set a school record. They have to rank as one of the SBC favorites this year and the Aggies have a solid shot at their second consecutive winning season.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB BUCK PIERCE JR. 6-1 210 4 sts, 1164 pass (61%) 7-1 ratio, 449 rush, 2Y. **Paul Dombrowski** (6-1 214 So) 8 sts in '02, **2nd Tm SBC**, 1327 pass (60%) 7-5 ratio, 962 rush.

IB ERIC HIGGINS SR. 5-10 199 1082 yds (6.7) at JC in '00. 8 sts here LY (inj'd 4) 499 yds (5.3). Tony Bostic (5-9 190 Sr) 312 yds (4.1) 2Y. Muammer Ali (5-10 214 rFr) PS#191.

FB MARCUS DIXON SR. 5-8 239 1 st in '01, 93 ttl yds off. 12 sts LY, 129 yds (4.3), 6 rec (6.5). Rambo Fiaseu (5-10 241 So), 11 yds. Kermit Okamura (5-7 201 Sr) 25 gms, 3Y.

WR Ronshay Jenkins Sr. 5-7 147 10 rec (13.6) in '01, 1 st. 16 rec in '02, 20.6 avg. Preston Williams (6-0 187 Jr) PS#290. **4.35 spd**. 3 rec LY. Tim Tolbert (6-3 183 rFr) PS#287.

WR Chris Lumpkin Sr. 6-1 185 58 rec (15.9) at JUCO in '01. 19 rec (11.8) here LY. Chris Duncan (6-2 196 Jr) 1 st, 4 rec (9.5) LY. Leon Oloya (6-2 192 Jr) 5 sts in 2000.

TE ALEX DAVIS SR. 6-4 239 PS#84. 9 sts, 10 rec (18.6) in 2000. 12 sts in '01, 7 rec (14.9). 12 sts LY, 12 rec (10.4). Dustin Ditmore (6-0 242 Jr) 1 rec. Travis Samuel (6-5 258 So).

C Andy Dale Sr. 6-1 295 PS#435. 11 games in 2000. 7 sts at C in '01. 2nd string in '02, 1 st. Clay Vincent (5-11 271 Jr). Adam Sinclair (6-3 231 So) NT last year.

RG STEVE SUBIA JR. 6-3 345 PS#118OL. 6 games in '01. Last 9 sts in 2002. Trimmed 30 lbs. Jose Quinones (6-2 307 rFr) added 22 lbs. Fred Rodriguez (6-0 286 rFr).

LG Nick Cole So. 6-2 348 PS#132OL. 2 sts as **true** until broken hand in 2002. Backup after that (missed 3). Jacob Jean (6-1 298 rFr). Alex Gottlieb PS#214.

RT Justin Shopbell rFr. 6-4 295 PS#119OL. RS in 2002. Matt Sanchez (6-4 301 Jr) 4 games in 2001. 1 st at LG in '02. Brandon Chambers (6-4 338 So) PS#435.

LT TREVOR KINE SR. 6-6 276 Canadian. 4 games in 2000. 9 games in '01. 11 sts at LT LY, 3 letters. Cole Leslie (6-7 285 Jr) PS#404JC, David Colston (6-6 298 rFr).

K DARIO AGUINIGA SR. 5-11 213 PS#75K. 9 of 19 FG's, L/49 as **true**. 8 of 11 FG's, L/43 in 2001. **1st Tm SBC**, 17 of 23 FG's, long 52, 3 missed 50+! School rec 83 points.

DE GREG SCAFFIDI JR. 6-4 247 PS#131TE. 2 sts as rFr, 21 tkls, 5 tfl. 8 sts in '02, 23 tkls, 4 tfl. Aubrey Dorisme (6-1 253 Jr). Torrence Price (6-4 213 So) PS#437. 7 tkls as **true**.

NT JOE OLIVO SR. 6-2 263 HS wrestling champ. 9 sts in 2000, 43 tkls, 6 sks. 11 sts in '01, 44 tkls, 4 sks, **1st Tm SBC**. 10 sts LY, 36 tkls, 6 tfl. Chase Spicer (6-5 278 So) 3 tkls LY.

DT LIONEL APINERU JR. 6-1 298 HS wrestling champ. 9 sts LY, 18 tkls, 2 tfl. Tommy Laborin (6-3 307 Sr) 12 sts in '01, 22 tkls, 4.5 tfl. 6 sts LY, 17 tkls. Jeremy Weeks (6-2 277 rFr) PS#262.

DE TRAYDELL BULLOCK JR. 6-0 253 PS#397RB. 13 tkls as rFr. 12 sts LY, 36 tkls, 3.5 tfl. John Sioui (6-1 242 Sr) 17 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl LY. Chris Sneed (6-2 208 rFr). Brandon Hearne (6-2 256 rFr).

SLB TIM PATRICK SR. 6-1 227 JC. RS in '01. 12 sts LY, 63 tkls, 4.5 sks, 1 tfl, 3 pbu. Sean Dade (5-10 202 So) 2 tkls as rFr. Fred Winston (5-8 214 So). Cody Luce (6-1 196 Sr).

MLB JIMMY COTTRELL SO. 6-1 238 PS#343. 12 sts as rFr, #1 w/102 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl, 1 int, 2 pbu. Travis Jones (5-11 226 Jr) 24 tkls as **true**. 1 st, 12 tkls LY. John Davis (5-10 227 Jr).

WLB RICH GLOVER JR. 6-0 231 JUCO in' 01. 11 sts LY, **2nd Tm SBC**, 95 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 int, 1 pbu. Sione Finau (6-1 222 Sr) PS#102 in 2000. Tim McManigal (6-0 222 rFr).

CB Chris Davis So. 5-9 178 PS#438DB. 1 st as **true**, 5 tkls. Travis Johnson (5-10 175 So) PS#401JC. David Malloy (5-8 159 Jr) S Car St transfer. 6 tkls, 6 games in 2002.

CB Cameron Wright So. 6-1 181 12 int in HS as senior. 9 games as rFr, 13 tkls. Jeremiah Imperial (5-10 175 Jr) PS#421JC. 4 int at JC, solid cover CB. Spencer Moore (5-9 167 rFr).

SS Eric Carrie rFr. 5-10 201 PS#165RB. RS in 2002. Wuan Harris (5-11 206 Jr) PS#335. IB in '02. Nathan Nuttall (6-0 192 rFr). Bryan Courtney (5-10 188 So).

FS Dominique Jacobs Jr. 5-11 198 PS#436JC. 97 tkls, 4 int at JC in '02. Matt Griebel (5-10 179 So) 29 tkls, 1 pbu as rFr in '02. Shukree Shabazz (5-9 182 So) 4 tkls as rFr.

P Steven Smith Jr. 6-3 190 39.0 avg at JUCO in 2001. 42 punts in 2002, 40.7 avg, L/56. #2 in JC conference. Brad Evans (6-3 183 So) #2 P after spring this year.

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OL	Kyle Smith 6-3 265 PS#525	
DB	Travis Johnson 5-10 175 PS#401JC	
OL	Cole Leslie 6-7 285 PS#404JC	
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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NMS	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
								New Mexico St is 3-15 ATS as a favorite in conference play. In 2 years of Sun Belt play, NMSU is 9-1 SU, but 1-9 ATS as a favorite. The Aggies are 2-9 ATS off a SU win the last 2 years.
Aug. 30	at Texas	G						NMSU is 0-3 SU but has won all 3 ATS vs Texas. The Aggies are 6-2 ATS the last 8 road openers.
Sep. 6	W New Mexico	G						W New Mexico Mustangs are a NCAA Div II school. The Mustangs were 2-7 last year & only have an enrollment of 2,600.
Sep. 13	at Oregon St	A						Aggies are 3-15 SU & 7-11 ATS away in September since 1996. NMSU is 2-16 SU & 6-12 ATS away on artificial turf the last 18 games.
Sep. 20								Bonus: N Mexico St is 0-6 ATS prior to a bye since 1996. Bonus: The Aggies are 8-4 SU & 8-2 ATS in home openers since 1991.
Sep. 27	at New Mexico	G						Aggies are 1-6 SU & 2-5 ATS the week after the bye their last 7. The Aggies are 2-4-1 ATS the last 7 trips to Lobo Country.
Oct. 4	Idaho	G						The home team is 2-5 ATS in this series. The underdog has covered 6 of the last 7 matchups.
Oct. 11	at Middle Tennessee	A						The dog has covered every time in this series. New Mexico St is 4-2 SU, but 2-4 ATS in Sun Belt road games.
Oct. 18	at Louisiana-Lft	G						The Aggies are 2-1 SU & 0-3 ATS vs Louisiana-Lft. The last 2 meetings have been decided by a total of 6 points.
Oct. 25	at UL Monroe	G						Aggies are 2-4 ATS in their 3rd straight away game since 1992. The visitor is 2-0 ATS in the New Mexico St/UL Monroe series.
Nov. 1	Arkansas St (HC)	G						Against Arkansas St, NMSU is 5-1 SU & 4-2 ATS their last 6 games. NM St is 5-2 SU but 2-4 ATS in their last 7 Homecoming games.
Nov. 8	Utah St	G						Aggies are 1-11 SU & 2-10 ATS their last 12 vs Utah St. Coming into 2003: NMSU is 3-7 SU & 2-8 ATS at home in Nov since '96.
Nov. 15	at Arkansas	G						The Aggies are 2-8 ATS the last 10 vs SEC teams. New Mexico St is 0-6 ATS in November road games their last 6.
Nov. 25	N Texas (Tues)	G						Aggies are 1-6 SU & ATS vs N Texas since 1996. This will be the 1st game ever nationally televised from Aggie Memorial Stadium.
Nov. 29								Bonus: NM St is 1-5 SU & 0-6 ATS in road finales.

TONY SAMUEL (Career 26-42)
7th Year at New Mexico St
Samuel's records AT NEW MEXICO ST

26-42 Straight Up	5-11 Home Favorite
28-37 Vs The Spread	7-3 Home Dog
14-22 Off A SU Loss	2-6 Away Favorite
11-21 Vs Conference	14-17 Away Dog
17-16 Vs Non-Conf	

2002 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (22,16,2)
Lost: 19 (9,9,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 22,163

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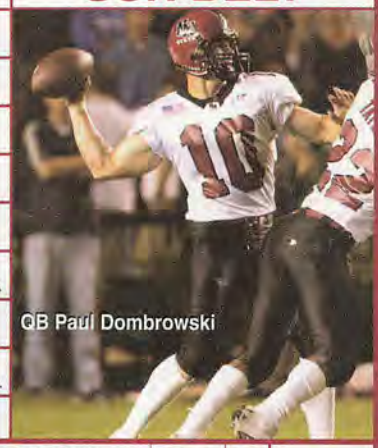
QB Paul Dombrowski

STADIUM: AGGIE MEMORIAL STADIUM (30,343)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	2-9	3-8	6-5	3-8	5-7	7-5	27-52
ATS	2-6	3-6	6-5	5-5	6-5	5-7	3-9	30-43
Home Fav	0-1	1-0	0-2	1-1	2-2	0-3	1-3	5-12
Home Dog	0-2	1-2	2-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	7-5
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	2-6
Away Dog	2-3	1-4	4-2	3-3	2-2	3-3	1-3	16-20
Favorite	0-1	1-0	0-2	1-2	3-3	1-4	1-6	7-18
Dog	2-5	2-6	6-3	4-3	3-2	4-3	2-3	23-25
Grass	1-4	3-4	5-4	5-2	4-4	3-6	3-7	24-31
Artificial	1-2	0-2	1-1	0-3	2-1	2-1	0-2	6-12
vs Conf	1-3	1-4	2-3	3-2	3-2	2-4	0-6	12-24
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-2	4-2	2-3	3-3	3-3	3-3	18-19
Off SU Win	0-0	1-1	2-1	3-2	3-0	2-3	0-6	11-13
Off SU Loss	2-5	1-5	3-4	2-3	3-4	3-3	2-3	16-27

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Paul Dombrowski	189	962	94	868	12	4.6
Eric Higgins	94	530	31	499	3	5.3
Walter Taylor	97	509	51	458	5	4.7
Tony Bostic	52	258	4	254	0	4.9
Buck Pierce	53	269	89	180	3	3.4
Marcus Dixon	30	135	6	129	1	4.3
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Paul Dombrowski	158	95	60.1	1327	7	5
Buck Pierce	107	68	63.6	949	6	1
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
H.B. Briscoe		50	880	17.6	5	74
P.J. Winston		39	574	14.7	3	66
Ronshay Jenkins		16	330	20.6	1	56
Chris Lumpkin		19	224	11.8	1	39
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Brian Copple	42	1585	37.7	79	31.5	2	10
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Dario Aguiniga	32-33	7-7	5-8	3-3	2-5	17-23	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jimmy Cottrell	102	2	4	2	1
Richard Glover	95	0	2	1	2
Siddeeq Shabazz	93	1	3	2	2
Tyrone Gifford	71	0	4	4	1
Tim Patrick	63	4.5	1	3	0
Darrell Bernard	57	0	4	4	0
Robert Canidate	52	0	5	2	1
Traydell Bullock	36	0.5	3	0	0
Joe Olivo	36	1.5	4	1	0
Matt Griebel	29	0	0	1	0
Greg Scaffidi	23	1.5	2	1	0
Lionel Apineru	18	0.5	1	0	0
Tommy Laborin	17	0	0	0	0
John Sioui	17	2	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Tyrone Gifford	26	276	10.6	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
P.J. Winston	21	437	20.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NEW MEXICO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	27.3	22	215	4.5	195	61.2	15.0	0	2002	4	27.3	19	160	4.5	201	61.9	13.2
6*	23.8	21	208	4.5	153	51.6	15.1	-5	2001	5	33.3	23	177	4.4	240	57.1	12.5
6*	26.8	22	274	5.6	159	49.1	16.2	-5	2000	6	32.5	21	200	4.8	218	55.9	12.9
7*	28.3	21	223	4.3	185	48.6	14.4	+6	1999	9	24.9	18	154	4.1	195	45.3	14.0
10	30.1	26	254	4.8	209	48.2	15.4	-10	1998	7	38.5	22	174	4.5	291	51.8	12.1
7	20.1	21	204	4.7	187	50.3	19.4	-6	1997	4	36.2	24	240	5.5	225	59.0	12.9

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at S Carolina	20	40 - 212	5.3	17 - 28	207	2	22	46 - 229	5.0	10 - 19	172	1	0
at California	22	51 - 169	3.3	16 - 26	161	4	17	31 - 120	3.9	19 - 32	180	1	-1
New Mexico	14	49 - 262	5.3	5 - 11	54	1	17	31 - 108	3.5	19 - 33	223	1	+1
at Georgia	16	48 - 81	1.7	18 - 36	194	6	17	20 - 92	4.6	19 - 36	207	1	0
UTEP	26	52 - 286	5.5	10 - 16	189	0	18	36 - 114	3.2	19 - 26	213	2	+3
Louisiana-Lft	22	44 - 204	4.6	13 - 23	209	1	17	42 - 147	3.5	22 - 30	228	0	-2
UL Monroe	30	51 - 319	6.3	15 - 18	185	0	21	27 - 105	3.9	22 - 34	305	2	0
at Arkansas St	21	44 - 229	5.2	16 - 23	141	1	18	38 - 93	2.4	18 - 26	205	2	-2
Middle Tennessee	25	64 - 294	4.6	13 - 22	154	0	13	43 - 300	7.0	3 - 6	46	2	+2
at Utah St	20	47 - 256	5.4	8 - 16	165	0	26	31 - 182	5.9	27 - 41	299	1	+1
at N Texas	18	42 - 105	2.5	19 - 27	335	5	18	51 - 263	5.2	6 - 10	57	0	-3
at Idaho	25	41 - 158	3.9	19 - 30	343	1	25	30 - 171	5.7	26 - 46	277	1	+1
TOTALS	259	573 - 2575	4.5	169 - 276	2337	21	229	426 - 1924	4.5	210 - 339	2412	14	0
AVERAGES	21.6	48 - 215	4.5	14 - 23	195	1.8	19.1	36 - 160	4.5	18 - 28	201	1.2	0.0

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas	+37	36-66	W
at Georgia Tech	+34	7-42	L
New Mexico	+18	28-27	W
UTEP	+7	33-24	W
at Arkansas St	+6'	31-34 OT	W
at Nevada	+12	48-45	W
Colorado St	+15	28-47	L
Utah St	-4'	26-29 2OT	L
Boise St	-4	51-55	L
at Idaho	+15	32-36	W
at N Texas	+2'	11-19	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
NM-Highlands	NL	73-7	–
at New Mexico	+6'	35-28	W
at Arizona St	+25'	35-7	W
at UTEP	-3	23-54	L
at Colorado St	+15	7-46	L
Nevada	-4	16-23	L
at Army	+6'	18-35	L
Idaho	+5'	42-14	W
at Utah St	+2'	14-6	W
at Boise St	+8	26-45	L
N Texas	-12	22-9	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at S Carolina	+9	0-31	L
New Mexico	-4	13-16	L
at Georgia	+30	0-37	L
at UTEP	+12	31-41	W
Army	-4	42-23	W
Tulsa	-7'	42-28	W
at Arkansas St	-3'	35-29 OT	W
Boise St	+8	31-34	W
Utah St	-6'	37-44	L
at Idaho	+7	41-44 2OT	W
at N Texas	-11	23-30	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisville	+20'	24-45	L
at Texas	+35	7-41	W
Oregon St	+16'	22-27	W
at Kansas St	+28	0-64	L
at UL Monroe	-13	31-0	W
at Tulsa	+4'	24-7	W
Idaho	-13	46-39	L
at Mid Tenn	+7'	35-39	W
N Texas	-9	20-22	L
Arkansas St	-20	28-17	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-7'	49-46	L
at New Mexico	+10'	0-53	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at S Carolina	+23'	24-34	W
at California	+12'	13-34	L
N Mexico	+6	24-13	W
at Georgia	+27	10-41	L
UTEP	-17	49-14	W
Louisiana-Lft	-12'	31-28	L
UL Monroe	-18	34-21	L
at Arkansas St	-7	26-21	L
Mid Tenn	-6'	24-21	L
at Utah St	-3	30-32	L
at N Texas	+6	27-38	L
at Idaho	-4'	35-31	L

ARKANSAS ST INDIANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Arkansas St had to replace their all-time career passing leader in Cleo Lemon and his backup unexpectedly quit prior to the year. Four QB's played (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). Last year the job was up for grabs early but after splitting the snaps in the first two games Elliot Jacobs threw almost every pass on the season. For the year he threw for a respectable 1,751 yards (52.7%) with a 7-7 ratio while rushing for 343 gross yards. Backups Miller and Driscoll each got in just 14 pass attempts. Miller graduates while Driscoll elected to transfer. Reid McKinney (6-3 230 rFr) was PS#136 and tied a national high school record with 8 TD's in a half. He threw for 4,685 yards and 62 TD's his senior season despite playing just 5 full games as he sat out the 2H of most blowouts. Bryan Gauthreaux (6-0 178 Jr) was PS#250 but did not have any stats last year. Michael Clark (6-0 222 Sr) threw for 2,051 yards and 16 TD's in 8 games as a JUCO in 2000. This year they signed JUCO Nick Noce (6-3 180 Jr) who had 1724 yards and a 14-6 ratio at JC last year. This unit has more experience than it did heading into last year and should continue to improve.

RUNNING BACKS - The biggest signee in ASU history was Jonathan Adams (PS#6). In his junior and senior seasons he became only the second ASU RB to top 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons and left as ASU's #2 all-time leading rusher. No other RB saw serious action in 2001 so the 2002 group was lightly tested. Diminutive Danny Smith (5-9 171) rushed for 51 in 2001 but broke his arm after just three games. He was the #1 RB heading into last season. WR Jerome Stegall practiced at RB during the spring and played RB the first two games until Antonio Warren (PS#113) emerged. Warren was academically ineligible in 2001 but took over vs Tulsa and rushed for 193 yards. Unfortunately he cracked a rib two weeks later against ULM, a game in which he had 85 yards and he would miss parts of the next five games (he still had about 10 carries per game). Smith rushed for 105 vs ULM and topped 145 yards in five of the remaining games. Smith set a school record with 1,390 yards rushing (old record held by Richie Woit with 1,250 in 1952). Warren did have 119 yards against S Utah despite his cracked ribs and should have a much bigger impact this year. The team signed JUCO Shermar Bracey (6-3 222 So) who has 4.38 speed and he should give them a formidable duo. Bracey originally signed at Arkansas. They must replace Smith (SBC Offensive POY) as well as FB Shane Tolleson (10 sts, 183 ttl yds). I list the FB's below. Chris Easley (6-0 200 rFr) was PS#271. Clinton Roy played for Roberts at NW LA St. Andre Rose (6-0 198 So) moves in from SS. Terrance Dunbar (5-9 190 rFr) was PS#131DB. While it will be tough to match Smith's statistics from last year, I like this year's group and think they should come very close.

RB Antonio Warren

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace their leading receiver. Mike Cox (PS#147JC) had 56 rec's at JUCO as a soph and 4.4 speed. He was leading the team in reception's including 100 yard efforts in each of the first two games when he suffered a fractured foot and missed most of the year. Their leading returning receiver, Jamie Hickenbotham, was the fastest player on the team (4.24) had 27 rec's (17.3) but he was injured vs N Mex St and would have just one catch in the final three games. This year the only loss is Hickenbotham and seven players return with starting experience plus a healthy Mike Cox is back, Jerome Stegall who experimented at RB last year has dropped 15 lbs and should be a big factor at WR. TE Frank Arritt (6 sts) has been moved to the OL but could move back to TE in the fall. This unit should be much stronger than last year's injury plagued group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year all six players who logged six or more starts in 2001 returned to the lineup including the two stars of the offensive front, OT Garry Johnson and G John Crossley. As you would expect, the unit paved the way for 4.42 ypc and allowed a minuscule 7 sacks proving to be the top offensive fronts in the SBC. This year the losses are much heavier. Gone are OT Johnson (13 sts, 4 yr st'r, 1st Tm All Conf 3 straight yrs), G Crossley (11 sts, 4 yr st'r, 2nd Tm SBC), C Jesse Duncan (9 sts), C John Allison (2 sts) and T Burt Samples (2nd string). Four players return with starting experience and starting TE Frank Arritt may be moved to the OL as he practiced there in the spring due to lack of depth. Roberts brings in some JUCO's who could play immediately and I list the 2 deep below. There is a decent amount of talent and experience in this group and it should be solid OL but it is clearly weaker than last year's outstanding version.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In each of the last six years, ASU has improved its rush defense going from 5.2 ypc in 1997 to 5.1, 4.8, 4.6, 4.14 and 4.11. Former coach Hollis said the strength of the team in 2001 was the DL and they were surprisingly deep for a school this size. Last year all three starters returned and they shifted to a 4 man front. Two of my projected starters were lost over the summer as well as three backups. The defense generated just eight sacks in 2001 but last year generated 33 sacks. The good news this year is that practically everyone returns and is so deep that not listed below is Zelas Abby (6-0 283 rFr), Raoul Lindsay (6-2 239 Jr), Terrance Chavis (6-2 243 So) and Brandon Rollins (6-4 230 rFr, PS#227) as well as this year's true frosh. This unit has even more experience than last year's fine unit.

LINEBACKERS - ASU switched to a 4-2-5 last year from a 3-4 alignment but I will list the WS position here at LB. Last season two starters returned but surprisingly Syracuse transfer Reggie Everett, who started 11 games in 2001, lost his starting spot to Steven Tookes. Four LB's rotated and they all return. This unit must replace WS Maurice Joyner (9 sts, 27 tkls, 1 pbu) but gets the solid addition of JUCO LeUndo Adams who has been billed by some as the top safety recruit out of JC. He is PS#28JC and was in for the spring. I list the 2 deep below and not listed are Jermaine Montgomery (6-0 228 So) who had 10 tackles as a true frosh, Curtis Barfield (5-10 187 Sr) who has 18 career tackles, Orlando Powell (5-11 215 Jr, 9 tkls) and Marvin Amadi (5-11 203 rFr, PS#387LB). This is a very experienced LB corps and should be one of the SBC's best.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 ASU finished #109 in my pass D rankings. The group had three starters returning but 11 game starter FS Casey Venters missed the year due to injury and the team also lost starting CB Chris Jones in the seventh game. The unit was hit so hard by injuries over the final five games they only had 2 healthy CB's and they were forced to take every snap. In fact, in two of the last three games the team had just four healthy DB's for the four spots. This year the unit looks much deeper as they get back the injured players and the only losses are CB Chuck Allen (9 sts, 60 tkls, 5 int, 2nd Tm SBC), SS Keith Headley (17 tkls) and CB Corey Murray (19 tkls, 2 tfl). They now get Venters back in the lineup so six players return with starting experience. Not even listed below is Darius Woods (5-9 160 rFr), true frosh Tyrell Johnson (6-0 180) who was in for the spring, Marques Walker (5-9 169 rFr, PS#427) and Michael Sowell (5-9 187 So). Overall ASU finished #16 in the NCAA's passing ypg rankings but my pass D rankings take into account strength of opponent played and they faced very few top-notch QB's so they finished #88 in my rankings allowing 57.9% with a 19-16 ratio. I look for significant improvement in my pass D ratings this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Joe Hollis did a great job in this area with the team finishing #59 in my rankings in 1998, #31 in 1999 and #21 in 2000. The team blocked 7 punts and generated 4 TD's in those three years. In 2001 they had to replace all their top players and the unit dropped to #75. Last year almost everyone was back with the exception of the FG kicker. Surprisingly the team dropped a little more to #85 in my rankings as they were -4 in the TD/Blk category. Jamie Hickenbotham leaves as the school's all-time KR yardage leader but he averaged 26.4 on KR's as a frosh and only 22.0 as a senior. He did lead the team with a fine 10.7 average on PR's last year. Punter Mike Alexander saw his overall average go up to 38.6 but the net dropped to 32.5. The KO's were solid and Eric Neihouse (PS#34) has a strong leg nailing a 62 yard FG in the spring practice. He missed his first four FG's, however, and struggled hitting 10 of 22 with a long of 39 but 6 of his misses were 40+ and 4 were blocked. It will be interesting to see who takes over as the key returnmen and at punter (could be Neihouse) but they should be much improved at FG kicking.

COACHES - Steve Roberts enters his second year with the Indians after being the head man at NW LA St in 2000-'01 and compiling a 14-9 record. Prior to that he was head coach at S Arkansas from 1994-'99 going 26-5 over his final three years. He brought his staff over with him from Northwestern St in OC Doug Ruse and co-DC's Kevin Corless and Jack Curtis. In their first year they switched the team from 3-4 to the 4-2-5 defense and posted the ninth best defensive improvement in the NCAA as the D went from allowing 402.6 ypg to 341.7 ypg. The biggest difference on defense came in the sack total as they had 33 after recording just eight the previous year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

ASU was very inexperienced in 2001 having to replace 27 lettermen while returning just 28 and having just six seniors on the 2 deep. They finished 2-4 in SBC play in its first year and were outscored by 17.3 ppg in league play. Last year they had 54 lettermen returning and just 10 lost but had a tough schedule. Surprisingly they finished 3-3 in league play and this time outscored league foes by 2.6 ppg. They not only upset MTSU, all three of their league losses were by five or less including league champion N Texas and runner-up N Mex St. The Indians made tremendous strides on defense going from allowing 32.3 ppg in league play to 18.2 last season. The offense improved to 19.9 ppg last year and they have five starters back this season. Reworking the O-line will be the key as to whether they can improve further on that side of the ball. The defense has nine starters back and I rate them the second best stop unit in the SBC. The schedule is not favorable as one of their conference games this year is a road trip to Tulsa and they have four conf road games with just three at home. As NT has proven the last two years, an outstanding defense can help a team prevail in the SBC and ASU has that this year which makes them a legitimate contender. With two IAA teams on the schedule, ASU has a shot at a winning season.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB ELLIOT JACOBS JR. 6-2 213 PS#87. 3 sts in '01, 586 pass (42%), 5-7 ratio, 205 rush. 12 sts LY, 1751 (53%), 7-7 ratio, 343 rush. Reid McKinney (6-3 230 rFr) PS#136.

RB Antonio Warren Jr. 5-10 190 PS#113. 554 yds (4.1), 3 sts, 193 vs Tulsa, cracked ribs, limited in 5. **Shermar Bracey** (6-3 **222** So) **4.38 speed.** 1922 yds (7.4) in only yr of HS ball.

FB Ramon Williams Jr. 5-11 227 PS#308JC, in for spring. Oren O'Neal (6-0 224 So) added 30 lbs. Clinton Roy (6-2 225 So) 96 yds as **true**, 3 games at N'western St.

WR Mike Cox Sr. 5-11 175 PS#147JC. 225 yds in first 2 games here LY then foot inj, 21 rec (17.3). **Jason Wood** (5-10 184 Jr) PS#224, **7 sts**, 22 rec (8.4) in 2002.

WR JEROME STEGALL JR. 6-0 195 QB/WR as **true**. 6 sts in '01, 17 rec (11.4). +12 lbs for RB LY but moved, 12 rec (10.7). -15 lbs TY. **Chuck Walker** (6-0 188 Jr) 19 rec (12.5), **13 sts.**

TE MIKE BROOKS JR. 6-1 241 1 tkl as **true** at LB. 3 sts LY, 2 rec (5.5). Manuel Burton (6-4 238 So), HS hoops. 2 sts as **true**, 3 rec (5.0). Terrance Chavis (6-2 243 So) PS#298LB.

C TAB SLAUGHTER JR. 6-2 293 PS#435OL. Lettered as rFr. 12 starts at C in 2002. Added 28 lbs over the L/2 years. Tanner Jenkins (6-2 304 rFr) PS#279, 390 lb bench.

RG Anthony Mitchell Sr. 6-4 354 PS#347OL. Lettered in 2000. **10 sts** at G in 2001. 4 sts at LG in 2002. Back surgery & missed spring. Brandon Crocker (6-5 330 Jr) 2L.

LG Steven Gibbs Jr. 6-3 339 PS#204OL. 6 sts at RT as **true**. 5 sts at RG in '02. Bo Mitchell (6-1 300 So), Nyeem Wesley (6-4 300 Jr) PS#255JC. In for fall.

RT KIMANI JONES SR. 6-4 313 PS#94JC. Started L/8 at RT in 2002. **Frank Arritt** (6-3 255 Sr) 6 sts at TE in '01. **6 sts at TE** in 2002, 1 rec (13.0). Moved to OL in spring.

LT Matthew Roth Jr. 6-5 319 PS#253JC, in for spg & #1LT. Darrian Billups (6-3 306 Fr) PS#248DL. Sam Vegas (6-5 335 Jr) PS#146JUCO. Kyle Koets (6-5 300 Fr).

K ERIC NEIHOUSE SO. 5-9 195 PS#34K. 4 of 8 as senior in HS & all 4 misses from 56+. Hit 10 of 22 FG's as rFr, long of 39 & 0-6 from 40+ but strong leg. 62 yd last spring.

DE ZACH GRIGSBY SR. 6-0 239 JC, 12 sts LY, 46 tkls, 2 sks, 6 tfl. Anthony Camp (6-3 235 So) PS#275LB. 8 tkls. 1 tfl as **true**. Reggie Green (6-4 239 rFr).

DT JONATHAN BRADLEY SR. 6-2 292 PS#107LB. 11 sts, 66 tkls, 9 tfl in 2001. 13 sts, **1st Tm SBC**, 68 tkls, 8 sks, 5 tfl LY. Myron Anderson (6-4 275 So) 19 tkls, 1 sk, 4 tfl as **true**.

DT COREY WILLIAMS SR. 6-4 295 PS#268RB. 11 sts in '01, 39 tkls, 8 tfl. 10 sts LY (miss part of 4). 48 tkls, 9 sks, **1st TM SBC**. Bryant Berry (6-0 306 Sr) 3 sts, 33 tkls, 5 sks LY

DE COURTNEY TODD JR. 6-2 228 QB in HS. 15 tkls at LB as **true**. 13 sts at DE LY, 59 tkls, 6 sks, 4 tfl. David Vargas (6-2 245 Sr) PS#229JC. 12 tkls. Chris Hogan (6-0 233 Sr) 18 tkls LY.

MLB STEVEN TOOKES JR. 5-10 223 21 tkls, 1 tfl as **true**. 11 sts, 93 tkls, 4 tfl LY. **Reggie Everett** (6-0 223 Sr) PS#77 & orig at **Syracuse**. 11 sts in '01, 57 tkls, 6 tfl. 2 sts LY, 65 tkls, 2 sks.

WLB LES ECHOLS SR. 5-11 217 3 sts at FS, 27 tkls as **true**. 11 sts in '01, 71 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu. 13 sts LY, **2nd Tm SBC**, 105 tkls, 7 tfl. Eddie Walker (6-2 223 Jr) PS#166, 67 tkls, 1 tfl, 2Y.

WS LeUndo Adams Jr. 6-2 208 **PS#28JC** in for spg. 4.45 spd. LaKeith Grace (6-0 198 Sr) JUCO. 4 sts at WS in '02, 34 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 pbu. Gary Vincent (5-9 162 rFr).

CB JONATHAN BURKE SR. 6-0 180 6 int at JUCO in 2001. Last 7 sts here LY, 62 tkls, 5 int, 6 pbu. Chris Jones (5-9 170 Sr) 8 sts, 2 int in '01. 7 sts LY until inj, 38 tkls, 6 pbu.

CB LAMAR LEE SR. 6-0 175 QB at JC in '01. 13 sts at SS LY, 40 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 pbu. Joe Williams (5-9 175 Sr) 85 tkls, 8 int at JC in 2001. 3 sts, 21 tkls, 6 games here LY (inj'd).

SS Casey Venters Sr. 6-1 191 7 pbu at JC in 2000. **11 sts** here in '01, 59 tkls, 6 pbu. Inj'd & RS LY. Chris Littleton (5-11 196 So) 25 tkls as **true**, 1 int. Farron Fowler (5-7 183 rFr).

FS ALEX PEOPLES JR. 6-1 199 3 starts as **true**, 36 tkls, 3 tfl. 13 starts in 2002. #2 w/103 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu, 5 tfl. Josh Ward (6-3 177 rFr). Julius Jackson (5-8 165 So).

P Eric Neihouse So. 5-9 195 PS#34K. Had 78 yd punt in HS (3rd longest in Arkansas history). Only P in spring. They will have some frosh walk-ons added this fall.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

DB	Leundo Adams 6-2 215 PS#28JC
DB	Khayyam Burns 6-0 175 PS#142
DL	Shawn Shoemake 6-2 295 PS#177
LB	Jonathon Hayes 6-3 233 PS#165
RB	Darrin Toney 6-0 185 PS#161
OL	Sam Vegas 6-5 335 PS#146JC
RB	Shermar Bracey 6-3 230 PS#154JC
LB	Doug Carter 5-11 190 PS#251
WR	Fred Brown 6-3 200 PS#240
OL	Darran Billups 6-3 306 PS#371
OL	Matt Roth 6-5 312 PS#253JC
OL	Nyeem Wesley 6-4 300 PS#255JC
TE	Matt Riebe 6-3 260 PS#117
WR	Levi Dejohnette 6-0 165 PS#303

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ASU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 30	at Texas A&M	G					
Sep. 6	Tenn-Martin	G					
Sep. 13	SE Missouri St (HC)	G					
Sep. 20	at Tulsa	A					
Sep. 27	at Memphis	G					
Oct. 4	UL Monroe (Little Rock)	A					
Oct. 11	at Mississippi	A					
Oct. 18							
Oct. 25	at Utah St	G					
Nov. 1	at New Mexico St	G					
Nov. 8	Idaho	G					
Nov. 15	at N Texas	A					
Nov. 22	Middle Tennessee	G					
Nov. 29							

2003 Angles, Trends & Notes

Ark St came into 2003 with a 19-9 ATS mark off their L/28 SU losses.
Arkansas St is 2-7 SU & 3-6 ATS the last 9 vs Louisiana-Lft.
Ark St is 11-5 ATS on grass the last 2 years.

ASU is 0-4 SU & 1-3 ATS vs the Big 12 since 1990.
Indians are 9-4 ATS in their season openers the last 13 years.

The Skyhawks are in the Ohio Valley Conf and were 2-10 LY.
Arkansas St is 15-8 SU in non-lined games since 1993.

The Indians are also in the Ohio Valley Conf and were 8-4 LY.
Indians are 1-5 SU their last 6 Homecoming games.

ASU outrushed Tulsa LY 295-51 enroute to a 21-19 win as 4' pt dogs.
Indians are 2-7 ATS their last 9 on artificial turf.

Arkansas St is 0-8-1 SU but 6-3 ATS the last 9 vs Memphis.
ASU has been a dog in each of the last 9 meetings.

May apply: ASU is 2-5 ATS as a home favorite since 1996.
Indians were 6-0 ATS vs conference foes last year.

ASU is 5-1 ATS vs Mississippi since 1996. 4-1 ATS away.
ASU is 10-2 ATS vs SEC teams since 1993.

This will be their first meeting as conf foes as Utah St joins the SBC TY.
Indians are 2-4 ATS the last 6 years in their 1st conference road game.

New Mexico St leads this series all-time 6-1 SU.
ASU is 6-2 ATS since 1995 in November road games.

Arkansas St is 3-1 ATS the last 4 years vs Idaho.
ASU has been the dog in each of the last five lined meetings.

ASU is 3-1 ATS vs the last 4 in this series.
Arkansas St is 2-8 SU in road finales since 1993.

May apply: Ark St is 5-2 ATS as a double digit home dog since 1996.
Indians are 6-2 ATS the last 8 years in their final lined home game.

STEVE ROBERTS Career 6-7 (49-33-1 in Div IAA)
2nd Year at Arkansas St

Roberts' records AT ARKANSAS ST

6-7	Straight Up	0-1	Home Favorite
7-4	Vs The Spread	4-0	Home Dog
5-1	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
6-0	Vs Conference	3-3	Away Dog
		1-4	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (6-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (16,24,1)
Lost: 17 (12,4,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 13,955

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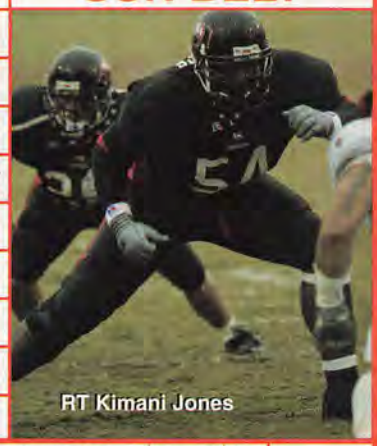
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STADIUM: INDIAN STADIUM (30,458)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	2-9	4-8	4-7	1-10	2-9	6-7	23-57
ATS	4-1-1	3-5	5-6	7-3	4-6	5-4	7-4	35-29-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	0-1	2-5
Home Dog	1-0-1	1-0	1-3	3-0	1-2	2-0	4-0	13-5-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
Away Dog	3-1	2-4	4-1	3-2	2-4	2-3	3-3	19-18
Favorite	0-0	0-1	0-2	1-1	1-0	1-1	0-1	3-6
Dog	4-1-1	3-4	5-4	6-2	3-6	4-3	7-3	32-23-1
Grass	4-1-1	3-5	3-6	6-1	4-5	5-2	6-3	31-23-1
Artificial	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-2	0-1	0-2	1-2	4-7
vs Conf	3-0	1-2	1-2	4-2	1-4	3-3	6-0	19-13
vs Non-Conf	1-1-1	2-3	4-4	3-1	3-2	2-1	1-4	16-16-1
Off SU Win	2-0	1-0	1-3	1-2	0-0	0-2	2-2	7-9
Off SU Loss	2-0-1	1-5	3-3	6-0	3-6	4-2	5-1	24-17-1

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Danny Smith	254	1435	45	1390	14	5.5
Antonio Warren	**134**	**591**	**37**	**554**	**3**	**4.1**
Elliot Jacobs	**82**	**343**	**150**	**193**	**6**	**2.4**
Shane Tolleson	25	131	0	131	1	5.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Elliot Jacobs	**258**	**136**	**52.7**	**1751**	**7**	**7**
Josh Driscoll	14	5	35.7	44	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jamie Hickenbotham	27	468	17.3	3	48
Mike Cox	**21**	**363**	**17.3**	**1**	**73**
Chuck Walker	**19**	**237**	**12.5**	**0**	**40**
Jason Wood	**22**	**185**	**8.4**	**1**	**18**
Jerome Stegall	**12**	**128**	**10.7**	**0**	**22**
Danny Smith	11	121	11.0	0	49

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Mike Alexander	64	2469	38.6	53	32.5	1	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Eric Neihouse	**31-32**	**6-7**	**4-9**	**0-5**	**0-1**	**10-22**	**39**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Les Echols	**105**	**4**	**3**	**8**	**1**
Alex Peoples	**103**	**0**	**5**	**7**	**1**
Steven Tookes	**93**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Jon Bradley	**68**	**8**	**5**	**1**	**1**
Reggie Everett	**65**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Jonathan Burke	**62**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**5**
Chuck Allen	60	0	0	6	5
Courtney Todd	**59**	**6**	**4**	**2**	**1**
Eddie Walker	**49**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Corey Williams	**48**	**9**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Zach Grigsby	**46**	**2**	**6**	**3**	**0**
Lamar Lee	**40**	**0**	**3**	**3**	**0**
Bryant Berry	**33**	**5**	**1**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jamie Hickenbotham	23	247	10.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jamie Hickenbotham	22	483	22.0	0
Jerome Stegall	**14**	**272**	**19.4**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

ARKANSAS ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	19.9	16	183	4.4	144	51.7	16.4	+7	2002	6	27.8	19	166	4.1	176	57.8	12.3
5	16.1	15	146	3.8	137	45.5	17.6	-5	2001	4	32.5	21	182	4.1	220	61.7	12.4
7*	22.5	14	128	4.2	184	55.8	13.9	-3	2000	6	37.3	24	207	4.6	246	62.0	12.2
9*	22.4	18	147	3.9	182	47.4	14.7	-1	1999	7	30.2	21	202	4.8	214	56.9	13.8
9*	18.0	15	85	2.6	240	47.3	18.0	0	1998	9	32.1	22	230	5.1	216	57.3	13.9
5*	18.2	17	94	2.7	206	45.8	16.6	-1	1997	7	35.8	23	234	5.2	215	62.8	12.5

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Virginia Tech	10	33-24	0.7	14-27	203	1	21	41-288	7.0	11-18	99	1	-4
San Jose St	12	32-108	3.4	17-35	182	1	17	39-148	3.8	14-31	162	2	-1
Tulsa	18	51-295	5.8	7-15	51	0	14	41-51	1.2	14-27	168	6	-1
at Illinois	15	36-118	3.3	14-32	195	0	27	48-301	6.3	19-23	299	1	0
at UL Monroe	19	49-231	4.7	14-23	226	1	16	30-59	2.0	19-39	235	4	0
Tenn-Martin	19	43-216	5.0	9-20	121	0	16	42-77	1.8	8-15	134	5	0
Middle Tennessee	12	42-229	5.5	6-13	59	0	19	40-193	4.8	12-23	137	0	+3
at Mississippi	13	36-133	3.7	12-23	131	1	22	42-188	4.5	17-22	320	1	+1
N Texas	10	40-113	2.8	9-18	110	1	15	49-210	4.3	6-7	80	2	+1
New Mexico St	18	38-93	2.4	18-26	205	2	21	44-229	5.2	16-23	141	1	+2
S Utah	27	57-362	6.4	9-16	109	0	12	38-200	5.3	2-12	36	2	+2
at Louisiana-Lft	8	26-158	6.1	10-19	103	0	24	45-136	3.0	25-34	256	4	-1
at Idaho	26	54-294	5.4	11-23	173	0	18	26-80	3.1	19-41	215	4	+5
TOTALS	207	537-2374	4.4	150-290	1868	7	242	525-2160	4.1	182-315	2282	33	+7
AVERAGES	15.9	41-183	4.4	12-22	144	0.5	18.6	40-166	4.1	14-24	176	2.5	+0.5

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Minnesota	+27'	14-17	W
at LSU	+43	6-42	W
SW Missouri St	NL	28-24	–
at Hawaii	+11'	20-0	W
N Mexico St	-6'	34-31 OT	L
Idaho	+3	14-52	L
at SW Louisiana	-6	19-21	L
at Mississippi	+26	17-30	W
at Memphis	+12	19-35	L
LA Tech	+18	21-69	L
NE Louisiana	+4	17-13	W
Cincinnati	+4	7-51	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Illinois	+14'	3-41	L
at Mississippi	+32	14-38	W
at Memphis	+18	26-31	W
TCU	+16	21-24	W
Sam Houston St	NL	45-20	–
at Utah St	+12	14-20	W
Idaho	+7'	24-30 OT	W
at N Texas	-1/2/E	14-10	W
SW Louisiana	-10'	31-27	L
at Boise St	+9'	10-63	L
Nevada	+3'	44-28	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at NC State	+15'31-38 2OT		W
at Oklahoma	+32	7-45	L
Memphis	+7	17-19	W
at TCU	+26'	3-52	L
Richmond	NL	27-30	–
at Mississippi	+26	10-35	W
at Idaho	+12	25-42	L
N Mexico St	+3'	29-35 OT	L
at Utah St	+5	31-44	L
Boise St	+14	14-42	L
N Texas	-7'	53-28	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia	+35	17-45	W
at Baylor	+7'	3-24	L
Jacksonville St	NL	28-31	–
Mississippi	+22	17-35	W
Louisiana-Lft	-3'	26-20	W
at N Texas	+6'	0-45	L
Idaho	+5'	34-31	W
at Middle Tenn	+22	6-54	L
at New Mexico St	+20	17-28	W
UL Monroe	-5'	7-16	L
Nicholls St	NL	22-28	–

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia Tech	+37	7-63	L
San Jose St	-1	14-33	L
Tulsa	+4'	21-19	W
at Illinois	+31'	7-59	L
at UL Monroe	+3	33-21	W
Tenn-Martin	NL	30-10	–
Middle Tenn	+16	13-7	W
at Mississippi	+29	17-52	L
N Texas	+8'	10-13	W
N Mexico St	+7	21-26	W
S Utah	NL	38-16	–
at Louisiana-Lft	+3'	10-13	W
at Idaho	+3'	38-29	W

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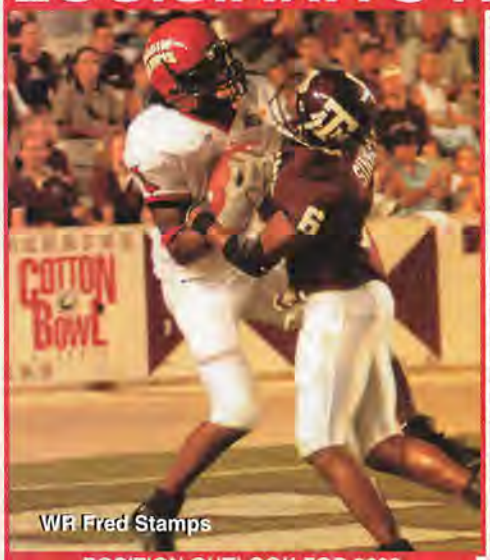

WR Fred Stamps

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 the Cajuns had a returning starter in Derek Dyer who started the first two games and then stunningly quit the team. Jon Van Cleave would then start the next five games but threw for just 687 yards (45.5%) with a 1-5 ratio. Van Cleave, with a powerful arm, was much more confident in 2001 and threw for 2,499 yards (55%) with a positive 14-10 ratio, adding 166 gross yards rushing despite missing the final 3Q's of the last game (UCF) due to injury. Matt Lane (PS#250) had 32 pass attempts in that UCF game and 42 for the 2001 season (50%). Eric Rekieta threw for 3,067 yards (48.8%) and 26 TD's in 2001 at JUCO and joined the team prior to 2002. There was some talk of possible academic problems and a possible transfer for Van Cleave but he returned. Against Texas A&M, Minnesota and LSU he threw for just 91.3 ypg (37.7%) with a 0-9 ratio. In his other 7 games (excluding Arkansas where he had 1 pass for an int when forced in late) he threw for 258.1 ypg (58.8%) with a 9-5 ratio. He injured his ankle against Idaho and Rekieta came off the bench to guide the comeback. Including the Idaho game and his first start against Ark St, Rekieta combined to hit 31 of 41 for 337 yards. Rekieta, however, injured his thumb against Arkansas and both QB's were hobbled in the season finale where they combined to hit just 21 of 45 in the loss to ULM. Van Cleave quit the team prior to this spring saying the offense was geared to a more mobile QB. Rekita and Lane return as does Jerry Babb (6-3 205 rFr, PS#139). Rekieta missed the spring due to an injury that required surgery but is expected to be back to compete for the starter's job in August. Babb is a Bustle recruit who threw for 590 yards and rushed for 537 as a senior in HS and had 354 yards receiving as well. Bustle also signed a VHT in Devin Williams (PS#41) who could very well be the starter by the end of the year. Van Cleave's unexpected departure makes this unit much less experienced in 2003.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 the team had to replace their career record holder for rushing yards in RB Darren Brister. Jerome Coleman was a PQ in 1999 and had 416 yards (3.6) in 2000. He led the team in rushing with 625 yards (3.9) in 2001 and won the job again last spring. This is a school that has never produced a 1,000 yard rusher at RB (QB Brian Mitchell did top 1,000). Last year, with Ricky Bustle coming in promising to run the ball more, it was expected that a RB would have a shot at it but the TEAM did not even top 1,000. Coleman led the team with 483 yards but just a 2.8 ypc. He departs as does FB Blake Bourque (7 sts, 168 total yards). I list the potential RB's below and it would be of no surprise to see one of this year's newcomers take over the top spot. This is clearly a below average group but the Cajuns can only improve upon last year's pitiful numbers.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace its #3 receiver but everyone else was back including their star Nick Dugas (PS#30QB). Dugas, however, was suspended for the opener, played in just two games and then was suspended for the rest of the season. Fred Stamps (PS#67) emerged. He had three 100 yard receiving games in the first four and joined Brandon Stokley in becoming the second WR to top 1,000 yards receiving in a season here. The good news for the Cajuns faithful is that Stamps is back for his senior season. This year they must replace Dugas and WR Andre George (10 sts, 49, 10.8). Not listed in my 2 deep below is BJ Crist (6-2 177 Jr) who has 8 career rec's. Basically 5 of the top six receivers from this unit all return and it is now the second year of Bustle's system so they should only get better.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 UL averaged just 93 ypg rushing (3.0) while the team allowed 27 sacks. Last year they had all five starters returning on a veteran O-line. Two of the returning starters however, G Tony Hull and C Josh Newton, ended up losing their starting jobs. The team rushed for a paltry 61 ypg (1.91) while allowing 42 sacks in a surprising step backwards. This year the only losses are LT Jonathon Raush (12 sts, 2x 2nd Tm SBC, 4 yr st'r) and backup C Josh Newton. Also gone is D'Anthony Batiste (6 sts, 2 yr st'r) who moves to the DL. I list the 2 deep below and this is far from an overwhelming group. Even though the unit is just about equal to last year in terms of experience heading into the year, they should have much better production since they have had a year to learn the blocking schemes.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Ragin' Cajuns' D-line allowed 4.3 ypc rushing in 2001 while the defense recorded 27 sacks. Last year they had to replace two full-time starters and a backup due to graduation and DE Justin Venable (6-0 235 So) again missed the year due to injury. Venable, who was PS#191 in 1998, was granted 3 additional years of eligibility by the NCAA due to his various injuries and hopes to return this season. The team again allowed 4.3 ypc rushing but recorded just 18 sacks and injuries hurt the unit all year with six different DE's drawing starts. This year they must replace their DT's in Charley Smith (10 sts, 20 tkls) and Walter Sampson (10 sts, 2nd Tm SBC, 44 tkls, 9 tfl) but basically six of the top eight return and they add some solid additions. They bring in three JUCO's who I list in the 2 deep below plus OL D'Anthony Batiste, who started six games at LG adds outstanding size to the middle. Not listed below is Chris Klock (6-0 228 Jr, PS#338), Shawn Williams (6-1 313 Sr, 3 tkls in 2001), Anthony Hills (6-4 225 rFr, PS#114TE) and Chris Morgan (6-0 250 rFr, PS#502). I'm impressed with the depth of this unit and despite the loss of two starters, I think they'll put a lot more pressure on opposing QB's this season.

LINEBACKERS - Ricky Bustle brought in the 4-4-3 defense they run at Virginia Tech but for simplicity sake, I list one of the OLB spots (ROV) with the DB's and the WHIP here. Last year it appeared all three starters returned but WHIP Ricky Calais was injured after two starts and missed a good portion of the year and their top LB, Ross Brupbacher then started 3 games before being lost to a broken ankle. Stanley Smith (PS#134) filled in ably for Brupbacher and now will likely start beside him. The only losses this year are ILB Marrious Berry (5 sts, 42 tkls, 2 tfl), WHIP Stephen Archangel (7 tkls), ILB Trey Randall (2 sts, 20 tkls, 4 tfl), ILB JC Reed (18 tkls, 1 sk, 1 int) and WHIP Shawn Henderson (3 tkls). With the return of the injured players plus the addition of Joseph Scott who was PS#86LB (orig at S Miss), this LB corps will have a lot more bite in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - ULL finished #80 in my pass D rankings in 2001 which takes account strength of opponent played. They actually finished #31 in pass yards yielded that season. Last year they had to replace five players who combined for 32 starts but returned their star CB Charles Tillman who is 6-2 yet possess 4.5 speed. Tillman actually moved to FS in the later part of 2002 and led the team with 100 tackles earning 1st Tm SBC honors and later was the Hula Bowl Defensive MVP. Overall the Cajuns finished #90 in my pass D rankings allowing 52.1% with an 18-8 ratio. This year the losses are heavy once again. Gone is Tillman (#2DC of CHI), CB Ivan Taylor (12 sts, 46 tkls, 8 pbu, #4DC of PIT) who also played in the Hula Bowl, CB Carlos Hicks (5 sts, 10 tkls, 2 pbu), SS Peter Villa (5 sts, 39 tkls, 5 tfl) and FS Brian Deamer (5 sts, 46 tkls, 3 tfl). As I mentioned in the LB's the ROV position is like a SS in this unit and that starter returns in Jamal Smith (10 sts). I list the rest of the 2 deep below and Bustle has gone the JUCO route to try to shore up this position. With the loss of 2 NFL caliber players like Tillman and Taylor as well as a number of other players, it will be tough to improve upon last year's poor finish.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Former HC Jerry Baldwin was the DL and special teams coach at LSU prior to his arrival here and I expected him to pay close attention to this unit throughout his career but the highest finish they had in the rankings was #79. Last year practically everyone returned although they did have to replace their top KR and then had their top PR, Nick Dugas, who had 82 yards in PR's versus Minnesota was suspended for the season soon after. The star of the special teams unit was CB Tillman who blocked 3 punts including two vs Arkansas and one vs Minnesota. The team did have a tough three game stretch where their coverage units were disappointing from UAB to New Mexico St and Bustle made serious personnel changes. Bustle, coming over from Virginia Tech where special teams are a priority, saw his unit finish #45 overall in my special teams rankings. True frosh Sean Comiskey (PS#66) hit 9 of 18 FG's with 7 of his misses from 40+. He hit 49 and 50 yard FG's during the year with the 49 yarder being the game winner vs Ark St. P Grant Autrey, who had a super 35.2 net, is back. They lose PR Andrea George (8.1), but the top two KR's are both back. They bring in JUCO Ricky Thomas who was an all-league PR so they should be okay in the return game and with Bustle's priority on this position they should continue to move up the rankings.

COACHES - Ricky Bustle was the OC at Virginia Tech from 1995 to 2001 and enters his second season here after his team went 3-9 last year. His OC is Rob Christophel who is in his 2nd year in that role. Christophel came from Lambuth University where he was the OC for five years and he also was at Idaho St from '92-'96. Brent Pry is the DC and he was a DL coach at W Carolina from 1998 to 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Ragin' Cajuns had three straight winning seasons under Nelson Stokley from 1993 to 1995 and now have had seven straight losing years. Former Head Coach Jerry Baldwin inherited a team that lost nine games in 1998 by an average of 30 ppg with just 49 scholarship players but saw his team make strides each year and in his final year they were outscored by just 12.1 ppg. Last year ULL returned sixteen starters including their QB and appeared poised to move into the upper half of the conference standings. A bright spot early on was a 34-0 victory over CUSA member UAB. Their 4,500 season ticket sales doubled the previous year's sales. Versus New Mexico St they gave up a FG on the last play of the game for the second consecutive year for another close loss. They trailed Arkansas 24-17 and had the ball at the SEC member's 33 with 1:48 left but were intercepted. Last year's team had 66 scholarship players and seven walk-ons were starters. This year they lose 24 lettermen which is the most in the conference and return just 37 which is the least. They have just 11 starters back overall which is tied for least in the conference. On the plus side for the conference race they have 19 upperclassmen starters and five SBC home games with just two on the road. Two of their conference games this year are non-conf teams in Louisiana Tech and Florida Int, a team in just their second year back in football so they are almost guaranteed a win there. They also host ULM and Idaho, two other members battling it out for the basement. The Cajuns disappointed me last year with their 2-4 conference finish. I see a similar result this year.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Eric Rekieta Sr. 6-2 247 3067 yds (49%) 26 pass TD's, 226 rush at JC in '01. 3 sts, 727 yds here LY. **Jerry Babb** (6-2 205 rFr) PS#139. **Devin Williams** is **PS#41**.

RB Chester Johnson So. 5-10 198 164 yds (3.1) as **true**. 4.5 spd. Dwight Lindon (5-9 210 Jr) 1 st, 103 ttl yds LY. Abdule LeVier is PS#316. Ross Rix (5-9 185 rFr) PS#472. 4.5 spd.

FB Wayne Stein Sr. 5-10 214 45 ttl yds in '01. 3 sts LY, 20 rec (5.8). Travis Cones (5-11 225 Jr) PS#341JC. 4.44 spd. 231 ttl yds at JC LY. Patrick Clarkston (6-0 268 Sr).

WR FRED STAMPS SR. 6-0 176 PS#67. 3 sts as **true**, 21 rec (7.2). 11 sts in '01, 43 rec (15.4). 12 sts LY, 54 rec (18.6) **1st Tm SBC**. Eric Bartel (5-8 170 Sr) 3 sts, 10 rec (13.0) LY.

WR Bill Sampy Jr. 6-1 175 1 st, 30 rec (10.9), 20 KR (18.8) in '02. Kemmie Lewis (6-2 180 Jr) 4.45 spd. 40 rec (17.5) at JC LY. Jordan Jackson (6-6 200 Fr) is PS#72.

TE JOSH JOERG SR. 6-4 237 5 sts as **true**, 1 rec. 6 sts in '01, 6 rec (7.3). 10 sts LY, 9 rec (18.8), **2nd Tm SBC**. Lawrence Johnson (6-5 253 Jr). Billy Howard (6-1 210 Sr).

C RONNIE HARVEY JR. 6-0 270 Took over starting C job & started last 9 games. Edward Fane (6-2 280 Jr) PS#451JC in for spring, mobile. Mike Moore (6-3 334 So).

RG BRIAN LLOYD JR. 6-4 350 PS#435OL. 4 starts at RG LY. **Tony Hull** (6-4 282 Sr) 11 sts at RG in '01. 3 sts at C in '02. JaMarcus Edwards (6-3 280 So) PS#253DL.

LG GREG HODGES JR. 6-1 305 Lettered as **true** frosh in '01. 12 starts LY. Chris Perrone (6-5 330 Sr). Good size. 2nd string in 2002. Lanford Lemelle (6-3 280 So).

RT Brandon Cox Fr. 6-8 295 PS#460OL in '02. DNQ. Re-signed in '03 and in for spring. Corey Glover (6-4 295 So) #1 RG out of spring LY but not on 2 deep during year.

LT DEMETRIOS BROOKS JR. 6-3 290 11 sts at RT as rFr. 10 sts at RT LY. Moved to LT this year. Zach Legger (6-4 290 Fr) PS#289. William Chance (6-3 295 Fr) is PS#426.

K SEAN COMISKEY SO. 5-9 155 PS#66K. Hit 9 of 18 FG's with long of 50. 20 of 20 xp's as **true**. 2 of 9 from 40-49. Hit 49 yd gm winner vs Ark St. Kyle Stringer (5-9 170 Fr).

DE ANTONIO FLOYD SR. 6-1 237 PS#200LB. 4 sts, 39 tkls, 5 sks, 9 tfl LY. Gary Rudick II (6-1 226 Jr) 3 sts (inj), 37 tkls, 10 tfl LY. Dallas Charles (6-0 230 Sr) 3 sts, 33 tkls, 3 tfl.

DT D'Anthony Batiste Sr. 6-4 295 PS#200DL. **11 sts** at LG in '01. **6 sts** at LG in '02. Daniel Taylor (6-2 266 Sr) 7 sts in '00. 52 tkls, 6 sks, 8 tfl, 3Y. George Benson is PS#392JC.

DT Darryl Blappert Jr. 6-7 275 PS#188DL & orig signed w/Tulane. 4.75 spd, JUCO. Justin Tylor (6-2 268 Jr) 7 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Kendrick Haynes (6-4 285 Jr) PS#517JC, in for spring.

DE DERACE JAMES SR. 6-3 255 PS#146. **LSU trans**. 11 sts in '01, 35 tkls, 3.5 tfl. 7 sts LY. 39 tkls, 9 tfl. Travis Bass is PS#237JC. Eugene Kwarteng (6-4 221 So) 5 sts, 5 tfl LY.

WHIP JAMAAL SANDERS SR. 5-9 200 JUCO. 5 starts here LY, 26 tkls, 2 tfl. Patrick Lamy (5-10 185 Sr) 25 tkls, 1 int LY. Ricky Calais (5-10 219 Sr) 12 sts, 3 yrs, 76 tkls, 15 tfl.

ILB ROSS BRUPBACHER SR. 6-1 231 3 sts in '99, 6 in 2000. 11 sts in '01, **2nd Tm SBC**, 78 tkls, 4.5 sks, 7 tfl. 3 sts LY (inj). 3 tfl. Mack Fair (6-1 215 rFr) PS#285. Tre' Green is PS#497DB.

ILB Stanley Smith Jr. 6-1 234 **PS#134LB**. 5 sts, 33 tkls, 2 tfl as **true**. 7 sts LY, 49 tkls, 2 tfl. Joseph Scott (6-1 240 Jr) PS#86LB in '01. JC, S Miss trans. Mark Risher is PS#268.

ROV JAMAL SMITH SR. 5-9 200 4 sts in 2000 & '01, 46 tkls, 2 tfl. 10 sts in 2002, 51 tkls, 6 tfl, 2 int (1 for TD), 2 pbu. Jullian Harris (6-0 195 So). Derek Morel (5-10 193 rFr).

CB Ricky Thomas Jr. 6-0 197 PS#379JC. **4.31 spd**. 7 TD's by Int/PR at JUCO, in for spring. Jerell Carter (5-8 175 Jr) 6 tkls in '02. Michael Zataran (5-10 175 rFr).

SS CC Brown Jr. 6-2 205 PS#458JC. 4.5 spd. 89 tkls, 10 pbu at JC LY. Terryl Fenton (5-11 191 So) 14 tkls, 2 pbu as **true**. Antwain Spann (6-0 185 Jr) JC. 4.4 spd.

FS Johnny Felders So. 6-1 180 4.5 speed. 5 tkls, 10 games at CB as **true**. Wendall Williams (6-2 209 Jr) 31 yds rush. 2 rec at RB last 2 years. Dave Prater (6-0 186 So).

P GRANT AUTREY SR. 6-2 192 15 punts in '99, 33.7 avg. 81 punts in 2000, 37.1 avg, 30.0 net, RS in 2001. 78 punts in 2002, 39.8 average and terrific net of 35.2.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

QB	Devin Williams 6-4 210 PS#41
WR	Jordan Jackson 6-6 200 PS#72
OL	Zach Leger 6-4 290 PS#289
LB	Mark Risher 6-2 220 PS#268
DL	Travis Bass 6-1 240 PS#237JC
DL	Darryl Blappert 6-7 275 PS#243JC
LB	Lamar Morgan 6-3 185 PS#345
OL	Will Chance 6-3 295 PS#426
RB	Abdule LeVier 5-11 190 PS#316
DL	Travis Ferguson 6-2 285 PS#391
WR	Brandon McDonald 6-0 175 PS#364
RB	Travis Cones 5-11 225 PS#341JC
QB	Dwain Banister 6-1 205 PS#286
DB	Tre' Green 6-0 215 PS#497
DB	Ricky Thomas 6-0 197 PS#379JC
TE	Chad Beck 6-4 240 PS#164
DT	George Benson 6-3 290 PS#392JC

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#107

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ULL	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	at S Carolina	G						ULL is 2-30 SU the L5Y on the road & have been outscored by 25 ppg. Cajuns are just 2-9 ATS their last 11 as a favorite. Louisiana-Lft is 4-8 SU & ATS in conf play since joining the Sun Belt.
Sep. 6	Louisiana Tech	G						ULL is 0-20 SU but have covered 4 of the last 5 vs the SEC. Cajuns are 0-5 SU, but 4-1 ATS the last 5 road openers.
Sep. 13	Houston	G						The Ragin' Cajuns are 0-4 SU & 1-3 ATS their last 4 vs LA Tech. Louisiana-Lft is 1-5 SU their last 6 home openers (1-2 ATS).
Sep. 20	at Minnesota	A						ULL is 0-4 SU & ATS vs Houston since 1992. Cajuns are 2-15 SU & 5-11 ATS since 1996 vs current CUSA teams.
Sep. 27	at N Texas	A						ULL is 1-14 SU & 6-9 ATS on artificial turf since 1996. ULL is 2-27 SU & 9-17-1 ATS away in September since 1990.
Oct. 4	at Oklahoma St	A						The Cajuns have lost SU & ATS vs N Texas in each of the last 3 seasons. ULL is 2-4 ATS in Sun Belt road games.
Oct. 11	UL Monroe	G						Louisiana is 0-5 SU but 2-1 ATS vs Oklahoma St since 1997. Cajuns are 0-6 SU, but 6-0 ATS vs the Big 12 the last 5 years.
Oct. 18	N Mexico St (HC)	G						ULL is 3-5 SU & 2-5 ATS their last 8 vs UL Monroe. Cajuns have failed to cover any of their 4 home games in this series.
Oct. 25	Idaho	G						The Cajuns are 1-2 SU & 3-0 ATS vs New Mexico St since 1995. New Mexico St has won the last 2 games SU on FG's as time expired.
Nov. 1	at S Mississippi	G						Louisiana is 2-0 SU & ATS vs Idaho in this newly formed series. Last year ULL was down 28-17 & rallied to win 31-28.
Nov. 8	Fla International	G						ULL is 0-6 SU & 1-5 ATS vs S Miss in their last 6 meetings. Ragin' Cajuns are 6-12 ATS in November away games.
Nov. 15	at Middle Tennessee	A						Dolphin connection: Last year's 5-6 Golden Panthers were coached by ex-Miami QB, Don Strock & Tony Nathan is the top assistant.
Nov. 22								ULL is 0-3 SU & 1-2 ATS the last 3 meetings, each time as a dog. Louisiana-Lft is 2-11 SU & 3-9 ATS since 1990 in their final road game.
Nov. 29								

RICKEY BUSTLE (Career 3-9)

2nd Year at Louisiana-Lft

Bustle's records AT LOUISIANA-LFT

3-9	Straight Up	0-1	Home Favorite
5-7	Vs The Spread	2-2	Home Dog
3-5	Off A SU Loss	0-1	Away Favorite
2-4	Vs Conference	3-3	Away Dog
		3-3	Vs Non-Conf

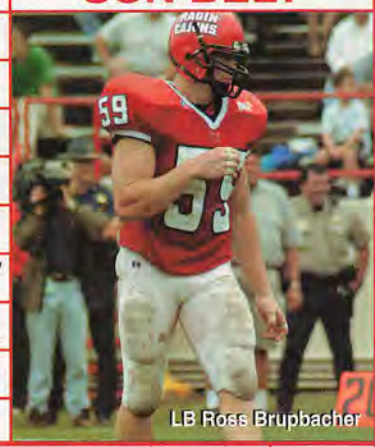
2002 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (15,19,3)
Lost: 24 (7,15,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,056

SUN BELT


LB Ross Brupbacher

STADIUM: CAJUN FIELD (31,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	1-10	2-9	2-9	1-10	3-8	3-9	17-61
ATS	4-6	1-9	5-4	6-4	5-3	2-8	5-7	28-41
Home Fav	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-7
Home Dog	1-0	0-5	1-1	2-0	1-0	1-2	2-2	8-10
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
Away Dog	2-3	1-4	4-3	3-3	4-2	1-5	3-3	18-23
Favorite	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-2	2-8
Dog	3-3	1-9	5-4	5-3	5-2	2-7	5-5	26-33
Grass	4-5	1-6	4-3	4-3	3-3	1-6	5-6	22-32
Artificial	0-1	0-3	1-1	2-1	2-0	1-2	0-1	6-9
vs Conf	1-2	1-3	3-1	2-1	2-1	2-4	2-4	13-16
vs Non-Conf	3-4	0-6	2-3	4-3	3-2	0-4	3-3	15-25
Off SU Win	0-4	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-3	1-2	2-10
Off SU Loss	3-2	1-8	4-3	4-4	5-3	2-5	3-5	22-30

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jerome Coleman	171	530	47	483	7	2.8
Chester Johnson	**53**	**175**	**11**	**164**	**0**	**3.1**
Dwight Lindon	**19**	**43**	**1**	**42**	**0**	**2.2**
Jon Van Cleave	64	157	207	-50	0	-0.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jon Van Cleave	316	169	53.5	2081	9	15
Eric Rekieta	**113**	**65**	**57.5**	**652**	**4**	**4**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Frederick Stamps	**54**	**1002**	**18.6**	**8**	**78**
Andre George	49	531	10.8	2	75
Bill Sampy	**30**	**327**	**10.9**	**0**	**50**
Josh Joerg	**9**	**169**	**18.8**	**1**	**33**
Blake Bourque	17	131	7.7	0	22
Wayne Stein	**20**	**116**	**5.8**	**1**	**30**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Grant Autrey	**78**	**3108**	**39.8**	**62**	**35.2**	**0**	**8**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Sean Comiskey	**20-20**	**2-2**	**4-6**	**2-9**	**1-1**	**9-18**	**50**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Charles Tillman	100	0	2	8	2
Jamal Smith	**51**	**0**	**6**	**2**	**2**
Stanley Smith	**49**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Brian Deamer	46	0	3	0	0
Ivan Taylor	46	0	0	8	0
Walter Sampson	44	3	6	0	0
Marrious Berry	42	0	2	0	0
Derace James	**39**	**2**	**7**	**2**	**0**
Antonio Floyd	**39**	**5**	**9**	**0**	**0**
Peter Villia	39	1	4	1	0
Gary Rudick	**37**	**2**	**8**	**0**	**0**
Dallas Charles	**33**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Jamaal Sanders	**26**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Patrick Lamy	**25**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Andre George	21	170	8.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bill Sampy	**20**	**376**	**18.8**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
70	Rice	NL	Tennessee St	25-26	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

LOUISIANA-LFT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	16.9	16	61	1.9	228	54.2	17.1	-8	2002	6	29.3	18	182	4.3	198	52.1	13.0
5*	21.3	18	93	3.0	244	54.6	15.9	0	2001	10	33.2	20	183	4.3	191	50.6	11.3
10*	15.5	16	124	3.2	162	47.8	18.4	+2	2000	7	32.3	20	151	4.2	236	59.9	12.0
8*	18.5	16	114	2.7	141	47.7	13.8	+4	1999	8	37.7	23	219	5.1	220	55.2	11.6
7*	18.1	16	118	3.0	182	45.7	16.6	-9	1998	6	41.2	23	221	5.2	289	55.1	12.4
7	16.0	16	125	2.9	163	47.3	18.0	-26	1997	5	50.3	22	282	6.2	194	50.4	9.5

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Texas A&M	12	23 - 11	0.5	16 - 42	194	2	22	47 - 179	3.8	18 - 47	244	1	-8
Minnesota	7	25 - 35	1.4	12 - 27	98	1	22	44 - 212	4.8	18 - 27	246	2	-2
at Houston	18	25 - 78	3.1	23 - 44	284	4	22	43 - 199	4.6	11 - 27	182	1	-1
UAB	18	53 - 123	2.3	16 - 23	242	3	8	28 - 122	4.4	6 - 20	94	3	4
at LSU	7	34 - 17	0.5	8 - 26	53	7	17	47 - 205	4.4	10 - 23	154	1	-1
at N Mexico St	17	42 - 147	3.5	22 - 30	228	0	22	44 - 204	4.6	13 - 23	209	1	2
at Mid Tenn	25	32 - 20	0.6	28 - 41	396	3	25	49 - 173	3.5	17 - 24	347	2	0
N Texas St	12	19 - 9	0.5	21 - 41	232	3	16	56 - 213	3.8	7 - 12	147	0	-2
Idaho	20	35 - 96	2.7	23 - 41	328	6	22	32 - 98	3.1	24 - 39	319	2	3
Arkansas St	24	45 - 136	3.0	25 - 34	256	4	8	26 - 158	6.1	10 - 19	103	0	1
at Arkansas	16	30 - 61	2.0	19 - 38	168	4	16	45 - 263	5.8	11 - 15	141	4	-1
at UL Monroe	13	21 - 1	0.0	21 - 45	254	5	19	47 - 161	3.4	14 - 29	189	1	-3
TOTALS	189	384 - 734	1.9	234 - 432	2733	42	219	508 - 2187	4.3	159 - 305	2375	18	-8
AVERAGES	15.8	32 - 61	1.9	20 - 36	228	3.5	18.3	42 - 182	4.3	13 - 25	198	1.5	-0.7

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arkansas	+32	17-38	W
Northwestern St	NL	22-24	–
at LA Tech	+20	14-77	L
at S Mississippi	+35	0-55	L
at UAB	+19	13-24	W
Arkansas St	+6	21-19	W
UCF	+28	10-42	L
at Tulane	+36'	20-72	L
at NE Louisiana	+11	24-34	W
at Oklahoma	+35'	20-44	W
W Kentucky	NL	38-24	–

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oklahoma St	+34	7-24	W
Texas Tech	+22	17-38	W
at Houston	+21	0-45	L
Mid Tenn St	-2	45-31	W
LA Tech	+15	31-41	W
at Wash St	+21	0-44	L
at Tulane	+27'	32-48	W
NE Louisiana	-3	7-31	L
at Arkansas St	+10'	27-31	W
at S Mississippi	+37	0-48	L
Wofford	NL	37-34	–

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Sam Houston St	NL	14-21	–
at Texas	+46'	10-52	W
at Texas Tech	+32	0-26	W
Northwestern St	NL	21-23	–
at UAB	+19	2-47	L
Tulane	+20'	37-38	W
at LA Tech	+6	14-48	L
N Texas	-4'	0-13	L
at UL Monroe	+2	21-18	W
Jacksonville St	NL	14-28	–
at Mid Tenn St	+26'	38-41 OT	W

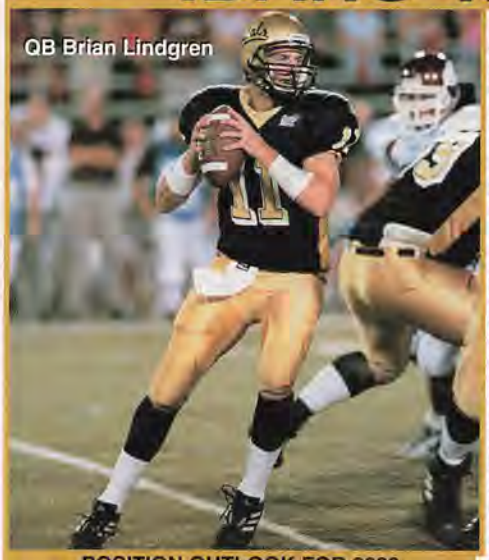
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nicholls St	NL	20-0	–
at Minnesota	+24'	14-44	L
S Mississippi	+24'	10-35	L
Mid Tenn St	+16	9-26	L
at Arizona St	+33	27-63	L
at Arkansas St	+3'	20-26	L
at Idaho	+11	54-37	W
UL Monroe	-8	17-12	L
at N Texas	+10	17-42	L
N Mexico St	+7'	46-49	W
at UCF	+28'	0-31	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas A&M	+28'	7-31	W
Minnesota	+13	11-35	L
at Houston	+9	17-36	L
UAB	+7'	34-0	W
at LSU	+27'	0-48	L
at N Mexico St	+12'	28-31	W
at Middle Tenn	+9'	35-48	L
N Texas	+4	0-27	L
Idaho	+1'	31-28	W
Arkansas St	-3'	13-10	L
at Arkansas	+34	17-24	W
at UL Monroe	-4	10-34	L

IDAHO VANDALS


QB Brian Lindgren

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Idaho has been known for producing top-notch QB's such as John Friesz, Doug Nussmeier, Ken Hobart and Ryan Fien who combined for seven seasons of over 3,000 yards passing between 1982 and 1996. In 2001 Brian Lindgren (PS#51) beat out Adam Mallette in a spirited battle for the backup spot to John Welsh. Lindgren saw far more action than expected as Welsh was injured and missed three games. Lindgren threw for 1,611 yards (59.2%) with a 10-10 ratio which paled in comparison to Welsh who had an 18-5 ratio in his 8 starts and 64.4% completions. Lindgren did throw for 427 yards vs Boise St which was the 6th best in school history in his first start and then set 3 new school records with 637 yards, 71 attempts and 49 completions vs MTSU. Coming into last season the battle was for the backup spot between Mallette and Michael Harrington (6-4 194 So) who was PS#79 and is Joey's brother. Lindgren threw for 2,763 yards (62.8%) with a 19-10 ratio and was 1st Team SBC. He was 7th in the NCAA in passing yards prior to the N Texas game. It was an interesting week prior to the game as Cable opened up the starting job because of Lindgren's 3 int's vs ULL. Lindgren retained his job and hit 7 of 10 for 107 yards vs NT but broke his left clavicle and would miss the last two and a half games. Mallette got the start vs Ark St and hit a respectable 14 of 26 for 162 yards while Harrington only hit 4 of 14 for 23. Harrington, however, played the majority of the season finale hitting 20 of 35 for 219 yards. Mallette has transferred. Lindgren made outstanding progress last year in his ratio and should have his best season by far in his senior year.

RUNNING BACKS - Idaho did have a 1,000 yard rusher in 2000 but in 2001 their leading rusher was Blair Lewis who had 509 yards (5.2). He was on pace for a 1,000 yard season but was injured in the sixth game and Zach Gerstner (5-10 202 Sr) led the team in rushing down the stretch with 339 yards (4.1). Both were back last season and the group added Malfred Shaw who had rushed for 1,475 yards (6.4) in just nine games at JUCO in 2001. Gerstner had a solid spring and in the opener rushed for 93 yards vs Boise St. After starting the first two games he finished the year with just 281 yards (4.1). Shaw led the team in rushing the next three games including efforts of 86 yards vs Oregon and 80 vs San Diego St but he finished with just 301 yards (5.0). Lewis, who was still recovering from 2001's season ending knee injury, did not see his first action until the third week and after five games he had just 132 yards. In the last seven games however he had 798 yards (114 ypg). This year they must replace Lewis as well as FB Kevin O'Connell (12 sts, 36 yds, 18 rec). Both Shaw and Gerstner showed they were capable of being a feature back and they add in Tulsa transfer Kevin McKenzie. I list the FB's below. Not listed below is FB Keith Greer (6-2 250 So). Also moving over to FB is Jordan Lampos (5-10 238 Sr) who has 3 starts, 83 tackles and 7 tfl at LB the last two years. While Lewis was really only around for half the season last year, he was clearly the top back and I call this unit a little weaker in 2003.

RECEIVERS - Last year Idaho had to replace 3 of their top 5 receivers due to graduation and a couple of JUCO's, who were supposed to make a major impact, did not play. The leading receiver was Josh Jelmberg who had 64 rec's (12.3) despite missing two full games and parts of two others with a separated shoulder. He departs as does Chris Belser (PS#98, 4 sts, 47 rec). Orlando Winston was #2 last season with 50 (12.5) and Jeff Stowe had 30 (12.1) as a true frosh. TE Kelly Nead moved over from DE and had 11 rec's (13.1). Not listed below are Robert Nembhard (5-10 170 So), Wendell Octave (6-1 185 rFr), Jimmy Labita (5-9 166 Jr) and TE's Brendan Floyd (6-6 235 Jr, PS#134DL) and Luke Smith-Anderson (6-5 250 So, PS#82). They add in 3 JUCO WR's this year as well. This group has more experience than last season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Head coach Tom Cable used to be an OL coach so you know this unit is a priority and this year he's taking over the coaching of this unit as last year's OL coach, Tim Drevno, left to become OC at the University of San Diego. In 2001 the unit had to replace four three year starters and paved the way for 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 42 sacks (8.5%). Last year it appeared all five starters would return but one departed over the summer. Surprisingly they averaged just 3.5 ypc rushing while allowing 37 sacks (7.2%). This year they must replace SG Robert Mitchell (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), ST Joshua Jelinek (12 sts), backups WT Seann Mumford and C Drew Burton. Michael Togafau who was 2nd string now moves to the DL. I look for improved numbers in 2003.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Vandals had allowed just 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 ypc rushing in the 3 years prior to Cable's arrival. In his first year here they yielded 4.4 ypc and then in 2001 gave up 200 ypg and 4.8 ypc rushing while recording just 17 sacks. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 15 starts and 62 tackles and brought in four JUCO's. Overall the Vandals allowed 4.7 ypc rushing while recording 26 sacks. This year they must replace DT Tali Atoe (12 sts, 51 tkls, 6 sks, 8 tfl), DT Dennis Taeatafa (4 sts, 34 tkls, 4 tfl) and DT Mike Jones (1 st, 5 tkls). They also move starting DE Kody Kraus to LB so only two full-time starters return but they do add two JUCO's to the mix. While this unit is a little less experienced, Cable said "It's the best I've felt about that position." This year's group should improve upon the last three years' poor defensive numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Vandals had to replace one starter who was their #1 tackler and one backup due to graduation but did have four players returning with starting experience including two full-time starters. This year they must replace SLB Jordan Kramer (11 sts, 1st Tm SBC, #1 tkl'r, 14 tfl) and SLB James Staley (35 tkls). They move starting DE Kody Kraus into the unit to give them three full-time starters returning and four players with starting experience. Despite the loss of its #1 tackler for a second straight year this unit is more experienced than last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 Idaho's inexperienced secondary led the NCAA in TD passes allowed with 28. In fact, in the last three years Idaho has allowed 77 TD's with just 19 interceptions. After finishing #116 in my pass D rankings in 2001, the unit had to replace two starters last year and they allowed 58.8% with a 21-8 ratio and finished #105. This year they must replace SS Sergio Robleto (10 sts, 44 tkls, 3 tfl), CB Nicq Hale (7 sts, 22 tkls, 6 pbu), CB Ed Rankin (7 sts, 18 tkls, 4 pbu) and CB Sammy Ruben (4 tkls). They bring in a couple of JUCO's who will contend for time immediately and this unit can only be stronger.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2001 Idaho finished #108 in my special teams rankings and would have been even lower had FG's been included as they hit just 6 of 15 FG's. Special teams mistakes cost the team greatly as they allowed 5 returns for TD's and also fumbled a punt and KO to set up scores for their opponents. Cable brought in a new special teams coordinator last year in Gary Coston. They also signed true frosh Mike Barrow (PS#31) who had an amazing statistic of allowing opponents zero yards in PR's in HS due to his outstanding hang time and also had 80% of his KO's go into the endzone. Barrow, however, redshirted but should be a weapon this season. Overall the team surprisingly moved all the way up to #32 in my special teams rankings thanks to P Ryan Downes whose net went from 33.9 to 37.1. They also signed Cedric Thompson who averaged 31.8 as a KR in JUCO and he led the team with 8.3 on PR's and 22.6 on KR's. Kicker Keith Stamps departs but he only hit 7 of 17 FG's with a long of 49. Barrow will battle Brian Pope and Downes (PS#75) for the FG duties. The team also signed JUCO Matt Miller who averaged 14.5 on his 27 PR's last year. This has the makings of a pretty good unit and one that should finish near the top of the SBC this season.

COACHES - Tom Cable returns for his fourth season. There was a lot of pressure at the end of last year to fire Cable since he has opened up with a 8-26 record but they opted to retain him for the 2003 season. Cable turned down the OC post at UCLA in December. His OC is Bret Ingalis who is also in his fourth season here and the DC is Ed Lamb. In 1995-'96 Ingalis was the OC at Louisville and then at N Iowa from '97-'99. Lamb, who was the DB coach the last 3 years, has relinquished those duties and will strictly concentrate on his coordinating.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

This team has had just four losing seasons since 1982 but Tom Cable has been head man for three of them. The Vandals have underperformed the last two years. In 2001 they were -16 in turnovers. The turnovers and special team mistakes hurt the defense and they allowed 45.0 ppg, worst in the NCAA. Idaho's defense did improve last year, allowing 35.7 ppg but surprisingly their high flying offense tailed off averaging just 23.8. Idaho has finished in the basement of the SBC for two straight years. Last year they narrowly missed out on escaping as they blew two 14 point leads against ULL and when ULL scored a TD with :49 left, it was their first lead of the game. Idaho was one of those rare teams that repeated double digit misfortune in the turnovers at -14 last year (see page 310). They play in the Kibbie Dome where they have compiled a 99-40-1 SU record since 1975. Idaho's non-conf schedule last year was murderous as they faced Boise St, Wash St, Oregon and Washington (all bowl teams) and Montana which was #1 in IAA. Despite their last place finish last year, Idaho was only second worst in the conference in scoring -7.2 ppg and second to last in yards (-38.4 per game). I do seven sets of power ratings each year and one of them has Idaho as the fourth best team in the SBC finishing with a 4-3 record in conference play so they do have a good chance to make some noise this year. Unfortunately the rest of the ratings have them winning just one or two conference games and a look at the schedule shows just 3 home and four on the road in SBC play. It looks like a third consecutive finish in the lower half of the SBC standings.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB BRIAN LINDGREN SR. 6-4 208 PS#51. 3 sts in '01, 1611 yds (59%), 10-10 ratio. 10 sts LY, **1st Tm SBC**, 2763 yds (63%), 19-10 ratio. Michael Harrington (6-4 194 So) PS#79, 272 yds LY.

RB Malfred Shaw Sr. 5-10 212 1475 yds (6.4) @ JC in '01. 4 sts LY, 301 yds (5.0). Zach Gerstner has 924 yds (4.2) 3 yrs, 52 rec. Kevin McKenzie (5-10 205 Jr) 144 yds as **true** @ Tulsa.

FB Brian Yarno Jr. 6-0 236 LS LY, #3 FB. Willie Sipoloa (6-2 259 Jr) PS#175, 2 sts, 8 gms, 2Y. Nate Griffin (5-11 236 Jr) PS#157. 6 sts as **true**. Jordan Lampos 83 tkls, 2Y.

WR ORLANDO WINSTON SR. 6-0 187 17 rec (11.8) as So. 10 sts LY, 50 rec (12.5). Cedric Thompson (5-8 175 Sr) PS#207JC. 1078 ret yds here LY. Justin Wall 30 rec (23.3) at JC LY.

WR Jeff Stowe So. 6-0 198 PS#222, 30 rec (12.1) as **true**. Matt Miller (5-11 175 Jr) PS#158JC. Bob Bernal-Wood (6-2 190 Jr) PS#312JC. 64 rec (15.6) at JC LY.

TE KELLY NEAD SR. 6-4 252 PS#550JC. 9 sts here LY, 11 rec (13.1). Michael McCoy (6-2 242 Sr) PS#145TE, 12 sts, 23 rec (11.2), 2Y. Tyler Scott (6-3 260 So) PS#191LB.

C MATT MARTINEZ SR. 6-2 304 PS#188DL. 5 games as rFr. 10 sts at C in '01. 12 sts at C LY. Rimington watch list. Jarrod Schulte (6-3 260 So). Eric Nave is PS#515OL.

RG Kyle Stewart Sr. 6-3 296 PS#189OL. 4 games in '01. 2nd string in '02 but only 2 games. 2L. Jade Tadvick (6-5 298 rFr). Geoff Zuber (6-4 300 rFr) PS#130TE.

LG JASON COBB SR. 6-4 298 1 game in 2000. 11 sts in 2001. 12 sts at WG LY. Kelly Adams (6-4 322 So) PS#194OL. Inj'd in 2002. Tony Kiel (6-3 336 Jr) PS#435OL.

RT Hank Therien rFr. 6-7 318 PS#481OL. #1 ST in spring. Matt Newell (6-8 285 rFr). Michael Bakken (6-4 300 Jr) JUCO. Ryan Waage (6-4 308 So) PS#410.

LT JAKE SCOTT SR. 6-5 283 11 sts as rFr, **HM BW**. 10 sts at WT in '01, **2nd Tm SBC**. 12 sts at WT LY. Jake Leachman (6-5 267 So) PS#310. Nate VanderPol (6-6 290 rFr) PS#171.

K Mike Barrow rFr. 5-11 165 PS#31. 80% of KO into EZ in HS. Zero missed FG inside 35 yds. L/44. Brian Pope (6-2 203 Sr) 6 of 6 FG's, L/47 at JC in '00. 1 of 7 FG's in '01. KO's LY.

DE BRANDON KANIA JR. 6-3 236 L/9 sts in '01, 46 tkls, 7 sks, 3 tfl, **2nd Team SBC as true**. L/8 sts LY, 41 tkls, 4 sks. Mike Bonelli (6-2 236 So) PS#232. Andrew Stobart (6-2 235 rFr).

DT Kelly Talavou So. 6-0 310 1 st as **true**, 23 tkls, 2 tfl. Michael Togafau (6-3 291 Jr) 2nd string OL in '02, 3 games, 0 letters. Jeff Edwards (6-3 250 So) PS#395DL.

DT BRIAN HOWARD SR. 6-3 287 PS#375. 3 tkls as **true**. L/9 sts in '01, 44 tkls, 4 sks, 4 tfl, 3 pbu. 12 sts LY, 54 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl. Jason Jones (6-4 330 Sr) PS#176 in 2000. JC.

DE Tim Bertalot So. 6-1 230 PS#377LB. Moved to DE from LB. Eric Davis (6-5 240 Jr) PS#184JC, in for spring. Ernest Davis (6-6 230 Jr) PS#228JC, in for spring.

SLB MIKE ANDERSON SO. 6-2 238 3 sts in '02, 51 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl. 1 int, 2 pbu. **Kody Kraus** (6-3 237 Sr) PS#475JC. 10 sts at DE in '02, 28 tkls, 1 sk, 1 tfl. Moved to LB in spg.

MLB PATRICK LIBEY SR. 6-1 240 28 tkls, 5 tfl in 2000. 8 sts in '01, 56 tkls, 5 tfl. 12 sts at MLB in '02, 69 tkls, 1 int. Jaron Williams (6-1 210 rFr). Josh Bousman is PS#189LB.

WLB CHAD KODAMA SR. 6-2 232 RS @ QB in '99. 6 games at LB in 2000. 4 tkls, 1 tfl in '01. 10 sts at WLB in '02. 48 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl. Robert Davis (6-4 195 rFr) PS#416DB.

CB JR Ruffin Jr. 5-11 195 PS#197 in 2000. JC, solid cover CB. Brandon Mascorro (5-9 170 rFr) WR/DB in HS. Shung Peoples (5-10 182 Sr) 858 yds at JC in '01. RB LY.

CB ROD BRYANT SR. 6-1 180 50 tkls, 8 pbu at JUCO in '01. In for fall LY & 10 sts, 51 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu. Antjuan Tolbert (6-0 174 Jr) 1 st, 19 tkls in '01. Ben Allen was PS#345JC LY.

SS ROBERT ORTEGA SR. 6-1 200 3 int, 18 pbu at JC in '01. 6 sts here LY (inj 6), 14 tkls, 1 tfl, 4 pbu. Chad Troxel (5-6 175 Sr) 2 sts, 22 tkls, 1 pbu in '02. Curtis Bibolet is PS#422JC.

FS Darryl Murphy Sr. 5-11 185 PS#276JC. 5 int in '01. 4 sts here LY, 26 tkls, 1 tfl. Nate Nichols (6-2 206 So) PS#113DB. 1 st, 8 tkls. Simeon Stewart (5-8 175 Jr) PS#380.

P RYAN DOWNES SR. 6-5 224 58 punts in 2000, 35.9 avg, net of 31.3. 46 punts in '01, 39.2 avg, net of 33.9. 56 punts in 2002, 41.8 avg, **net of 37.1**. Mike Barrow is PS#31.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

QB	Brian Nooy 6-3 185 PS#90
RB	Akeem Anthony 5-6 160 PS#135
LB	Josh Bousman 6-3 210 PS#189
WR	Matt Miller 5-11 175 PS#158JC
DL	Eric Davis 6-5 240 PS#184JC
QB	Chris Joseph 6-3 190 PS#193
DL	Ernest Davis 6-6 230 PS#228JC
DL	Dan Aizpitarte 6-3 240 PS#293
LB	Sam Tossie 6-1 240 PS#345
LB	Chad Pool 5-10 180 PS#346
TE	Colin Whitney 6-4 225 PS#125
WR	Bobby Bernal-Wood 6-2 190 PS#312JC
WR	Chris Kehne 6-4 190 PS#340
TE	Cliff Mason 5-10 205 PS#141
OL	Eric Nave 6-3 245 PS#515

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IDAHO VANDALS

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#102

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UI	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Vandals are just 2-5 SU & ATS L/7 games vs current WAC opponents. Idaho is 1-9 ATS when favored under Cable. The Vandals are 6-3 ATS as an away dog the last 2 years.
Aug. 30	at Washington St	A						Idaho is 1-8 SU & 3-6 ATS the last 9 vs Pac 10 teams. This game takes place at Safeco Field in Seattle, WA.
Sep. 6	E Washington	A						E Washington was 6-5 & lost to Arizona St 38-2 in only Div IA game LY. UI is 3-1 SU vs E Washington w/the avg score 34-22' in these contests.
Sep. 13	Boise St	A						Vandals are 1-5 SU & ATS the last 6 years vs Boise St. Idaho is 15-9 ATS vs non-conference opponents the last 24.
Sep. 20	at Washington	A						UI is a very respectable 1-3 SU & 2-2 ATS the L4Y vs the Huskies. Prior to 2003, Idaho had lost the last 14 consecutive road games SU.
Sep. 27	at Montana	G						UI is 0-3 SU vs Montana L/3, each gm being decided by 7 pts or less. Montana was 11-3 last year & #6 in the final IAA Poll.
Oct. 4	at New Mexico St	G						Idaho is 0-7 SU on grass the last 3 years. The dog is 6-1 ATS & the visitor is 5-2 ATS in this series.
Oct. 11	N Texas (HC)	A						UI is 1-3 ATS the last 4 years vs North Texas. The road team has covered 4 of the last 5 series meetings.
Oct. 18	Middle Tennessee	A						These teams combined for 167 pts in 2 games. UI is 2-0 ATS. Last year IU had a 468-341 yd edge vs MTSU at the Kibbie Dome.
Oct. 25	at Louisiana-Lft	G						Idaho is 0-2 SU & ATS in Sun Belt action vs the Cajuns. The Vandals are 2-4 ATS the last 6 before a bye.
Nov. 1								
Nov. 8	at Arkansas St	G						Idaho has been favored in the 5 previous matchups, 1-3 ATS the last 4. Vandals are 1-4 ATS the last 5 after a bye week.
Nov. 15	at UL Monroe	G						Pending LW: Idaho is 5-13-1 ATS in November since 1996. Coming into 2003: The Vandals are 0-5 ATS as an away favorite the L/5.
Nov. 22	Utah St	A						UI is 4-10-1 ATS as a home favorite their last 15. Idaho is 1-6 ATS their last 7 lined home finales.
Nov. 29								

TOM CABLE (Career 8-26)
4th Year at Idaho

Cable's records AT IDAHO

8-26	Straight Up	1-4	Home Favorite
12-18	Vs The Spread	3-3	Home Dog
9-11	Off A SU Loss	0-5	Away Favorite
6-11	Vs Conference	8-6	Away Dog
		6-7	Vs Non-Conf

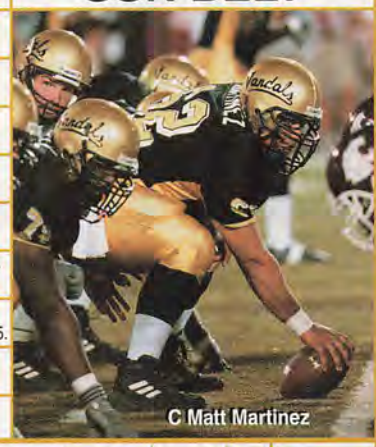
2002 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (17,19,2)
Lost: 17 (8,8,1)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 10,931

SUN BELT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STADIUM: KIBBIE DOME (16,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	5-6	8-3	7-4	5-6	1-10	2-10	34-44
ATS	2-4-1	5-4	6-3	4-5	3-6	3-7	6-5	29-34-1
Home Fav	0-1-1	2-1	0-2	1-2	1-1	0-2	0-1	4-10-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	3-0	3-4
Away Fav	1-1	2-0	3-1	2-2	0-2	0-1	0-2	8-9
Away Dog	1-2	1-2	3-0	1-1	2-3	3-1	3-2	14-11
Favorite	1-2-1	4-1	3-3	3-4	1-3	0-3	0-3	12-19-1
Dog	1-2	1-3	3-0	1-1	2-3	3-4	6-2	17-15
Grass	1-2	2-2	4-0	2-3	0-1	2-1	1-2	12-11
Artificial	1-2-1	3-2	2-3	2-2	3-5	1-6	5-3	17-23-1
vs Conf	1-3	2-3	2-3	2-4	1-4	2-4	3-3	13-24
vs Non-Conf	1-1-1	3-1	4-0	2-1	2-2	1-3	3-2	16-10-1
Off SU Win	0-3	1-3	4-3	2-4	1-3	0-1	1-1	9-18
Off SU Loss	1-1-1	3-1	2-0	2-1	2-2	3-5	4-4	17-14-1

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Humanitarian	+17	S Mississippi	42-35	W

IDAHO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	23.8	22	115	3.5	290	59.0	17.0	-14	2002	7	35.7	22	190	4.7	274	58.8	13.0
5*	28.5	25	115	3.4	348	62.2	16.3	-16	2001	5	45.0	25	200	4.8	278	64.0	10.6
8*	29.2	23	148	3.9	305	61.9	15.5	-12	2000	7	34.3	21	167	4.4	271	53.8	12.8
10*	27.6	20	148	3.9	216	46.6	13.2	+1	1999	8	25.7	19	136	3.5	220	48.5	13.8
5	32.7	22	180	4.6	264	52.8	13.6	-8	1998	6	26.4	20	136	3.4	263	49.5	15.1
6	27.5	21	126	3.9	272	53.7	14.5	+7	1997	7	23.9	19	129	3.3	252	51.0	15.9

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Blair Lewis	176	1003	73	930	11	5.3
Malfred Shaw	**60**	**305**	**4**	**301**	**1**	**5.0**
Zach Gerstner	**68**	**287**	**6**	**281**	**1**	**4.1**
Brian Lindgren	**47**	**52**	**149**	**-97**	**0**	**-2.1**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brian Lindgren	**382**	**240**	**62.8**	**2763**	**19**	**10**
Adam Mallette	70	32	45.7	351	2	2
Michael Harrington	**57**	**27**	**47.4**	**272**	**2**	**6**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Josh Jelmberg	64	785	12.3	8	40
Orlando Winston	**50**	**624**	**12.5**	**1**	**30**
Chris Belser	47	596	12.7	4	37
Jeff Stowe	**30**	**363**	**12.1**	**2**	**36**
Eric Hunter	17	287	16.9	2	43

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Downes	**56**	**2338**	**41.8**	**60**	**37.1**	**0**	**17**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Keith Stamps	36-36	0-0	4-7	3-9	0-1	7-17	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jordan Kramer	124	5	9	1	1
Patrick Libey	**69**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**1**
Brian Howard	**54**	**5**	**5**	**4**	**0**
Tali Atoe	51	6	8	1	0
Mike Anderson	**51**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**1**
Rod Bryant	**51**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**2**
Chad Kodama	**48**	**2**	**3**	**1**	**1**
Sergio Robleto	44	2	1	1	2
Brandon Kania	**41**	**4**	**4**	**0**	**0**
James Staley	35	0	1	1	0
Dennis Taeatafa	34	0	4	0	0
Jordan Lampos	**31**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Kody Kraus	**28**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Darryl Murphy	**26**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Cedric Thompson	**29**	**242**	**8.3**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Cedric Thompson	**37**	**836**	**22.6**	**0**

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Boise St	23	32 - 93	2.9	26 - 41	272	2	24	37 - 233	6.3	20 - 25	270	1	-2
at Wash St	19	34 - 51	1.5	33 - 49	267	6	19	33 - 240	7.3	16 - 22	277	2	0
at Oregon	28	44 - 124	2.8	30 - 45	280	4	16	35 - 165	4.7	11 - 25	238	2	-3
San Diego St	34	44 - 149	3.4	29 - 46	382	2	26	22 - 79	3.6	29 - 49	506	2	0
at Washington	24	25 - 95	3.8	22 - 40	309	2	30	45 - 129	2.9	32 - 45	438	3	-1
Montana	22	32 - 122	3.8	30 - 49	333	6	19	40 - 81	2.0	16 - 28	311	6	-1
at UL Monroe	26	30 - 87	2.9	35 - 57	415	3	29	47 - 326	6.9	20 - 27	274	0	+2
Middle Tennessee	17	38 - 242	6.4	14 - 26	226	1	16	50 - 256	5.1	8 - 25	85	3	-2
at Louisiana-Lft	22	32 - 98	3.1	24 - 39	319	2	20	35 - 96	2.7	23 - 41	328	6	-3
at N Texas	11	29 - 68	2.3	14 - 33	180	4	17	50 - 225	4.5	3 - 14	50	0	+2
Arkansas St	18	26 - 80	3.1	19 - 41	215	4	26	54 - 294	5.4	11 - 23	173	0	-5
New Mexico St	25	30 - 171	5.7	26 - 46	277	1	25	41 - 158	3.9	19 - 30	343	1	-1
TOTALS	269	396 - 1380	3.5	302 - 512	3475	37	267	489 - 2282	4.7	208 - 354	3293	26	-14
AVERAGES	22.4	33 - 115	3.5	25 - 43	290	3.1	22.3	41 - 190	4.7	17 - 30	274	2.2	-1.2

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Washington	NL	31-14	–
at San Jose St	+9	17-12	W
at Washington St	+16	16-24	W
at LSU	+34'	20-53	W
Idaho St	NL	52-3	–
at Arkansas St	-3	52-14	W
at Utah St	-5'	26-14	W
Nevada	-3	23-58	L
at N Texas	-3	41-23	W
N Mexico St	-15	36-32	L
at Boise St	-2'	36-35 OT	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at E Washington	NL	48-21	–
at Auburn	+11	23-30	W
at Washington St	-3	28-17	W
at Wyoming	+9'	13-28	L
N Texas	-20	28-10	L
at Arkansas St	-7'	30-24 OT	L
Utah St	-6'	31-3	W
at N Mexico St	-5'	14-42	L
at Nevada	-2'	42-33	W
at Montana	NL	33-30	–
Boise St	-2'	14-45	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Washington	+22	20-44	L
Montana	NL	38-45	–
at Oregon	+21	13-42	L
at Washington St	+10'	38-34	W
Montana St	NL	56-7	–
at W Virginia	+13	16-28	W
Arkansas St	-12	42-25	W
at Utah St	-11'	14-31	L
at N Texas	-13'	16-14	L
N Mexico St	-7	44-41 2OT	L
at Boise St	+14'	24-66	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Washington St	+9	7-36	L
at Arizona	+19	29-36	W
at Washington	+25'	3-53	L
Boise St	+11'	13-45	L
at Mid Tenn St	+19'	58-70	W
at N Mexico St	+13	39-46	W
Louisiana-Lft	-11	37-54	L
at Arkansas St	-5'	31-34	L
UL Monroe	-14	42-38	L
N Texas	+3	27-50	L
at Montana	NL	27-33 2OT	–

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boise St	+23	21-38	W
at Wash St	+27	14-49	L
at Oregon	+32'	21-58	L
San Diego St	+7'	48-38	W
at Washington	+30'	27-41	W
Montana	NL	31-38	–
at UL Monroe	-10'	14-34	L
Middle Tenn	+3'	21-18	W
at Louisiana-Lft	-1	28-31	L
at N Texas	+14	0-10	W
Arkansas St	-3'	29-38	L
N Mexico St	+4'	31-35	W

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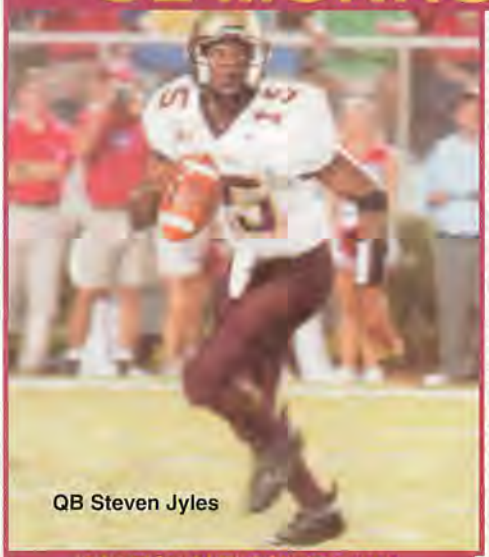

QB Steven Jyles

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the team had to replace its top two QB's. Adam Gatlin was the projected starter but did not qualify for the third straight year and only one QB went through spring in Daniel DaPrato. DaPrato had thrown for 1,635 yards and 11 TD's rushing for 500 yards as a soph at JUCO. The team made a late signing of former Wash St signee Kjell Nesen who broke WSU's QB record in the forty. True frosh Steven Jyles was very impressive in August. Nesen fell behind Jyles and DaPrato and eventually became the team's top punter. He transferred out after last year. DaPrato started the first three games vs some pretty tough competition and hit 19 of 43 for 195 yards (44.2%) with an 0-4 ratio. Jyles saw plenty of action in those three games and was impressive enough to earn the starting job vs Ark St. He then threw for over 200 yards in each of his first five starts. He was the first ULM QB to top 200 yards in three or more straight games since 1995. He had an incredible game against Utah St hitting 26 of 43 for 470 yards with 4 TD's, the 5th highest passing yard total in school history. He also started out setting a school record tossing 164 passes without an interception. He did not top 200 yards passing in the last 4 games but finished with 2,318 yards (49.2%) with a 17-9 ratio while rushing for 339 gross yards. He and DaPrato both return. Also in the mix are Ryan Breedlove (6-3 190 Jr), Ivan Mashia (6-1 180 So) and this year's true frosh. Jyles now has a spring under his belt and should be one of the SBC's better QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - ULM had not had a successful rush offense in quite some time. In fact prior to last year, their best output in the last 8 years was 129 ypg (3.2) and that came in 1999. Last year their leading rusher returned in Bryant Jacobs but he only had 305 yards (3.0) in 2001. It was truly a remarkable year for Jacobs who became the first player to top 100 yards rushing in a game here in two and a half years and his six 100 yard games set a school record. Jacobs was the first RB here to top 1,000 yards in a season since 1993 as he totalled 1,043 yards (5.1). He will be missed. I list his potential replacements below. Mason Denham had 700 yards (4.1) at JUCO last year (13 TD's). They also signed a rare HT last year in Zan Johnson (PS#95) who did not qualify but should be here in August. I think those two will contend for the top spot. FB Ivory Brown, their #2 rusher in 2001, was declared academically ineligible. The team de-emphasized the FB role as true frosh Jason Schule (6-0 223 So, PS#421) started at FB in the opener (team only started a FB once) and had just 68 yards of total offense all year. His backup is Joey Trappey (6-1 206 So). Also in the mix is Krishun Williams (5-10 221 So), Kevin Payne (6-1 200 rFr), Erroll Hogan (5-9 192 So), Sylvester Cain (5-6 171 So) and Eric Smith (5-11 200 rFr, PS#328). It will be tough to match Jacobs' production although there is some talent here.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team returned all of their top receivers from 2001 including Mack Vincent who led the way with 47 (13.2). Vincent had a break out year in 2002. He broke Chicago Bear star Marty Booker's school record for both rec's and yards in a season with 79 rec's and 1,198 yards (15.2). Floyd Smith, an emergency QB who hit 1 of 6 passing at QB in 2001, adjusted well to his move to WR with 39 rec's (11.0). Drouzon Quillen is huge (6-6 187) and as a true frosh he caught just one pass in the first 4 games but then had 8 rec's against Tulane and 32 (16.1) for the season. This could be the best trio of WR's in the SBC as they all return. The only losses from this unit are TE Ben Wright (8 rec, 11.4) and WR Sean Brown (1 st, 3 rec).

OFFENSIVE LINE - ULM averaged just 2.0 ypc rushing in 2000 and 2.5 in 2001. Last year four starters returned and they had nine of the top ten back. Starting C Robert Aguirre moved to RT and ended up losing his job and another starting OL, Leo Pruneda did not start all season so basically only two starters retained their jobs. Overall the unit paved the way for 3.54 ypc rushing while allowing 24 sacks. This year the unit is in great shape as four starters return with the only losses being LG Zack Sims (11 sts, 2 yr st'r) and backups LT Larry Pink (1 st) and Pruneda. Seven players return with starting experience and they add in a top-notch JUCO so this group is even more experienced and should continue to improve.

DEFENSIVE LINE - ULM allowed a solid 3.5 ypc rushing in 2001 while recording 25 sacks. Last year they had to replace their top DT and one backup but then lost starting DE Marbrae Wilson in game 4 to injury and switched to a 3-3-5 defense so just three DL's logged time down the stretch. This year the only losses are backup DL Lloyd Brimmer (7 tkls, 1 tfl) and DE Brennan Bertrand (1 st, 18 tkls, 1.5 tfl). The star of the unit John Thompson (S Car transfer) returns and in the 2 deep that I list below seven players have starting experience. NT Corey Conde broke his ankle the first week of spring but is expected to return. The unit is so deep that not even listed are DE Lamont Finley (6-3 226 Jr) who had 16 tackles, Chris Berymon (6-2 195 rFr), Dwight Summerville (6-2 280 Jr, PS#443JC), Brett Schleiger (6-3 290 Sr), and Chad Leggett (6-5 225 rFr). ULM allowed a surprising 4.66 ypc rushing last year while recording just 17 sacks but I think the DL will be much more productive in 2003.

LINEBACKERS - ULM's overall defense got a lot weaker last year despite nine returning starters. One of the main reasons for the drop off was the loss of LB Maurice Sonnier after four starts due to a broken ankle after he was voted the preseason SBC Def POY. John Winchester missed the first four starts due to injury, but still finished #3 in tackles. This year the unit loses Carlos Hughes (9 sts, 111 tkls, 8.5 tfl, 2nd Tm SBC) and Darwin Roberts (7 sts, 52 tkls, 3 tfl). ULM is switching back to the 4-2-5 but I will include the LSS position here in the LB writeup. Not listed below is Brandon Guillory (6-4 216 Jr) who has 4.48 speed and Courtney Joiner (5-10 197 Sr, PS#203) who has 14 tackles in two years and 4.36 speed. The LSS position is manned by a couple of veterans in Damien Richard and Shaune Maynard who combined for 12 starts last year and both were among the top 5 on the team in the Iron Indian competition. With the return of Sonnier and Winchester as well as the depth at LSS, I think the LB corps should be vastly improved in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - ULM finished #111 in my pass D rankings in 2001 allowing 264.9 ypg (65.6%) and a poor 26-8 ratio. Last year they had to replace one player who had five starts. They did lose a couple of backups who combined for six starts prior to the year so overall three starters were back. They made a little progress moving up to #108 allowing 238 ypg (60%) with a 22-10 ratio. Once again this year just one starter departs in CB Seneca Lee (12 sts, 71 tkls, 2 int) and backup RSS Derrick McGill (1 st, 48 tkls, 2 tfl). They do get Mikkal Henry back (5 sts in 2001) and he will contend with Jaron James who is the fastest player on the team for one of the open CB slots. Not listed below is Vernard Wilkerson (5-11 171 Jr) who has one start and 10 tackles and Errinton Blankenship (5-8 197 rFr). The secondary as a whole is in very good condition with the DB's earning most of the Iron Indian awards. This unit has good size, strength and speed and I look for some solid improvement in the pass D numbers.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In the last 8 years, ULM has not finished any higher than #80 in my special teams rankings. The team was #115 in 2000 and that did not include the pain that the unit inflicted on the defense as they suffered 7 blocked punts. Keasler brought in Tommy Candell as the new special teams coach and they played more regulars and improved up to #97 in 2001. Last season the team plunged to #117 out of 117. The weaknesses were a poor return game as well as a net punting of 28.7 and they allowed 26.3 on KR's as well as a -4 in the TD/Blk category. There were some bright spots as Kjell Nesen averaged 36.6 after taking over for Joel Stelly (32.8). LS Bear Fletcher did a great job and was the team's Special Teams POW as he also excelled in coverage but then he was lost for the season to a torn ACL and Hayden Wadsworth took his place. Kicker Tyler Kuecker won the kicking job after missing the opener and hit 3 of 3 FG's against Tulane but was 1-7 the rest of the year. He also handles the KO's. Stelly nailed a 47 yarder, which was the longest here since 1993. They must replace their top KR Bryant Jacobs (23.8), P Nesen and K Stelly. There is only one way to go and that is up, even with the losses.

COACHES - Bobby Keasler resigned after an 0-3 start and Mike Collins, who had been the DC from 1999 to 2002, took over as the interim head coach. One of Collins' first moves was to bench six players for his first game. Collins, whose father [Pat], was also a head coach here, got off to a slow start but won three of his last five games and was promoted to head coach three days before the season finale. Pat had led ULM to a IAA National Title in 1987. Collins was arrested for DUI in the spring and resigned and the new head coach is Charlie Weatherbie. Weatherbie will retain Collins' staff for the 2003 season. OC Tommy Condell enters his second year at that position. His offense did pile up 600 yards vs Idaho last year and had 119 points in three games. They had a 2,000 yard passer and both a 1,000 yard rusher and receiver for just the second time in school history. The new DC is Bob Trott who was the DC at Duke from 1996 to 2001 and at Baylor last year. Trott also spent time working under Bill Parcells in the NFL. His 1990 Clemson defense was #1 in the nation in total defense (217 ypg).

PHIL'S FORECAST

ULM signed 26 players and should reach 85 players for the first time since moving to Div IA in 1994. Their 0-5 start last year was the worst start in 25 years and their average attendance of 8,470 was #117 in the NCAA. Injuries to the defense last year forced them to scrap their 4-2-5 alignment and switch to the 3-3-5 and the team went from being 44th in the country in rush defense to last in the SBC allowing 195.7 ypg with a whopping 4.66 ypc. Of course the big off-field news was the loss of Coach Collins but new head man, Charlie Weatherbie, inherits a veteran team with 16 returning starters and their 14 lettermen lost is the fewest in the conference while the 49 lettermen returning is the most. While ULM is the second most experienced team in the conference with 20 upperclassmen starters, the tough schedule with four SBC road games while also hosting N Texas and NM St has me calling for a finish in the lower half of the SBC standings this year. I think Weatherbie was a GREAT hire but taking over a team AFTER spring practice is a tough task.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB STEVEN JYLES SO. 6-1 180 Last 9 sts as **true**, 231 8 yds (49.2%) 17-9 ratio, 339 rush (4.0). Daniel DaPrato (6-0 183 Sr) JUCO. 3 sts here LY, 195 yds (42.2) with 0-5 ratio.

RB Mason Denham Jr. 5-9 195 PS#410JUCO. 700 yds. 11 TD's at JC in '02. Krishun Williams (5-10 221 So) 172 yds (4.4) as rFr. **Zan Johnson** (5-11 210 Fr) **PS#95RB.**

WR FLOYD SMITH JR. 5-8 180 QB in '01. 11 sts at WR in '02, 39 rec (11.0), 3 of 5 passing. **HJ Adams** (5-11 189 Sr) 47 rec (11.2), 1400 return yds 3 years. #1 Iron Indian.

WR MACK VINCENT SR. 5-11 196 9 sts, 47 rec (13.2) in '01. 12 starts LY, school rec 79 rec (15.2), **1st Tm SBC**. Jason Deml (6-4 195 Jr) 11 rec (7.8) at Utah St in 2001.

WR DROUZON QUILLEN SO. 6-6 187 "Tree". 6 sts as **true**, 32 rec (16.1). Charles Estes (6-1 200 Jr) PS#400JUCO. Vincent Mitchell (6-4 200 Jr) 32 rec at JUCO in 2002.

TE Justin Ebersole Sr. 6-4 263 PS#236DL. 18 tkls, 1.5 sks in 2000. 1 st at TE in 2002, 6 rec (14.7). Jeremy Hammock (6-0 225 So) 3 rec in '01. Glen Sins is PS#77TE.

C HAYDEN WADSWORTH JR. 6-2 273 PS#145TE. TE/OL in '01. 12 sts at C LY, also did LS. 4.93 spd. Dorian Beckwith (6-0 317 So). Joe Arnold (6-3 260 Fr) PS#600OL.

RG SHANE LUNA SR. 6-2 310 1 tkl as **true** but RS. 10 sts as rFr, 10 sts in '02, 405 bench, 625 squat. Don Pitt (6-3 295 Jr) PS#701JUCO. Joey Zimmer (6-2 306 rFr).

LG Ben Zapata Sr. 6-3 316 PS#373. 2 sts as rFr. ACL inj in spg '01, 2 sts. 1 st at LG LY (still recovering). Kenny Ordeneaux (6-4 283 Sr) PS#210. 2 sts LY. Cliff Nichols (6-4 307 rFr).

RT JOSH WADE SR. 6-5 280 2 sts as rFr at RT. 1 st in '01. Started L/7 games LY. **Robert Aguirre** (6-3 313 Sr) PS#410, 11 sts at C in '01. 5 sts at RT LY L/5 gms.

LT BRUCE HAMPTON JR. 6-3 314 2nd string in '01 & lettered. 11 sts at LT in '02. Alandee Brown (6-7 297 Jr) PS#358JC. Desi Edwards (6-5 260 rFr) added 45 lbs.

K TYLER KUECKER SR. 6-1 205 Hit 5 of 5 FG's in '01, long of 39. 8 of 9 on xp's. 4 of 10 FG's in '02, long of 42, 13 of 15 on xp's. KO's also. Nick Bascle (6-0 195 So).

DE JOHN THOMPSON SR. 6-3 271 PS#142. **S Carolina** trans. 11 sts, 29 tkls, 6 tfl in '01. 12 sts, 41 tkls, 3.5 sks, 16 QBH, **2nd Tm SBC** LY. Maynard Johnny (6-3 250 Jr) 9 sts in '01, 54 tkls 2Y.

NT COREY CONDE SR. 6-2 245 10 sts, 32 tkls in '00. 11 sts, 40 tkls, 5 tfl in '01. 12 sts, 54 tkls, 5 sks LY. Chad James (6-2 275 Sr) PS#332. S Ark transfer. Ryan Norris (6-1 271 Jr).

DT Jamond Mason-Taylor Sr. 6-1 286 JC. 2 sts here in '01, 12 tkls, 4 tfl. 4 sts in '02, 19 tkls, 2 pbu. Dilandos Johnson (6-4 285 Jr) 21 tkls, 0.5 sks LY. Ka'Ron Mohammed (6-3 260 So).

DE MARBRAE WILSON JR. 6-2 229 2 sts, 12 tkls, 4 sks as **true**. 4 sts until inj LY, 10 tkls, 1 sk. Alnecco Shine (6-3 255 Jr) PS#380LB. 6 sts in '02, 31 tkls, 1.5 sks. Dwayne Donald 3 sts.

SLB Maurice Sonnier Sr. 6-2 246 67 tkl as **true**. 11 sts in '01, #1 w/76 tkl, 5 sks. **2nd Tm SBC**. Pres Def POY, 4 sts LY til inj, 34 tkl, 3 tfl. LeKeith Robinson (6-0 226 Jr) 4 sts, 68 tkl, 8.5 tfl LY.

WLB JOHN WINCHESTER JR. 6-2 230 PS#174QB. 7 sts, 48 tkls, 8 tfl in '01. Missed first 4 LY but 8 sts, 74 tkls, 4.5 tfl. LB Jeter (6-1 215 So) 8 tkls as **true**. Josh Alexander (6-1 215 So) 28 tkls as **true**.

LSS DAMIEN RICHARD JR. 6-0 196 PS#270DB. 7 sts, 41 tkls in '01. 8 sts, 59 tkls, 3 tfl in '02, #2 Iron Indian. Shaune Maynard (6-0 207 Sr) 1 st, 21 tkls in '01. 4 sts in '02, 38 tkls, 4 tfl.

CB Jaron James Jr. 5-10 170 PS#380. 10 tkls, 2 tfl in '01. 4.44 spd on grass, #1 on tm. 23 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu LY. **Mikkal Henry** (5-8 166 Jr) PS#270. 5 sts, 34 tkls, 313 ret yds in '01.

CB CASH MOUTON JR. 6-1 193 PS#292. L/6 sts in '01, 39 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu. 11 sts LY, 55 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu. Chaz Williams (6-0 175 rFr). Trumaine Hardman (5-11 180 Jr) 13 tkls LY. 4.33 spd.

SS AJ BOCARD JR. 5-10 187 PS#380. 7 sts in '01, 18 tkls, 3 tfl. 7 sts LY, 49 tkls, 6 tfl. Travin Moore (5-11 190 Jr) #4 Iron Indian. 4 sts, 66 tkls LY. Jared Frost (5-11 170 rFr)

FS CHRIS HARRIS JR. 6-1 200 10 sts, 74 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu in '01. 12 sts, #1 w/127 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu, 5 tfl, **2nd Tm SBC**. Josh Jenkins (6-0 180 So) 3 tkls. Shelton Williams (6-3 195 So) PS#263.

P Tyler Kuecher Sr. 6-1 205 6 gms of KO's in '00, 25 punts, 37.4 avg in '01. Also did FG's. 10 punts LY, 36.5 avg. Nick Bascle (6-0 195 So) will contend to replace Nesen.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

QB	Jesse Blair 6-3 232 PS#159	
TE	Glen Sins 6-4 230 PS#77	
LB	Josh Mize 6-2 205 PS#248	
DB	RoShon Jacobs 6-3 195 PS#304	
DB	Louis Thomas 6-0 178 PS#370	
QB	Adam Hogan 6-3 175 PS#254	
OL	Brent Gregston 6-2 275 PS#510	
OL	Alandee Brown 6-7 297 PS#354JC	
WR	Charles Estes 6-1 200 PS#400JC	
OL	Joseph Joseph 6-3 273 PS#576	
DL	Patrick Sturgeon 6-1 240 PS#503	
RB	Mason Denham 5-9 195 PS#410JC	
DB	Chris Freeman 5-10 177 PS#569	
OL	Caleb Rowton 6-3 265 PS#591	

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2003 Schedule Difficulty-#103

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ULM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 30	at LSU	G						The Indians are 10-3-1 SU their last 14 Homecoming games. ULM has only been favored twice since 2000 & lost both games outright. The Indians are 6-1 ATS when a dog of 7 pts or less.
Sep. 6	SF Austin	G						This is the 1st ever meeting between these 2 instate teams. ULM is 3-14 ATS as a double digit non-conference away dog since 1998.
Sep. 13	at Mississippi	A						SFA is a member of the Southland Conference & was 6-5 last year. ULM has lost their last 4 games vs Div IAA opponents.
Sep. 20	Northwestern St	G						ULM lost LY as 31' pt AD in their only mtg w/UM since ULM joined Div IA. The Indians were outgained 378-228 in that game.
Sep. 27	at Utah St	G						NW St was 9-4 LY & ended the year ranked #16 in the country in Div IAA. These former Southland Conf rivals last met in '99 when ULM won 38-7.
Oct. 4	at Arkansas St	G						The Indians won the 1st meet in 20+ yrs last year 51-48 as a 6 pt HD. ULM will be the Aggies 1st official Sun Belt Conference game.
Oct. 11	at Louisiana-Lft	G						ULM is just 2-6 SU & 0-2 ATS vs Arkansas St since 1987. The Indians managed just 41 yds of 2H offense in the 2002 edition.
Oct. 18								ULM won their mtg LY 31-10 as 4 pt HD, but only outgained ULL 539-509. The underdog is 5-1 ATS in this series, the only fav cover was by a 1/2 pt.
Oct. 25	New Mexico St	G						The visitor has covered both meetings in this series. ULM was 3-1 SU & ATS as a HD last year, winning the last 3 straight.
Nov. 1	at Auburn	G						The Indians are 0-3 SU but 2-1 ATS vs Auburn since 1995. Pending earlier results, ULM is 2-13 ATS their L/15 gms when a dog of 25+.
Nov. 8	N Texas (HC)	G						UL Monroe gave N Texas their only SU Sun Belt Conference loss in 2001. Indians lost LY 41-2 as a 17 pt AD & were outgained 358-186.
Nov. 15	Idaho	G						The 2002 matchup featured 1102 yds of total offense & 600 by Monroe. In '01 at Idaho ULM lost 42-38 as a 14 pt AD, IU's only SU win that yr.
Nov. 22	at Troy St	A						ULM is 0-2 SU & 0-1 ATS vs Troy St, including a 44-12 loss as a 12 pt HD in '01. This game will count as a conf gm for ULM as they don't play MTSU this yr.
Nov. 29								Bonus: ULM is 2-8 ATS as a double digit dog on artificial turf.

CHARLIE WEATHERBIE (Career 45-64)
1st Year at UL Monroe
Weatherbie's records AT UL MONROE

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
		0-0	Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (23,25,1)
Lost: 14 (8,4,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 8,470

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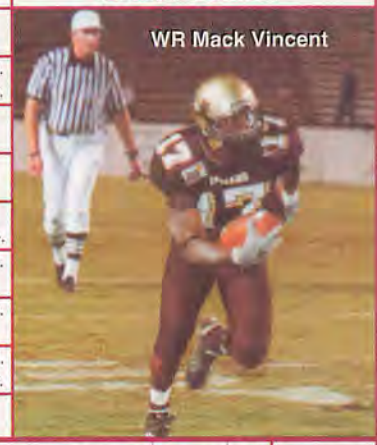


STADIUM: MALONE STADIUM (30,427)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	5-7	5-6	5-6	1-10	2-9	3-9	26-53
ATS	2-3-1	6-4	2-6	4-5	1-7	6-4	6-5	27-34-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	2-4
Home Dog	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-2	3-1	8-5
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
Away Dog	2-2-1	4-3	1-3	2-5	0-6	4-2	3-3	16-24-1
Favorite	0-0	1-1	1-2	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	3-5
Dog	2-3-1	5-3	1-4	3-5	1-6	6-4	6-4	24-29-1
Grass	2-3	5-3	2-5	3-4	1-5	5-3	5-3	23-26
Artificial	0-0-1	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-2	1-1	1-2	4-8-1
vs Conf	0-0	3-0	1-2	2-1	1-3	5-1	4-2	16-9
vs Non-Conf	2-3-1	3-4	1-4	2-4	0-4	1-3	2-3	11-25-1
Off SU Win	1-2-1	3-1	1-3	1-3	0-1	0-2	1-1	7-13-1
Off SU Loss	1-1	3-3	1-3	3-2	1-5	6-2	4-4	19-20

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Bryant Jacobs	205	1094	51	1043	7	5.1
Krishun Williams	39	187	15	172	1	4.4
Steven Jyles	85	339	174	165	3	1.9
Mack Vincent	16	63	10	53	0	3.3
Floyd Smith	15	47	30	17	0	1.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Steven Jyles	368	181	49.2	2318	17	9
Daniel DaPrato	45	19	42.2	195	0	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Mack Vincent	79	1198	15.2	7	77
Drouzon Quillen	32	514	16.1	3	61
Floyd Smith	39	429	11.0	3	50
H.J. Adams	15	171	11.4	1	40

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	NET	BLK	In20
Kjell Nesen	56	2048	36.6	53	–	1	9
Joel Stelly	18	591	32.8	48	–	0	2

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Tyler Kuecker	13-15	1-2	2-4	1-3	0-1	4-10	42

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Chris Harris	127	0	5	4	1
Carlos Hughes	111	1.5	7	2	0
John Winchester	74	0.5	4	1	0
Seneca Lee	71	0	2	4	2
LeKeith Robinson	68	2.5	6	2	0
Travin Moore	66	0	2	2	1
Damien Richard	59	0	3	5	0
Cash Mouton	55	0	2	6	1
Corey Conde	54	5	0	0	0
Darwin Roberts	52	1	2	1	0
A.J. Bocard	49	2	4	1	1
Derrick McGill	48	0	2	2	1
Shaune Maynard	38	0	4	1	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
H.J. Adams	12	74	6.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bryant Jacobs	15	357	23.8	0
H.J. Adams	14	259	18.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UL MONROE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	19.7	18	122	3.5	222	48.3	17.5	-7	2002	9	37.6	23	196	4.7	238	60.0	11.5
6*	13.5	14	74	2.5	171	50.4	18.2	-2	2001	6	31.9	23	137	3.5	265	65.6	12.6
6*	8.7	14	57	2.0	185	53.7	27.8	-17	2000	6	37.7	18	164	4.0	190	56.6	9.4
7*	16.9	16	129	3.2	152	56.8	16.6	-5	1999	6	29.3	16	149	4.0	185	49.8	11.4
8	20.6	14	87	2.6	210	46.7	14.4	+16	1998	10	29.3	23	184	4.3	259	56.6	15.1
9	18.8	16	126	3.4	186	52.8	16.6	-2	1997	6	26.6	20	147	3.7	227	59.8	14.1

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Mississippi	14	43-118	2.7	9-23	110	2	28	35-180	5.1	18-33	198	0	0
at Kansas St	8	27-33	1.2	9-31	127	1	25	49-263	5.4	13-18	222	0	-2
McNeese St	11	23-35	1.5	13-31	252	1	22	58-329	5.7	9-17	114	2	+2
Arkansas St	16	30-59	2.0	19-39	235	4	19	49-231	4.7	14-23	226	1	0
Tulane	21	35-120	3.4	20-47	239	3	25	39-129	3.3	22-36	316	1	-6
Idaho	29	47-326	6.9	20-27	274	0	26	30-87	2.9	35-57	415	3	-2
at N Mexico St	21	27-105	3.9	22-34	305	2	30	51-319	6.3	15-18	185	0	0
Utah St	27	34-184	5.4	26-44	470	1	25	34-81	2.4	26-50	368	4	0
at N Texas	18	37-67	1.8	16-37	119	5	16	49-322	6.6	2-5	24	0	-2
at Auburn	16	29-83	2.9	19-38	193	3	24	42-210	5.0	21-30	293	0	+1
at Middle Tenn	20	34-170	5.0	17-42	151	1	21	47-196	4.2	17-23	245	1	-1
Louisiana-Lft	19	47-161	3.4	14-29	189	1	13	21-1	0.0	21-45	254	5	+3
TOTALS	220	413-1461	3.5	204-422	2664	24	274	504-2348	4.7	213-355	2860	17	-7
AVERAGES	18.3	34-122	3.5	17-35	222	2.0	22.8	42-196	4.7	18-30	238	1.4	-0.6

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nicholls St	NL	44-10	–
at Florida	+44	10-42	W
SF Austin	NL	21-10	–
at Kansas St	+45	7-62	L
at W Michigan	+6'	14-27	L
LA Tech	+13'	14-44	L
at Arizona	+33	7-45	L
UAB	-2'	20-14	W
SW Louisiana	-11	34-24	L
at Arkansas St	-4	13-17	L
Portland St	NL	43-27	–

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nicholls St	NL	27-10	–
at Minnesota	+27	0-35	L
at Arkansas	+35'	6-44	L
Northwestern St	NL	38-7	–
at UAB	+13'	0-47	L
at Utah	+28	0-42	L
Wyoming	+23	20-38	W
at SW Louisiana	+3	31-7	W
Middle Tenn	-6	10-0	W
at LA Tech	+26	17-58	L
at Tulsa	+7'	37-34	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Minnesota	+27	10-47	L
at Memphis	+17'	0-28	L
Nicholls St	NL	27-21	–
at Tennessee	+36'	3-70	L
SW Texas	NL	7-27	–
at Arkansas	+34'	6-52	L
at Mid Tenn St	+18	0-28	L
at UCF	+31	0-55	L
Louisiana-Lft	-2	18-21	L
LA Tech	+23'	19-42	W
Wofford	NL	6-14	–

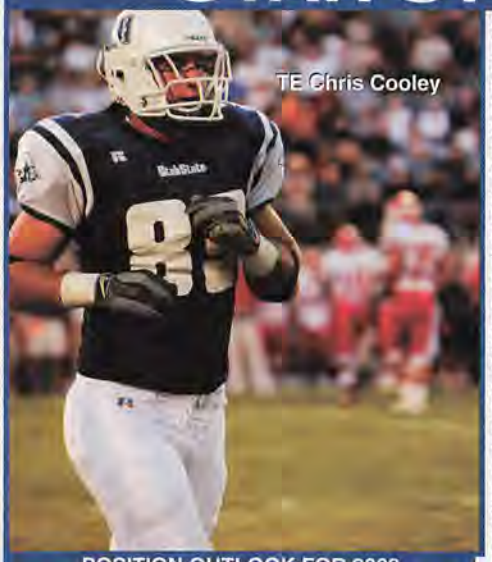
2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Sam Houston St	NL	9-20	–
at Florida	+56	6-55	W
Middle Tenn	+20'	20-38	W
N Mexico St	+13	0-31	L
N Texas	+6	19-17	W
at UCF	+31'	6-38	L
at Louisiana-Lft	+8	12-17	W
at Idaho	+14	38-42	W
Troy St	+12	12-44	L
at Arkansas St	+5'	16-7	W
at Cincinnati	+26'	10-42	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi	+31'	3-31	W
at Kansas St	+37'	0-68	L
McNeese St	NL	19-24	–
Arkansas St	-3	21-33	L
Tulane	+13'	9-52	L
Idaho	+10'	34-14	W
at N Mexico St	+18	21-34	W
Utah St	+6	51-48 2OT	W
at N Texas	+17	2-41	L
at Auburn	+35	14-52	L
at Middle Tenn	+17	28-44	W
Louisiana-Lft	+4	34-10	W

UTAH ST AGGIES


TE Chris Cooley

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2003

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 Utah St returned their starting QB in Jeff Crosbie who had started 17 straight games but he was injured early in the 2nd game and redshirted. Head Coach Mick Dennehy would have gone to the backup QB, but he was suffering from a bruised sternum so he turned to 3rd stringer Jose Fuentes. Fuentes started the final nine games in 2000 and then every game in both the 2001 and 2002 seasons. In 2001 he threw for 3,100 yards (59.5%) with a 24-18 ratio. Last year he threw for 3,268 yards (54%) with a 20-15 ratio. Unfortunately this year he departs as does backup Jeff Crosbie who got in 23 pass attempts the last two years. Travis Cox (PS#190) has had 16 passes in 9 games the last two years and is the frontrunner for the job. Matt Crivello (6-1 191 Jr) threw for 2275 yards with a 15-9 ratio in 2 years at JUCO. Stuart Perry (6-4 188 So) was PS#252 and was the scout team QB here in 2001. Bryan Black (6-2 183 rFr) redshirted last year. In the fall the team will add true frosh Leon Jackson III who is PS#82 and has 4.58 speed. He threw for 3,000 yards with a 35-7 ratio and is a dangerous runner. Going from a three year starter who leaves as the school's career passing leader (9,168 yards) to almost complete inexperience has this unit looking much weaker in 2003.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1999 Demario Brown broke the Utah St single season rush record with 1,536 yards. I thought it would be very tough to replace him but Emmitt White, a top-notch returnman, simply led the NCAA in 2000 in all-purpose yards including 1,322 rushing (5.5). The next year White rushed for 1,361 yards (5.4). The team had a 100 yard rusher in 51 of their previous 77 games heading into 2002. In 12 games last season they managed just one 100 yard rusher. David Fiefia began as the starter but got in just 12 carries for 29 yards on the season. JUCO transfer James Samuel, who originally signed at San Diego St in 1999 and rushed for over 1,000 yards at JUCO in 2000, became the starter. He did suffer a concussion vs Iowa and would miss some time. At the same time Roger Robinson (changed name from Fernandez) who was leading the team in rushing with 128 yards (7.5) opted to quit the team. When that happened, Richard Watson (PS#120) became the starting RB. Watson rushed for 74 yards vs Boise St and finished the year with 260 yards (3.5). Samuel regained his health and got 159 yards against Troy St which came in as the 6th ranked total defense in the NCAA. He finished with 633 yards (5.3) to lead the team. Both Samuel and Robinson opted to transfer after the season. JUCO Tyrone McKinney (5-5 169 Jr) and BYU transfer Ryan Kemp (5-8 182 So) will also contend for time. I list an extra TE below but when the team uses a traditional FB, Trent Nate (5-9 222 Sr) and Anthony Matthews (5-11 214 Jr) will play. This unit is basically in about the same shape it was heading into last year.

RECEIVERS - In 2001 Utah St had to replace a 1,000 yard receiver and relied on JUCO transfer Kevin Curtis. Curtis, in his first year, simply led the NCAA in receptions per game (9.1) and had 1,531 yards (15.3) with 10 TD's. Last year all of the top receivers were back and the unit was in great shape. Curtis saw his numbers drop a little last year down to 74 rec's but he averaged a super 17.0 ypc and clearly will be missed (#3DC of STL). Despite playing here just two years, Curtis leaves as the school's all-time leading receiver. Also gone this year is #2 man, Gary Coleman (6 sts, 45, 12.3), TE Casey Poppinga (16, 8.4), WR Donta' Candler (3 sts, 12 rec) and WR Derek Jeffery (3 sts, 13, 7.2). The leading returning receivers are TE Chris Cooley who had 22 rec's in the last 4 games and Chris Stallworth who has 22 starts with 76 career rec's. Cooley is listed as a FB on the roster but is used as a receiving TE and that is where I list him below. While there is decent talent here the group clearly looks weaker with the loss of their top 2 receivers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Aggies rushed for 4.2 ypc while allowing 26 sacks. Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 33 starts so basically had two starters returning. Last year's numbers did drop a little as the team averaged 3.1 ypc rushing while allowing 32 sacks. This year two starters depart in LG Luis Trujillo (11 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Jim Newton (11 sts, 3 yr st'r) along with a pair of backups in C Mike Scheper and LT Barry McLaughlin (2 sts, 7 games). Six players return with starting experience plus they get some top-notch JUCO's added to the mix and I list the 2 deep below. This unit has more experience than it did heading into last season and even has their top OL (Trevor Hutton) back so I'll call it solidly improved in 2003.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Utah St has produced some great defensive linemen like Merlin Olsen and Rulon Jones throughout the years and DE Nate Putnam was compared to Jones in 2000. Last year the unit appeared to be in great shape returning three starters but Putnam was injured prior to the season and redshirted. The defense took a large step back as they allowed 5.1 ypc rushing while recording just 14 sacks. They now switch from a 4-3 to a 3-4 and Putnam has moved to LB. They do lose DT Jorge Tapia (8 sts, 17 tkls, 1 tfl) as well as backup Jim Fackrell (2 sts, 12 tkls). Overall the unit is in great shape as six players return with starting experience and they get a large addition this fall in Brent Pollock (PS#63OL) who originally signed at BYU. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and I look for the D-line to be dramatically improved in 2003.

LINEBACKERS - The Aggies had to replace 3 players who combined for 14 starts and 114 tackles last year but had their top man back in MLB Jesse Busta. Busta leaves as the #3 tackler in school history and led the team once again with 135 tackles and will be tough to replace. The good news for the unit is that perhaps their best defensive player, Nate Putnam, moves into the group from the D-line. They are switching to a 3-4 so one more position opens up and basically two 2002 starters return to the four positions. I list the 2 deep below and they also add in Eric Rapley who had 91 tackles and 19 tfl at JC in 2001. While they must replace their top guy, last year's defense underperformed and with a player like Putnam in the group, I'll call it stronger in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 the Aggies had four starters returning to the secondary and finished #64 in my pass defense rankings taking on some top-notch QB's. Last year they only had to replace one starter and had six players back with starting experience but the unit dropped to #95 in my rankings allowing a 22-7 ratio and 236.3 ypg (53.6%) taking on a light slate of opposing QB's. This year they must replace a pair of multi-year starters in SS Jamar Glasper (10 sts, 61 tkls, 3 tfl, 4 pbu) and CB Adebola Jimoh (11 sts, 53 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu) as well as backup Ricky Crockett (6 tkls). Six players return with starting experience including their top DB in CB Mark Estelle who had 13 pbu. Despite the unit being a little less experienced than it was heading into last season, I look for them to probably move up the rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2001 Utah St finished #66 in my special teams rankings but last year had to replace super return man Emmitt White. They did, however, have the leading returning punter in the NCAA in terms of average in Steve Mullins who averaged 44.8 in 2001. Mullins, however, saw his average drop to 39.7 and his net dropped as well from 35.4 to 33.9 in his senior season. Dane Kidman hit a super 14 of 17 FG's and was a Lou Groza semifinalist. He had two misses against BYU, a one point loss, but had an overall steady season including kicking the game tying FG with :02 left vs Troy and then the game winner in OT. KR Jerome Dennis averaged a super 27.7 and PR David Fiefia averaged 9.1 so those units were strong and the team allowed just 16.4 on KR's. Overall, Utah St finished #74 in my special teams rankings. This year the only losses are Kidman and Mullins but both were solid and I'll call this unit down a little in 2003.

COACHES - Mick Dennehy had been the head coach of Montana from 1996 to 1999 guiding the team to a 39-12 record including three Big Sky championships. He is now 13-20 in three years with the Aggies, two as an Independent. His OC is Bob Cole who has been here since 2000 and previously was a IAA OC including a 1999 stint at Montana. His 2001 offense became just the 20th team in NCAA history to have a 3,000 yard passer, 1,000 yard receiver and 1,000 yard rusher. In 2001 the Oregon DC said that USU runs a lot of odd sets in motion, the most he'd ever seen. DC David Kotulski was the DC at Utah from 1978 to 1989 and has been at Bucknell the last eight years including last season when he was the head coach there.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Utah St originally turned down an invitation to the Sun Belt Conference but was happy to finally join a league after two barren years as an Independent. Interestingly this year the Troy St game will count as a league game as they do not face Louisiana-Lft. Utah St has had 20 non-winning seasons the last 22 years but did make it to the 1997 Humanitarian Bowl as the Big West champs. Last season the Aggies led BYU by 27 points at the half and beat New Mexico, who ended up in a bowl game. They also beat New Mexico St who was the SBC runner-up. The Aggies are 44-22-2 versus SBC teams but were just 1-2 last year. They did end Troy St's 18 game home winning streak with a victory on the road but also faced Iowa, Boise St, Nebraska and BYU. The Aggies will have 22 fifth year seniors in 2004 plus 21 juniors but this year's group is a little inexperienced. Utah St does have a couple of factors working their way this year. They were -11 in turnovers in 2001, so should be ready for a turnaround season (see pg 310). Also the last two years their team has been an Independent and in the second half of the year with no conference championship to play for and no bowl prospects have had little incentive. The Aggies offense figures to be far less potent than the last few years with the loss of their QB, top rusher and top two receivers. Their defense has allowed 38.3 and 39.3 ppg the last two years and was rated #116 in my rankings last season. They will be improved on that side of the ball with 7 starters back but have a long way to go. With their tough non-conf schedule this year, the prospects of achieving a winning season looks slim. The Aggies do have a chance to contend for the middle of the SBC pack but this looks to be a rebuilding year and I look for them to be a SBC contender in 2004.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Travis Cox Jr. 6-2 211 PS#190. 16 passes, 9 gms, 2Y, 23 yds pass, 24 yds rush. Leon Jackson III PS#82, 4.58 spd, 35-7 ratio in HS. Stuart Perry (6-4 188 So) PS#252.
RB Richard Watson So. 5-9 208 PS#120DB. 2 sts as rFr, 260 yds, (3.5), 17 rec (7.1). David Fiefia (5-8 200 Sr) PS#167. 4 sts, 3Y at WR/RB, 226 rush (5.0), 42 rec (9.4) 689 ret yds.
TE Patrick McNutt So. 6-5 255 1 st as rFr, 0 rec. Nick King (6-3 253 Sr) 25 rec at JC in '00 & '01. 9 gms here LY. Jason Stephens (6-4 220 rFr) PS#125TE, Scout Tm MVP LY.
WR Chris Stallworth Sr. 6-3 214 7 sts as true, 26 rec (11.1). 9 sts in '01, 33 rec (11.6). 6 sts LY (inj) 17 rec (13.6). Jerome Eason (6-3 213 So) 2 rec as **true**. Jason Thomas (6-3 208 So).
WR Barry Tolli Jr. 6-1 195 PS#225JC. 39 rec (19.2) at JC in '01. Track. MLB. 7th DC Tigers. Raymond Hicks (5-10 184 Jr) PS#190JC. 18 rec, 223 rush. Joel Higginson (6-0 187 Jr).
TE CHRIS COOLEY SR. 6-4 252 "**FB**". 19 tkls as **true**, 2 sks, DL. 4 sts at TE in '01, 3 rec (7.0). 8 sts in '02, 31 rec (16.2), 22 rec L/4 games. Nick George (6-2 242 So).
C ARIC GALLIANO SR. 6-3 297 **PS#70JC**. RS in '01 but backup. 11 sts at C in '02, broke hand in game 8 & snapped lefty rest of way. +21 lbs. David Rawlins (6-0 275 So).
RG TREVOR HUTTON SR. 6-2 308 **PS#39JC**. 2nd Tm AA at JC. 10 starts here LY, **Top OL Award**. Malik Cin (6-4 299 So) native of Germany. Tyler Hansen (6-3 257 rFr).
LG Greg Vandermade Sr. 6-3 289 PS#284JC. 1 st at RG here in 2002, 2nd string rest of year. Victor Eti (6-2 324 Jr) PS#203JC in for spg. Ryan Gunstream (6-2 287 So) 1 letter.
RT Elliot Tupea Jr. 6-2 313 JUCO & signed at San Jose St LY but DNP. **Grant Calverley** (6-4 296 Sr) PS#333JC. 2 sts at RT here LY then inj'd. Matt Reese is PS#108.
LT DONALD PENN SO. 6-5 302 PS#361. 9 sts as rFr, tms Outstanding Fr Award. Brenen Burningham (6-7 305 Jr). Mission in '98 & '99. Scout Tm MVP in 2000. 4 sts in '01, 2L.
K Justin Hamblin Fr. 5-11 148 PS#69K in '99. Orig at Utah & went on mission in 2000-2002. Hit 47, 45, 40 yd FG's in 1 game in HS, avg 42.0 per punt. Ben Chaet is PS#78.

DE JUSTIN JACKSON 6-3 267 PS#96 in '00. 42 tkls, 8 sks at JC in '01. 7 sts, 30 tkls, 8 tfl, 5 pbu. Michael Gates (6-4 245 So) PS#296, 3 tkls as **true**. Tim Jessop (6-4 232 rFr) Mission.
NG RONALD TUPEA JR. 6-2 293 PS#238. 7 sts as rFr, 23 tkls, 11 sts, 29 tkls, 3 tfl. **Top DL Award**. Brent Pollack (6-2 312 Jr) **PS#63OL**, orig at **BYU**. Ryan DeQuillettes (6-3 278 So) 10 tkls LY.
DT JOHN CHICK SO. 6-4 242 PS#473. 11 sts as **true**, 42 tkls, 4 sks, 2 pbu. Jeremy Guenter (6-4 270 Jr) PS#136. 2 sts, 18 tkls, 2 tfl, 2Y. James Robinson (6-2 288 Jr) 2 sts, 14 tkls LY.
STUD Nate Putnam Jr. 6-7 239 8 sts, **Top DL Award** as Fr, **1st Tm BW**, 59 tkls, 4 sks, 10 tfl. 5 sts in '01 (inj) 20 tkls, 6 tfl, RS LY. Kelly Poppinga (6-2 237 Fr) PS#304, mission in '00-'02.
MAC ROBERT WATTS JR. 6-3 224 PS#370. Scout MVP in '00. 4 sts in '01, 28 tkls. 9 sts LY, Top LB Award, 85 tkls, 8 tfl. Matt Wiser (6-0 224 So) 8 tkls as **true**. Nathan Dandridge (5-11 225 Jr).
SAM RODNEY WILSON SR. 6-2 215 6 sts in '01, 26 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl. 7 sts in '02, 47 tkls, 2 sts, 4 tfl. Eric Rapley (6-1 243 Jr) PS#195JC LY, RS. Jared Johnstun (6-2 231 So) 9 tkls LY.
WILL Nate Fredrick So. 6-3 230 Signed in '99, mission. 17 tkls as "**true**" LY. +22 lbs. Jacob Stewart (6-4 221 So) 21 tkls, 2 tfl as **true** DL. Ryan Taylor (6-4 220 So) 2 tkls as **true**.
CB Jerome Dennis Jr. 6-1 192 1 st, 11 tkls in '01. 1 st, 11 gms LY, 24 tkls, 1.5 tfl, 14 KR (27.7). Marvin Clark (5-10 187 Jr) 3 int, 18 pbu at JC in '01, RS LY. Andre Bala (5-11 184 Jr).
CB MARK ESTELLE SR. 5-9 175 PS#178JC. 5 blk'd P at JC. 2 sts here, 24 tkls in '01. 10 sts LY, **Top DB Awd**, 30 tkls, 1 int, 13 pbu. Reggie Willson (5-10 186 So). Joe Lindsay (5-11 177 rFr).
SS DERREK SHANK SR. 5-11 194 PS#353. 6 sts as **true**, 39 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu. 4 sts in '01, 31 tkls, 1 int. 11 sts LY, 65 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. Bryan Jackson (5-11 197 Sr) 8 sts, 3Y, 70 tkls.
FS Mike Rosencrans Sr. 6-0 203 PS#309JC. 2 sts LY, 21 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 pbu. Ross Luna (5-10 195 Jr) PS#241, 30 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 st LY. Vaughn Mansfield (6-3 190 Fr) Milford & Hargrave L/2Y.
P Ben Chaet So. 6-0 193 PS#78K. Avg 42.0 in HS as punter. 75% of KO's were TB's. Hit 5 of 8 FG's, long of 49 in HS. No action here. Justin Hamblin is PS#69. Utah trans.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2003

OL	Matt Reese 6-7 315 PS#108
QB	Leon Jackson 6-2 185 PS#82
OL	Steven Jacson 6-1 280 PS#263
WR	Ray Hicks 5-10 184 PS#190JC
OL	Victor Eti 6-2 324 PS#203JC
DL	Brent Pollock 6-2 312 PS#223JC
WR	Barry Tolli 6-1 195 PS#225JC
OL	Jake Thompson 6-5 280 PS#394
DL	Scott Barrett 6-5 225 PS#304
OL	Mitch Rudder 6-3 260 PS#406
WR	Antonio Pennyman 5-10 180 PS#295
TE	Jimmy Bohm 6-3 245 PS#131
OL	Casey Crookston 6-5 300 PS#466
TE	Will Fausel 6-2 225 PS#136

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11-17 Vs The Spread
5-8 Off A SU Loss
6-3 Vs Conference
1-1 Home Favorite
5-2 Home Dog
1-2 Away Favorite
4-12 Away Dog
5-14 Vs Non-Conf

2002 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 7

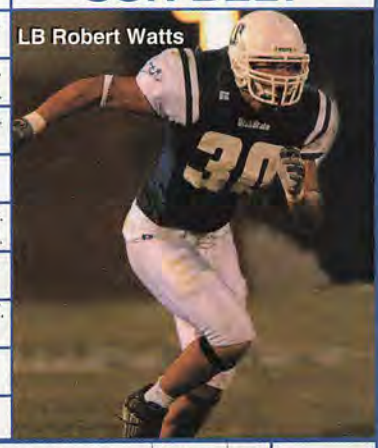
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (19,25,0)
Lost: 20 (12,6,2)

2002 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 21,112

SUN BELT

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2003 Schedule Difficulty-#97

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score USU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2003 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 28	at Utah (Thur)	A						Utah St is 2-5 SU & 1-6 ATS the last 7 vs Boise St. Aggies are 7-3 ATS in games after a bye since 1994. Utah St is 5-16 ATS as an away dog the last 4 years.
Sep. 6	at Nebraska	A						Aggies are 0-5 SU & 1-4 ATS their last 5 vs the Utes. Including bowl games, Utah St is 3-11 ATS their last 14 on artificial turf.
Sep. 13	at Arizona St	G						USU is 0-6 SU & 1-5 ATS vs Big 12 since 1996 losing by an avg of 39-12. Aggies are 1-19 SU & 4-16 ATS the last 20 games as a DD dog.
Sep. 20								Aggies are 0-7 SU & 0-6-1 ATS vs the Pac 10 since 1990. Utah St is 3-9 ATS the last 12 lined games before a bye.
Sep. 27	UL Monroe	G						This will mark USU's 1st game as a member of the Sun Belt Conference. Utah St is 4-9 ATS in their last 13 lined home openers.
Oct. 4	at New Mexico	G						The L/3 meetings have been decided by 3 pts or less. USU covered L/2 in OT. Utah State is 2-6 ATS their last 8 games after a SU win.
Oct. 11	Wyoming (HC)	G						In their last meeting in 2001, they combined for 58 FD's, 1159 total yds & 85 pts. Aggies are 2-12 SU & 5-8 ATS S/'94 when hosting a current Mt West team.
Oct. 18	at N Texas	A						USU leads this series 4-1 SU & 2-3 ATS, but won L/2 SU & ATS as an AF. The road team has covered 4 of the last 5 meetings.
Oct. 25	Arkansas St	G						Utah St is 2-1 SU, but 1-2 ATS in this short series all-time. The Aggies are 7-2 ATS in their 1st of 2+ straight home games.
Nov. 1	Middle Tennessee	G						USU hopes to avenge LY's 28-45 loss (6' pt dogs) this time they're Sun Belt foes. LY the Aggies were hindered by 4 TO's & 115 yds in penalties vs MTSU.
Nov. 8	at New Mexico St	G						Utah St is 11-1 SU & 10-2 ATS their last 12 in this battle of the Aggies. USU is 6-0 SU in Las Cruces, 4-0 ATS as an away dog.
Nov. 15	Troy St	G						LY was the 1st time these schools met. USU won 19-16 as 7' pt dogs in OT. The Aggies are 4-2 SU, but 1-3 ATS their last 6 home finales.
Nov. 22	at Idaho	A						The favorite has covered 4 of the last 5 in this series. Aggies are 2-4 ATS in road finales the last 6 years.
Nov. 29								



STADIUM: ROMNEY STADIUM (30,257)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	6-5	3-8	4-7	5-6	4-7	4-7	32-45
ATS	5-4	7-3-1	4-6	3-7	4-5	3-6	4-6	30-37-1
Home Fav	1-1	2-1	0-1	0-2	1-0	0-1	0-0	4-6
Home Dog	1-1	1-1	1-3	1-1	1-1	1-1	3-0	9-8
Away Fav	1-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	4-3
Away Dog	2-2	3-0-1	3-2	1-4	1-4	2-3	1-5	13-20-1
Favorite	2-1	3-2	0-1	1-2	2-0	0-2	0-1	8-9
Dog	3-3	4-1-1	4-5	2-5	2-5	3-4	4-5	22-28-1
Grass	4-2	6-2	3-4	2-5	3-3	3-6	4-3	25-25
Artificial	1-2	1-1-1	1-2	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-3	5-12-1
vs Conf	3-1	3-2	2-3	2-4	4-1	1-2	1-0	16-13
vs Non-Conf	2-3	4-1-1	2-3	1-3	0-4	2-4	3-6	14-24-1
Off SU Win	3-1	4-2	1-1	1-2	3-2	1-2	1-3	14-13
Off SU Loss	1-3	2-1-1	3-4	2-4	1-2	1-4	3-2	13-20-1

2002 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
James Samuel	120	661	28	633	7	5.3
Richard Watson	**75**	**276**	**16**	**260**	**5**	**3.5**
Roger Robinson	17	131	3	128	1	7.5
Jose Fuentes	57	112	216	-104	0	-1.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jose Fuentes	454	246	54.2	3268	20	15
Jeff Crosbie	14	6	42.9	93	1	1
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Kevin Curtis		74	1258	17.0	9	80
Gary Coleman		45	555	12.3	2	36
Chris Cooley		**31**	**502**	**16.2**	**4**	**60**
Chris Stallworth		**17**	**231**	**13.6**	**3**	**38**
Donta' Candler		12	226	18.8	2	57
Casey Poppinga		16	135	8.4	0	24
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Steve Mullins	63	2500	39.7	70	35.0	1	11
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Dane Kidman	33-35	6-7	7-8	1-2	0-0	14-17	43

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jesse Busta	135	4	3	1	1
Robert Watts	**85**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**0**
Derrek Shank	**65**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**1**
Jamar Glasper	61	0	3	4	1
Adebola Jimoh	53	0	1	4	1
Rodney Wilson	**47**	**2**	**4**	**0**	**0**
John Chick	**42**	**4**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Bryan Jackson	**33**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1**
Justin Jackson	**30**	**0**	**8**	**5**	**0**
Mark Estelle	**30**	**0**	**2**	**13**	**1**
Ross Luna	**30**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Ronald Tupea	**29**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Jerome Dennis	**24**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
David Fiefia	**11**	**100**	**9.1**	**0**
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Jerome Dennis	**14**	**388**	**27.7**	**0**
David Fiefia	**11**	**252**	**22.9**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
47	Grape	NL	Pacific	21-35	–
60	Sun	NL	New Mexico St	13-20	–
61	Gotham	NL	Baylor	9-24	–
93	Las Vegas	NL	Ball St	42-33	–
97	Humanitarian	+2'	Cincinnati	19-35	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UTAH ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	27.7	19	84	3.1	308	53.0	14.2	-11	2002	7	39.3	22	235	5.1	236	53.6	12.0
8*	28.7	22	132	4.2	288	59.0	14.6	-13	2001	7	38.3	23	177	4.7	285	54.6	12.1
5*	26.5	19	120	4.1	266	51.3	14.6	-2	2000	4	32.4	22	197	4.4	256	56.1	14.0
8	21.3	20	176	5.0	196	46.5	17.5	-11	1999	7	27.4	21	160	3.9	230	53.5	14.2
4	21.5	17	103	2.7	215	46.0	14.8	-3	1998	7	28.1	17	123	3.0	197	50.3	11.4
8*	32.4	24	162	4.2	278	49.6	13.6	+1	1997	6	24.7	22	125	3.0	246	53.7	15.0

2002 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Utah	9	16-(-9)	-0.6	19-42	171	3	26	53-282	5.3	16-30	165	2	-2
at Nebraska	19	30-70	2.3	19-44	251	6	20	54-288	5.3	8-15	130	2	-1
Idaho St	18	31-161	5.2	26-41	330	1	20	33-154	4.7	20-50	268	1	+4
at Iowa	15	20-21	1.1	24-41	223	1	25	49-300	6.1	17-33	218	0	-1
at Boise St	19	35-65	1.9	24-40	355	4	20	36-178	4.9	17-28	376	1	-1
BYU	21	18-129	7.2	24-57	331	0	31	55-269	4.9	28-45	312	3	-1
New Mexico	19	23-107	4.7	16-34	340	2	28	54-263	4.9	19-27	220	1	-1
at UL Monroe	25	34-81	2.4	26-50	368	4	27	34-184	5.4	26-44	470	1	0
New Mexico St	26	31-182	5.9	27-41	299	1	20	47-256	5.4	8-16	165	0	-1
at Troy St	21	41-111	2.7	21-43	278	7	11	41-93	2.3	8-24	99	1	-4
at Middle Tenn	18	23-11	0.5	32-54	442	3	18	53-316	6.0	11-20	176	2	-3
TOTALS	210	302-929	3.1	258-487	3388	32	246	509-2583	5.1	178-332	2599	14	-11
AVERAGES	19.1	27-84	3.1	23-44	308	2.9	22.4	46-235	5.1	16-30	236	1.3	-1.0

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah	+7	12-20	L
at New Mexico	+12	36-39 OT	W
at Colorado	+24	6-25	W
Sam Houston	NL	47-17	–
Oregon St	+3'	16-20	L
at Washington	+21	12-53	L
Idaho	+5'	14-26	L
at Boise St	+2'	16-30	L
at N Mexico St	+4'	29-26 2OT	W
Nevada	+6'	21-26	W
N Texas	-7'	28-27	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia	+28	7-38	L
SF Austin	NL	51-17	–
at Utah	+16'	18-38	L
BYU	+17	31-34 2OT	W
Arkansas St	-12	20-14	L
at Kansas St	+29'	0-40	L
at Idaho	+6'	3-31	L
Boise St	-3	27-33	L
N Mexico St	-2'	6-14	L
at Nevada	+3	37-35	W
at N Texas	-4	34-7	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas Tech	+21	16-38	L
S Utah	NL	30-14	–
at Arizona St	+21'	20-44	L
Utah	+12	14-35	L
at BYU	+20	14-38	L
at N Texas	-1	17-12	W
Idaho	+11'	31-14	W
Arkansas St	-5	44-31	W
at N Mexico St	+6'	44-37	W
at Boise St	+16	38-66	L
Idaho St	NL	24-27	–

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Utah	+9	19-23	W
at LSU	+23'	14-31	W
Wyoming	-4'	42-43	L
Oregon	+16	21-38	L
at BYU	+19'	34-54	L
Idaho St	NL	28-27	–
UCF	+5'	30-27	W
at Connecticut	-15	38-31	L
Weber St	NL	56-43	–
at S Florida	+7	13-34	L
at Fresno St	+22	21-70	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah	+11	3-23	L
at Nebraska	+30'	13-44	L
Idaho St	NL	38-33	–
at Iowa	+22	7-48	L
at Boise St	+19	38-63	L
BYU	+17'	34-35	W
N Mexico	+2	45-44 OT	W
at UL Monroe	-6	48-51 2OT	L
N Mexico St	+3	32-30	W
at Troy St	+7'	19-16 OT	W
at Middle Tenn	+6'	28-45	L

Super Six Angles Week by Week for 2003

August 30th

Toledo is 7-1 SU & ATS in road openers S/'95.
Texas is 3-15 ATS the L/18 season openers.
Kansas St is 33-7 ATS L40 as a favorite of 20 or more.
Ole Miss is just 2-8 ATS their L/10 SEC openers.
Northwestern is 16-3 ATS the L/19 away on art turf.
Houston is 4-16 ATS their L/20 lined home openers.

September 6th

Tulsa is 2-15 ATS its L/17 on grass.
Arizona is 3-11 ATS as a home dog since 1996.
Air Force is 8-2 SU & ATS in their L/10 Sept road games.
Fresno St is 9-3 ATS their L/12 vs Pac 10.
UAB is 0-5 ATS their L/5 vs Independents.
Marshall is 2-7 ATS on grass L3Y.

September 13th

Arkansas is 19-9-1 ATS its L/29 as a dog.
UCLA is a perfect 9-0 ATS since '94 in home openers.
Memphis is 2-12 ATS the L/14 vs Southern Miss.
SMU is 1-8 SU & ATS its L/9 vs Baylor.
Ball St is 10-5 ATS as an away dog L3Y.
NC State is 7-0 ATS as an away dog under Amato.

September 20th

Georgia is 8-0 SU & ATS in SEC road gms under Richt.
N Carolina is 5-0 ATS their L5 on artificial turf.
N Illinois is 0-8 SU but 7-1 ATS vs SEC.
Tulane is 4-13 ATS its L/17 vs Service Acadamies.
Florida is 8-3-1 ATS its L/12 vs Tennessee.
The Clemson/GA Tech favorite is just 1-13 ATS.

September 27th

E Michigan is just 2-17 ATS vs non-conf foes S/'94.
San Diego St is 1-9 ATS the L10 vs UCLA.
UConn is 11-4 ATS their L/15 as an away dog.
LSU is 10-1 SU & ATS the L/11 vs Miss St.
Iowa is 9-2 ATS the L/11 vs Michigan St.
The Virginia/Wake visitor is 9-1 ATS the L/10 mtgs.

October 4th

Texas A&M is 3-9 ATS their L/12 vs Texas Tech.
Boise St is 8-4-1 ATS their L/13 on grass.
New Mex St is 9-1 SU but 1-9 ATS lifetime in Sun Belt.
The Miami, Oh/Akron home team is 7-2-1 ATS.
The Minn/Nwestern favorite is just 2-9 ATS the L/11.
Georgia Tech is 8-2-1 ATS their L/11 vs NC State.

October 11th

Washington is 9-3 ATS their L/12 vs WAC.
Ohio St is 23-10 ATS on artificial turf S/'90.
Auburn is 0-7-1 ATS vs Arkansas under Tuberville.
Bowling Green is 1-7 ATS their L/8 against W Mich.
The South Carolina/Kentucky visitor is 9-2 ATS.
The Indiana/Northwestern SU winner is 19-0 ATS.

October 18th

Washington St is 2-9 ATS their L/11 vs Stanford.
Wyoming is 7-1 ATS their L/8 against BYU.
Navy is 15-6 ATS on artificial turf S/'94.
Iowa St 8-3 ATS their L/11 Homecomings.
Al Groh is 7-1 ATS as a home dog since taking over VA.
Minnesota is 1-9 ATS the game after Michigan.

October 25th

Oklahoma is 3-9 ATS their L/12 vs Colorado.
Wisconsin is 8-2 ATS their L/10 prior to a bye.
Pittsburgh is 8-19 ATS the L/27 vs Syracuse.
The Arizona/California dog is 14-1 ATS the L/15.
Tulane is 1-10-2 ATS their L/13 vs Memphis.
USC is 7-3 ATS vs Washington the L/10 meetings.

November 1st

Colorado St is 16-3 ATS their L/19 after a bye.
The Florida St/Notre Dame dog is 5-0 ATS.
Visitor is 9-1-1 ATS L/11 in Purdue/NWestern series.
C Michigan is 3-10 ATS L/13 vs E Michigan.
The SU Pittsburgh/Boston College winner is 14-2 ATS.
Florida is 7-2 ATS their L/9 vs Georgia.

November 8th

Kansas is 2-17 ATS as a November home dog.
Boston College is 5-17 ATS their L/22 vs WVU.
Miss St is 10-2 ATS their L/12 vs Alabama.
Texas Tech is 10-2 ATS their L/12 vs Baylor.
The Wake/N Carolina visitor is 11-1-1 ATS.
Georgia Tech is just 8-19-1 ATS vs Duke.

November 15th

Penn State is 10-2 the L/12 home finales.
Iowa is 9-1 ATS the L/10 vs Minnesota.
The LSU/Alabama home team is 3-14 ATS the L/17.
Stanford is 12-1 ATS their L/13 road finales.
Miami Oh is 0-5 SU & ATS their L/5 vs Marshall.
Auburn is 9-1 SU, 8-2 ATS their L/10 at Georgia.

November 22nd

The Utah/BYU visitor is a perfect 11-0 ATS the L/11.
Kentucky is 3-14 ATS their L/17 road finales.
The Arkansas/Miss St dog is 10-1 ATS the L/11.
The USC/UCLA favorite is 3-8 ATS the L/11.
Michigan St is 11-0-1 ATS in their L/12 home finales.
Baylor is 0-8-2 ATS in the L/10 lined season finales.

November 29th

Nebraska is 0-7 ATS their L/7 vs Colorado.
The home team in the FSU/Fla matchup is 7-1 ATS.
LSU is 3-10 ATS in their L/13 home finales.
Texas is 6-1-1 ATS their L/8 vs arch rival TX A&M.
Memphis is 3-11 ATS the L/14 home finales.
Tenn is 11-0 SU, 9-2 ATS the L/11 vs Kentucky.

ATTENTION!

There are 3 methods of handicapping: Fundamental, Situational & Technical. Of the 3, I rate Technical Handicapping (Angles) as the third most important in college football handicapping. I list all of these trends & angles in this book so you do not have to research them. Please do not get the impression that I am a Technical Handicapper. I use all 3, but **I am first & foremost a Fundamental Handicapper** who looks at the talent differences & matchups between the two teams. I believe Fundamental handicapping is most important, followed by Situational & lastly Technical. (See "Ten Keys to a Winning Season" on page 26).

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- What two teams enjoy taking flight to visit their division rivals' home field landing with 14-4-1 and 19-6-1 records?
- Which AFC head coach has led his team to a 15-4-1 record against NFC teams over the last 5 years?
- Which two teams are 10-4 the week prior to their bye week?
- What team has started its season out on the wrong foot losing 9 of their last 10 home openers?
- Which NFC divisional matchup has had 16 overs in the last 24 games including 7 of the last 10?
- What team has gone 7-13-1 its L/21 as a division favorite, but are an outstanding 11-4 its L/15 as a division dog?
- Not too surprisingly, what team is 10-28 at home in September?
- What team seems to have problems restarting the offense after a bye week having 11 unders and 3 overs in the past 14 years (also 4-10 W/L)?
- What artificial turf team has struggled on the real stuff going 6-16 on grass since 1998?
- What team has gone 2-13 at home off of a SU home loss?
- Over the last 3 years what team has had 17 overs and 7 unders on the road?
- What team is now 3-18 in their final regular season road game?
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WHAT EXACTLY IS A PS NUMBER??

One very important part of my College Football Preview Magazine is an individual players' "PS#". You will see them on almost every page and I find them very important in my analysis of a team. If you are a regular reader of Power Sweep or have purchased my magazine before, I am sure you are very familiar with what each player's PS# stands for. This article is for those of you picking up my magazine for the first time and asking the question listed at the top of the page.

A simple definition for a PS# is my ranking of the players at their positions coming out of high school. I personally do not scout the high school games and rate each player. Covering college football and the NFL like I do takes 52 weeks of the year as it is. I compile my PS#'s based on many different recruiting services across the country. I like to use all of the biggest and best, and also get some from each part of the country. On the bottom left of this page, I list the top recruiting services that I use.

When I receive a recruiting magazine, I translate each one's ranking into a point system from 1-100. I then log each and every player into the computer and give them the total points from each service. This is a very time consuming process. This year's 2003 Freshmen List has 13,594 players on it!!! Many players are listed by just one or two sources. Some are mentioned by almost every one. The more they are mentioned and the higher they are rated in each publication, the more total points they accrue. After months of entering all of this information, I sort the list by each position and by total points. Naturally, the QB with the most total points then becomes PS#1QB for that year. If a player is PS#99QB, that means he ranks 99th in total points of all QB's coming out of high school.

Florida St
PS#1 DL Travis Johnson

Some positions simply do not have as many players as others. For example, this year's PS#99TE totaled just 143.1 points in my system, while PS#99OL this year has 426.6 points!! The reason is simple. There are FIVE offensive linemen and just one TE on the field. Naturally, there are 5 times as many OL's to choose from as TE's, making it much more competitive. A player with 143.1 points on the offensive line is rated PS#365OL this year. The PS# is not their overall rank in the freshmen class, but their overall rank AT THAT POSITION in the freshmen class.

I also track JUCO's. A JUCO is a player who went to a Junior College after high school and played football there. They use up a year of their college eligibility for every year they play and most come in as juniors. They are older, seasoned players, and usually can make an immediate impact.

So what is the big deal about where they ranked out of high school? I equate it to where a player ranks in the NFL draft. Obviously, there are some outstanding players in the NFL who were low-round draft picks or even signed as undrafted free agents. However, the majority of the all-stars in the NFL are higher round draft picks and 1st round picks usually make an impact in their first year.

Colleges are much the same. There are plenty of players without a high PS# who end up making it big. For example, Adam Archuleta was an unheralded walk-on at Arizona State who arrived as a slender 180 lb freshman. He left the Sun Devils' program as one of the most feared defenders in the Pac 10. He increased his weight to a chiseled 215 lbs, while bench pressing over 225 lbs 31 times with 4.36 speed, going as the 1st DB in the 1st round of 2001's NFL Draft. Some kids come into college at 17 or 18, undersized and not yet matured, but then grow into big, strong, fast players and make all conference teams. Just like the NFL, there are a good number of these types of stories, like 2000 MVP Kurt Warner who was not drafted and played in NFL Europe and the Arena Football League. But also, just like the NFL, there are many MORE cases of those players who come in highly ranked out of high school, becoming stars and making an immediate impact.

I'll give you some examples: LaVar Arrington was PS#1LB in 1997 and ended up the #2 overall pick in the draft; Peyton Manning was PS#2QB in 1994 and started as a true frosh; TE Tony Gonzalez was PS#1TE; Orlando Pace was PS#1OL and started as a true frosh and, like Manning, was the first overall pick in the NFL draft. In 1995, the top 2 RB's were PS#1 and PS#2 (Kevin Faulk and Ahman Green) while Randy Moss was PS#1WR. In 1996, Tim Couch was PS#1QB. Ron Dayne was PS#3RB and rushed for over 2,000 yards as a true frosh. Corey Dillon was PS#3JC and he powered the Washington Huskies' offense. In 1998, John Henderson was PS#1OL and Marquis Walker was PS#1WR while Julius Peppers was PS#6DL and Carson Palmer was PS#6QB. In 1999, Chris Simms was PS#1QB, William Green PS#8RB and Andre Johnson PS#2WR. These are just some examples, but as you see the stronger the PS#, the better chance the player has of making a big impact in college.

I find PS#'s to be very helpful in my handicapping. Many times after players graduate, the talent behind them is unknown because they have not played a lot of college ball. You would expect a 1st or 2nd round draft pick in the NFL to be able to step into an open starting spot quickly and the higher rated players can usually do just that. That is the value of a PS#.

Before I wrap this article up, I would like to go over a couple of commonly used abbreviations that are in this magazine. Now you know just what a PS# is. Naturally, the PS stands for Phil Steele, or my rating for the players out of high school. I also use HT often. HT is a Highly Touted athlete. In the past this has been a player who ranks in the Top 100 at his position out of high school. Naturally, with 50 states that comes out to about 2 players per state at each position. A VHT is a player rated among the Top 20 out of HS. I have changed the HT and VHT (Very Highly Touted) guidelines in the past couple of years. At K the ratings drop to Top 10 for VHT and Top 35 for HT. At TE it is Top 15 for VHT and Top 75 for HT. QB is Top 30 for VHT and Top 100 for HT. WR and RB have two spots on most teams, therefore the HT number is up to #150 and the VHT is up to #40. Most teams play 3 or 4 LB's so that number moves to #200 for HT classification and #50 for VHT. The DL's and DB's generally have 4 players on the field. The HT classification is now up to #250 at those positions, while a VHT is among the Top 60 out of HS at their position. The offensive line, which has 5 spots, is up to #250 as an HT and up to #100 for a VHT. Many publications do not distinguish between OL and DL for their lineman. As a general rule, we put them into the OL category so that position has by far the largest amount of players.

A quick note about the players in my write-ups. On the offensive line sometimes I will mention that a player was a top-notch wrestler in high school. To me, a top wrestler has very good body control and athleticism which makes for a quality lineman. I also list when a player is from Canada. I do this because not all of the recruiting services cover Canada so those players are generally rated lower in the PS#'s than they should be. Dahrran Diedrick of Nebraska is a prime example, with his PS#281RB status out of HS. However he is the 1st Canadian scholarship player ever signed at NU.

On page 291 are all of this year's top freshmen and JUCO's. This year I am doing it a little differently, listing all the players who accumulated 500 points or more in my freshmen ranking. That would explain the different numbers at each position. By the end of the year, many will have played and some will already be stars. If you like this type of information, you will love my 1998-2003 Complete Freshmen Recruiting Report. It is just $15 and lists all of the top recruits for all of the different positions over the last 6 years. Call 1-800-654-3448 to order your copy today.

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2. Florida
3. Notre Dame
4. Michigan
5. Tennessee
6. Miami, Fl
7. LSU
8. Ohio St
9. Texas
10. Oklahoma
11. Texas A&M
12. Virginia
13. Georgia
14. Maryland
15. N Carolina
16. NC State
17. Virginia Tech
18. Wisconsin
19. Florida St
20. Iowa
21. Stanford
22. Boston College
23. UCLA
24. Alabama
25. Nebraska
26. Arizona St
27. S Carolina
28. Auburn
29. Washington
30. Mississippi St
31. California
32. Oregon
33. Oklahoma St
34. Illinois
35. Colorado
36. Penn St
37. Purdue
38. Missouri
39. Georgia Tech
40. Arizona
41. BYU
42. Arkansas
43. Pittsburgh
44. Mississippi
45. Louisville
46. Clemson
47. Texas Tech
48. Kentucky
49. Iowa St
50. Minnesota
51. W Virginia
52. Wake Forest
53. San Diego St
54. Syracuse
55. Vanderbilt
56. Kansas St
57. Washington St
58. Houston
59. Oregon St
60. SMU
61. Rutgers
62. Northwestern
63. TCU
64. Duke
65. Indiana
66. UCF
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68. Tulane
69. Louisiana Tech
70. UNLV
71. Fresno St
72. Marshall
73. S Florida
74. Temple
75. Michigan St

CONFERENCE BY CONFERENCE 2003 RECRUITING RATINGS

Here are my 2003 recruiting rankings for each conference. They take into account the strength of the Top 10 signees, average signing grade per player, and the total points for each class. The quantity of signees was also considered for these rankings. Keep in mind some schools had as many as 30 signees and others as few as 9. Some interesting notes on this year's signing ratings...Michigan St is in the unfamiliar basement of the Big 10 as new HC John L. Smith was left with very few prospects due to the midseason firing of Bobby Williams and the lengthy coaching search at MSU. Penn St finished 6th in the Big 10 with the lowest amount of signees in the country (11). Al Groh and Virginia displace perennial top ACC recruiter Bobby Bowden whose team fell to #5 with all the negative press and less than stellar last 2 years. CUSA has 2 brand new HC's at the top of the rankings with Bob Petrino of Louisville edging out Art Briles of Houston. SMU's 2nd year HC Phil Bennett pulled off the #1 class in the WAC, a significant gain over last year's #7 ranking. I hope your favorite team did well in the recruiting wars. One final note: only 114 teams are ranked below because Army, Navy and Air Force's signee lists were unavailable at press time.

BIG 10

1. Michigan
2. Ohio St
3. Wisconsin
4. Iowa
5. Illinois
6. Penn St
7. Purdue
8. Minnesota
9. Northwestern
10. Indiana
11. Michigan St

BIG 12

1. Texas
2. Oklahoma
3. Texas A&M
4. Nebraska
5. Oklahoma St
6. Colorado
7. Missouri
8. Texas Tech
9. Iowa St
10. Kansas St
11. Kansas
12. Baylor

SEC

1. Florida
2. Tennessee
3. LSU
4. Georgia
5. Alabama
6. S Carolina
7. Auburn
8. Mississippi St
9. Arkansas
10. Mississippi
11. Kentucky
12. Vanderbilt

ACC

1. Virginia
2. Maryland
3. N Carolina
4. NC State
5. Florida St
6. Georgia Tech
7. Clemson
8. Wake Forest
9. Duke

PAC 10

1. USC
2. Stanford
3. UCLA
4. Arizona St
5. Washington
6. California
7. Oregon
8. Arizona
9. Wash St
10. Oregon St

SUN BELT

1. Middle Tenn St
2. Arkansas St
3. Louisiana Lft
4. Utah St
5. N Texas St
6. Idaho
7. UL Monroe
8. N Mexico St

INDEPENDENT

1. Notre Dame
2. Connecticut
3. Troy St

BIG EAST

1. Miami, Fl
2. Virginia Tech
3. Boston College
4. Pittsburgh
5. W Virginia
6. Syracuse
7. Rutgers
8. Temple

CUSA

1. Louisville
2. Houston
3. TCU
4. Tulane
5. S Florida
6. S Miss
7. Memphis
8. E Carolina
9. UAB
10. Cincinnati

MOUNTAIN WEST

1. BYU
2. San Diego St
3. UNLV
4. Colorado St
5. Utah
6. New Mexico
7. Wyoming

MAC

1. UCF
2. Marshall
3. N Illinois
4. W Michigan
5. Toledo
6. C Michigan
7. Bowling Green
8. Miami, Oh
9. Kent St
10. Akron
11. Ball St
12. Ohio U
13. E Michigan
14. Buffalo

WAC

1. SMU
2. Louisiana Tech
3. Fresno St
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6. Nevada
7. San Jose St
8. UTEP
9. Boise St
10. Tulsa

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6. Tommy Grady — Oklahoma
7. Syvelle Newton — S Carolina
8. Clayton Richard — Michigan
9. Tom Zbikowski — Notre Dame
10. Dennis Dixon — Oregon
11. Marcus Stone — NC State
12. Brady Quinn — Notre Dame
13. Johnny DuRocher — Oregon
14. Justin Midgett — Florida
15. Blake Mitchell — S Carolina
16. Kevin McCabe — Virginia
17. Matt Flynn — LSU
18. Drew Tate — Iowa
19. James Battle — TCU
20. Omar Conner — Miss St
21. T.C. Ostrander — Stanford
22. Philip Daugherty — Texas Tech
23. Richard Kovalcheck — Arizona
24. Michael Affleck — Arizona St
25. Andre Woodson — Kentucky
26. C.J. Gaddis — Clemson
27. Ryan Gunderson — Oregon St
28. Steven Moffett — UCF
29. Tyler Donovan — Wisconsin
30. Chris Hawkins — NC State
31. Brad Bower — Illinois
32. Ben Mauk — Wake Forest
33. Pat Carter — Georgia Tech
34. Todd Boeckman — Ohio St
35. Robert Johnson — Arkansas
36. Steve Craver — Nebraska
37. Donovan Woods — Oklahoma St
38. Ryan Mitch — Maryland
39. Nick Cangelosi — N Carolina
40. Peter Martinsen — Minnesota
41. Devin Williams — Louisiana-Lft
42. Sam Keller — Arizona St
43. Joe Daily — Nebraska
44. Kris Heavner — Arizona
45. Landon Leach — Arkansas
46. DaJuan Warren — Illinois
47. Courtney Denson — Auburn
48. Eric Foreman — Texas
49. Joe Flacco — Pittsburgh

RUNNING BACKS

1. Demetris Summers — S Carolina
2. Tyrone Moss — Miami, Fl
3. Kregg Lumpkin — Georgia
4. Joe Cohen — Florida
5. Reggie Bush — USC
6. Darrell Blackman — NC State
7. LenDale White — USC
8. Alley Broussard — LSU
9. Barrington Edwards — LSU
10. Tim Castille — Alabama
11. Maurice Drew — UCLA
12. Chauncey Washington — USC
13. Emeka Nnoli — Stanford
14. Albert Young — Iowa
15. Rashaun Grant — Georgia Tech
16. Austin Scott — Penn St
17. Erik Hardeman — Texas
18. Jason Evans — Stanford
19. Skyler Thornton — Florida
20. Lance Ball — Maryland
21. Lynell Hamilton — San Diego St
22. Travis Thomas — Notre Dame
23. Marcus Thomas — Arizona
24. Derrick Brown — Texas A&M
25. David Marrero — Stanford
26. Brian Dennison — NC State
27. Le'Ron McClain — Alabama
28. Isaiah Gardner — Notre Dame
29. Michael Turner — Wisconsin
30. Andre Callender — Boston Coll
31. Jerome Jackson — Michigan
32. Pierre Thomas — Illinois
33. Anton Campbell — Michigan
34. A.J. Johnson — Iowa
35. Alan Abrams — Mississippi
36. Jo-Lonn Dunbar — Boston Coll
37. Cornell Johnson — N/A
38. James Johnson — N/A
39. Chris Alexander — Texas A&M
40. Courtney Tennial — Oklahoma
41. Rodney Kinlaw — Penn St
42. Laurence Maroney — Minnesota
43. Micah Andrews — Wake Forest
44. Cory Boyd — S Carolina
45. Kenni Burns — Indiana
46. Marcus Woods — Missouri
47. Derrick Williams — UCLA
48. Shawn Jordan — LSU
49. Kenny Lewis — Virginia Tech
50. Tramaine Billie — Clemson
51. Brent Bolden — Arizona

WIDE RECEIVERS

1. Andre Caldwell — Florida
2. Whitney Lewis — USC
3. Steve Smith — USC
4. Chad Jackson — Florida
5. Robert Meachem — Tennessee
6. Sean Bailey — Georgia
7. Jayson Swain — Tennessee
8. Vernon Davis — Maryland
9. Mike Mason — N Carolina
10. Bret Smith — Tennessee
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13. Mark Bradford — Stanford
14. Tyrell Gatewood — Texas
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16. Adarius Bowman — N Carolina
17. Limas Sweed — Texas
18. Craig Chambers — Washington
19. Marcus Johnson — Oklahoma
20. John Logan — Kentucky
21. Devin Jordan — Ohio St
22. Jeff Samardzija — Notre Dame
23. Earvin Taylor — Texas A&M
24. Tony Gonzalez — Ohio St
25. B.J. Vickers — Louisville
26. Quintin Daniels — Washington
27. Matt Caddell — Alabama
28. Craig Davis — LSU
29. Alex Ghebreselassie — UCLA
30. Tristen Ross — Oklahoma
31. Chinedum Ndukwe — Notre Dame
32. Shannon Lane — Virginia
33. Bennie Swain — Houston
34. Drew Weatherly — Maryland
35. Emmanuel Harrell — Kentucky
36. Devin Stearns — California
37. Corey Williams — Washington
38. Lonnie Hurst — Illinois
39. Keon Lattimore — Maryland
40. Derrick Harper — S Carolina
41. James Townsend — Iowa
42. Todd Blythe — Iowa St
43. Ernest Mason — Wisconsin
44. Sam Cheatham — Northwestern
45. Terry Love — Michigan St
46. Greg Bracey — Missouri
47. Billy Pittman — Texas
48. Terrell Golden — Penn St
49. Stephone Robinson — Colorado
50. William Roach — Alabama
51. Tommy Devereaux — Oklahoma St
52. David Smith — S Carolina
53. John Philip Jones — Oklahoma St
54. Noah Smith — California
55. Noah Whiteside — S Carolina
56. T.J. Gartrell — Georgia
57. Terrell Allen — Pittsburgh
58. Bobby Whithorne — Washington
59. Sam Desa — California
60. Dwayne Bowe — LSU
61. Charles Smith — Washington
62. Fontel Mines — Virginia

TIGHT ENDS

1. Greg Olsen — Notre Dame
2. Tony Hills — Texas
3. Louis Irizarry — Ohio St
4. Richard Cook — Georgia
5. Lewis Baker — Oklahoma
6. Jon Stupar — Virginia
7. Josh Mueller — Nebraska
8. Marcel Frost — Ohio St
9. Joey Thomas — Texas A&M
10. Garret Bushong — Purdue
11. Kieth Zinger — LSU
12. John Carlson — Notre Dame
13. John Kinzer — Virginia Tech
14. Tremayne Stanberry — Oklahoma St
15. Josh Barbo — Missouri
16. Jamesley Jean — NC State
17. Sam Johnson — Rutgers
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1. Ofa Mohetau — BYU
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5. Drew Radovich — USC
6. Andrew Bain — Miami, Fl
7. Martin O'Donnell — Illinois
8. Jorrie Adams — Texas A&M
9. Donovan Davis — Miss St
10. Tripp Carroll — Virginia Tech
11. Joel Holler — Penn St
12. Joe Thomas — Wisconsin
13. Ryan Poles — Boston Coll
14. Jordy Lipsey — Virginia
15. Sam Baker — USC
16. Aubrey McPhadden — Florida St
17. Ryan Schuler — Nebraska
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19. Akim Millington — Oklahoma
20. Ian Yates-Cunningham — Virginia
21. Jerry Sevin — LSU
22. Zeb McKinzey — Georgia
23. Arron Sears — Tennessee
24. Brian Daniels — Colorado
25. Dan Mazan — Penn St
26. Donnie Woods — Maryland
27. Derrick Morse — Miami, Fl
28. Jarrod Britt — Auburn
29. John Frady — Florida St
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31. Ty Hall — Boston Coll
32. Matt Welsh — Virginia Tech
33. Danny Kaye — Wisconsin
34. Ryan Kalil — USC
35. Michael Pollak — Arizona St
36. Will Arnold — LSU
37. Dustin Moore — Arkansas
38. Dallas Griffin — Texas
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40. Mikal Brewer — Stanford
41. P.J. Irvin — UCLA
42. Cyrim Wimbs — Miami, Fl
43. Corey Clark — Texas A&M
44. John Rochford — Miami, Fl
45. Tyler Luellen — Missouri
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58. Gordie Sammis — Virginia
59. Edwin Harrison — Colorado
60. Brandon Keith — Oklahoma
61. Julius Orieukwu — Arizona St
62. Aaron Brant — Iowa St
63. Dallas Reynolds — BYU
64. Roy Schuening — Oregon St
65. Dan Pribula — N/A
66. Trey Chandler — Georgia
67. Chris Yoder — Texas A&M
68. Luke Knauf — Wisconsin
69. Kevin Gage — Illinois
70. Robert Gustavis — Arizona St
71. Kharylake Martin — Colorado
72. Jason Speredon — BYU
73. Travis Draper — USC
74. John Tjaden — Iowa St
75. Brandon Cook — Iowa St

DEFENSIVE LINE

1. Victor Abiamiri — Notre Dame
2. Shawn Crable — Michigan
3. Moe Dampeer — Oklahoma
4. Turk McBride — Tennessee
5. Justin Ostrowski — Wisconsin
6. Lawrence Jackson — USC
7. Xavier Lawson-Kennedy — Oklahoma St
8. Sedrick Ellis — USC
9. Chris Barrett — USC
10. Mario Williams — NC State
11. David Patterson — Ohio St
12. Jason Jack — Texas A&M
13. Trevor Laws — Notre Dame
14. Matt Malele — California
15. Kyle Caldwell — Arizona St
16. Tim Washington — LSU
17. Tim Crowder — Texas
18. Doug Van Dyke — Purdue
19. Isaiah Thomas — N Carolina
20. Alonzo Dotson — Oklahoma
21. Will Paul — Michigan
22. Dominic Lee — Alabama
23. Kevin Brown — UCLA
24. Stanley McClover — Auburn
25. Sean Merrill — LSU
26. Brandon Maupin — Ohio St
27. Quentin Groves — Auburn
28. Steven Coleman — Oklahoma
29. Junior Lemau'u — UCLA
30. Sian Cotton — Ohio St
31. John Shaw — Penn St
32. Richard Kittrell — Iowa
33. Carl Pendleton — Oklahoma
34. Carnell Stewart — LSU
35. Marcus Thomas — Florida
36. Marcus Hands — N Carolina
37. Conrad Bolston — Maryland
38. Jonathan Loyte — Vanderbilt
39. Christopher Ellis — Virginia Tech
40. Bruce Davis — UCLA
41. Jeffrey Zuttah — Michigan
42. Brian Pata — Miami, Fl
43. Tez Doolittle — Auburn
44. Brian Soi — BYU
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52. Steven Jones Tennessee
53. Brett Palmer Arizona St
54. Chad Green NC State
55. John Harrell Houston
56. Dwight Stephenson Notre Dame
57. Afa Anoai UConn
58. Tate Pittman Texas A&M
59. Fili Moala USC
60. Eric Thomas S Florida
61. Alex Boston Florida St
62. Nate Robinson Miami, Fl
63. Kevin Williams Auburn
64. Brandon Teamer Nebraska
65. Adam Kraus Michigan
66. Nick Larkin Boston College
67. Barry Booker Virginia Tech
68. Mike Macellari Stanford
69. Ryan Watson USC
70. Keilen Dykes W Virginia
71. Brad Girtman Oklahoma St
72. Vegas Franklin Miami, Fl
73. Matt Spanos USC
74. Kory Robertson Virginia Tech
75. Dave Howell Miami, Fl
76. Reggie Smith Ohio St
77. Marcus Coleman Wisconsin
78. Thomas Marshall Texas

LINEBACKERS

1. Wesley Jefferson Maryland
2. LaMarr Woodley Michigan
3. Jarvis Moss Florida
4. Justin Warren Texas A&M
5. Ernie Sims Florida St
6. Daniel Brooks Tennessee
7. Tavares Gooden Miami, Fl
8. Thomas Williams USC
9. Vince Hall Virginia Tech
10. James Presley Michigan
11. Xavier Adibi Virginia Tech
12. Earl Everett Florida
13. Jermaine Dias Virginia
14. Drean Rucker USC
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16. Demarrio Pleasant Oklahoma
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40. Ernest Jones NC State
41. Victor Degrate Oklahoma St
42. Fred Sparkman N Carolina
43. Raymond Brooks NC State
44. Mike Klinkenborg Iowa
45. Avery Cleveland SMU
46. Tom Busch Iowa
47. Brannon Jackson Louisiana Tech
48. Vince Redd Virginia
49. Marcus Howard Georgia
50. Rob Lewis Washington
51. Chris Purtz California

DEFENSIVE BACKS

1. Prescott Burgess Michigan
2. Quinton Culberson Miss St
3. Antonio Cromartie Florida St
4. Tony Cade Oklahoma
5. Ryan Mundy Michigan
6. Philip Brown Virginia
7. Paul Oliver Georgia
8. Ambrose Wooden Notre Dame
9. Donte Whitner Ohio St
10. Reggie Nelson Florida
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Here are the Top 25 classes of signees for the past 5 years (frosh & JUCO's) according to my ratings.

2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
1. Florida St	1. Florida St	1. Florida	1. Texas	1. Michigan
2. Texas	2. Michigan	2. Tennessee	2. Alabama	2. Notre Dame
3. Ohio St	3. Texas	3. Florida St	3. Texas A&M	3. UCLA
4. Tennessee	4. LSU	4. Penn St	4. Ohio St	4. Penn St
5. Notre Dame	5. Notre Dame	5. Texas	5. LSU	5. Florida St
6. Miami, Fl	6. Miami, Fl	6. Notre Dame	6. Michigan	6. N Carolina
7. USC	7. Tennessee	7. Alabama	7. Notre Dame	7. Georgia
8. Oklahoma	8. Ohio St	8. Ohio St	8. Georgia	8. Florida
9. UCLA	9. Oklahoma	9. Miami, Fl	9. Miami, Fl	9. Ohio St
10. Michigan	10. Nebraska	10. Michigan St	10. Miss St	10. Alabama
11. Virginia	11. Penn St	11. USC	11. Arkansas	11. Texas
12. Penn St	12. UCLA	12. Arizona St	12. Boston College	12. Nebraska
13. Florida	13. USC	13. Auburn	13. Michigan St	13. LSU
14. S Carolina	14. Washington	14. Oklahoma	14. UCLA	14. Tennessee
15. Michigan St	15. Stanford	15. Michigan	15. Florida	15. USC
16. Georgia	16. Virginia Tech	16. Stanford	16. Florida St	16. Wisconsin
17. Colorado	17. Arkansas	17. UCLA	17. Auburn	17. S Carolina
18. Washington	18. Texas A&M	18. Colorado	18. Kansas St	18. Michigan St
19. Miss St	19. Florida	19. N Carolina	19. Georgia Tech	19. Oklahoma
20. Boston College	20. Purdue	20. Nebraska	20. N Carolina	20. Syracuse
21. Texas A&M	21. Wisconsin	21. Wisconsin	21. Tennessee	21. Iowa
22. LSU	22. Kansas St	22. Syracuse	22. Syracuse	22. Stanford
23. Stanford	23. Georgia	23. Texas A&M	23. USC	23. Arizona St
24. Nebraska	24. Iowa	24. LSU	24. S Carolina	24. Colorado
25. Auburn	25. Clemson	25. Georgia Tech	25. Arizona St	25. Minnesota

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

by Phil Steele

Each year in my magazine I stick my neck out and make predictions for each conference, so this page will be a recap of last year's magazine predictions.

THE GOOD

Let's start right at the TOP with the National Champion. I am very proud of the fact that I had Ohio St listed HIGHER than ANY OTHER magazine in the country at the start of the year putting them #7 in my ratings and I also listed them under the "Who Will Be This Year's Surprise Team?" One magazine had them rated as low as #23 at the start of the year and they were not even in the Preseason Top 10 in the polls!!! Only 3 publications even called for Ohio St to win the BIG 10 outright!!

At the end of the season USC was arguably the best team in the NCAA. They finished #4 in the polls and in their final 4 games they beat Arizona St, UCLA, Notre Dame and Iowa (4 bowl teams, 2 in the top 5) by a combined 168-64!!! They were co-Pac 10 champs. My magazine was the ONLY magazine to rate them in the Top 11 at the start of the year and SIX of the Top 10 magazines did NOT even list them in their TOP 20 at the start of the year with FOUR having them unranked!!!!

USC WR Mike Williams

Another team that was among the hottest in the country at the end of the year was Kansas St and they finished #7 & #6 in the final polls. Amazingly, except for me, NOT A SINGLE magazine picked the Wildcats in their Preseason TOP 25!!!!! I not only had Kansas St ranked, I had them #8 at the start of the year and they were just #26 in the AP poll to start the year.

Most magazines had Arkansas finishing 5th in the SEC West and that was their consensus placement. I had the Hogs going to the SEC title game and when they beat LSU in their season finale they earned a trip to Atlanta to play for the SEC title.

In my article "Which is the Toughest Conference?" I list my ratings for the most improved teams for the upcoming year. Of the 20 listed this past year SIXTEEN (80%) improved their record over the previous year while two had the same amount of wins as 2001 and 2 had weaker records. Even more impressive was that EIGHT of the 20 teams that had LOSING records in 2001 were BOWL eligible in 2002 including Penn St, Tulane, Oregon St, West Virginia, California and Minnesota!! I had NINE teams that went from losing records to a bowl in 2001.

Every year I talk about having the highest percentage of my Top 25 teams becoming bowl eligible. This past year 24 out of my Top 25 teams were bowl eligible with the only disappointment being Michigan St.

THE BAD

Let me start off with one regret from the 2002 magazine. It is rare for me to miss out on a team in my research for the magazine which has to be written and off to the presses by the middle of May. Every year after the magazine is done, I go through every college game for the upcoming year and create a Northcoast Line for the game. That is an estimate of how many points I think a team will be favored by, or an underdog, in each game for the upcoming year. I look at the series history, type of situation they are in (off a rival - bad, or off a bye - good), how the teams matchup physically, surface, coaching, etc. In doing so this past year I had Iowa an underdog in only TWO games all year (at Penn St and at Michigan). I was mystified to see that I only had them 7th in the Big 10 (only two magazines had them rated higher and that was at 6th). Every summer I do about 250 radio shows around the country and I kept bringing up the fact that I had them favored in 10 of 12 games and that this was the first time I could remember missing a team. As it turned out they did have a big season so I will triple check everything this year to make sure a team like Iowa (who I had ranked #33 and no other publication had them in their Top 25 and the AP poll did not give a single vote for them while 51 teams had at least one vote) doesn't slip through the cracks again.

Let's get to the teams that ended up disappointing not only me but practically everyone else in the country. Tennessee was my pick for #1 (remember I did have the eventual National Champ Ohio St rated higher than anyone else) and they were The Preseason's #5 ranked team and in everyone's Top 10. Due to an amazing spate of injuries (19 starters missed games due to injury) they did not even finish in the Top 25. Florida St was in everyone's Top 10 and #4 in the Preseason polls and due partly to injuries was just 9-5 (but was the ACC Champ and in a BCS bowl). Nebraska was #8 in the Preseason polls and had their first non winning season since 1961. Michigan St was #18 in the Preseason and finished a disastrous 4-8 and as mentioned was the only team in my Preseason Top 25 not to be bowl eligible.

Utah was the only other team in my Preseason TOP 37 that did not become bowl eligible. I thought they had a shot at an unbeaten season in the Mt West but when RB Marty Johnson was left in the game too long vs Indiana and was injured, their season went south and Coach McBride was sent packing after the disappointing 5-6 finish (5 losses by single digits).

UGA QB David Greene

There were some teams that I had underrated at the start of the year that exceeded my expectations (I was off base). Georgia finished #3 in the polls but I had them at only #23. I did expect them to lose to South Carolina early in the year but the Gamecocks fumbled the ball going into the end zone at the end and did not win. They also caught a break playing Tennessee without QB Clausen, got a late come from behind win vs Auburn and beat Bama by 2 (FG at the end) but at 13-1, they deserved their final placement in the polls.

Only two other final Top 25 teams were a surprise to me and both reside in the ACC. Virginia was pegged to finish 6th in the ACC by almost everyone, so I was not alone there. I did have NC St 7th in the ACC and they finished 4th so that was not bad, but I did not have them in my Preseason Top 40 and they finished #11.

THE UGLY

I have been handicapping College and Pro Football professionally since 1982. What I do for a living is much like a Stock Analyst. People use Stock Brokers to help them handicap businesses to see whether they think the stock will go up or down and place their bets (buy stock) accordingly. The reason people (like myself) use Stock Brokers is that I work on football 365 days a year and do not have time to study the market daily or hourly so I rely on people who do to give me advice on which businesses look like a good play. I realize from using Stock Brokers that not every recommendation will be profitable. I listen to their opinions and why they think a company's stock will go up and if it makes sense to me, I play it. The key for me in judging a Broker is basically whether I make money at the end of the year by following his or her advice. The track record for a Broker must be over the long haul and not judged on just one selection or even a few months of selections. As long as I know the person is putting in the proper time of research, I can live with the down times knowing that the good times will be coming soon. This past year for example, I would think very few people were able to make money in a market that has gone through a big correction from its sky high level of a few years back.

People pay me for my opinion on how I think each weekend's games will go with my Late Phone Service. They call the day of the game and after studying the injuries, line moves, weather, etc., I put out my very best plays for the weekend. Since I started in 1982 I am pleased that I have recorded winning years in all but 3 seasons. I feel that is a very good record. Now, not every season is like 1989 when my College Late Phone Plays went 53-23 70% for the year!! The key is to finish above 52.5% so that my customers show a profit and to show them that I am working every hour of every day during football to give them what I feel are solid choices with solid reasoning. There are many handicappers who really hurt the profession by coming up with "Lock Games" and talk about winning 90% of the time which is impossible. There is no such thing as a "Can't Lose" game (see page 26).

The question for my Executive Club Members has always been HOW MUCH they were going to win and not IF they were going to win. Well, 2002 can be put into the category of UGLY for me as far as the Late Phones went. I had people put their faith in me and then suffered through a horrible year where I had teams lose with twice as many FD's (due to turnovers) and many key plays went against me. The analysis was still solid, but the results were not.

Preseason football started off well enough with a 10-5-1 67% record and 31'-16 on the ★ basis (I rate games from 1★ to 5★). The NFL regular season was good with a 28-23-1 55% record and a 92'-73-3 56% on the ★ basis. We did have 5 NFL Games of the Month and those plays were a perfect 5-0 100% including our NFL and Playoff Plays of the Year. When you read this magazine you can see the amount of time I put into College football. I was STUNNED to see MY College Football have a record of 36-49 42% and 137-173 on the ★ basis for the regular season. The BIG plays (4'★ and 5★'s) did go 4-1 in the Colleges, but it was the WORST College Football season EVER for my Late Phones. The postseason record was 12-12 and 41'-39' on the ★ basis. Add it all up and for the year it was 302'-301' on the ★ basis but after the vigorish (Vegas charges 10% on losses) it was a net of MINUS 29.1 ★'s for the year. My THIRD losing season in 21 years with my pet Colleges finishing so poor, it was a horrible, UGLY year that I will rate as my worst ever! However, just as the stock market works in cycles, so too does the world of handicapping. There will be down years like last year, but my overall record stands among the top in the industry, and Northcoast Sports won't be held down for long.

By Phil Steele

In other parts of this magazine, I have touched on the fact that FREE is an often misused term in the Sports Service Industry. If you pick up the newspaper, the ads scream out FREE PLAYS, Call 1-800-XXX-XXXX. What you get when you call is pushy salespeople who do not give you their "FREE" plays until you purchase their "much stronger" plays. Sports Illustrated did an excellent exposé a few years ago, showing how these "boiler room" operations worked.

Unfortunately that is the type of operation that dominates the Sports Service Industry. We are very different here at Northcoast Sports. When we say free, we mean FREE. I hope you have already sent in for your FREE 2003 Pro Football Preview (see page 325). If you did, you already know that there were no pushy salespeople, no phone calls and we did not ask for your phone number. If you have done so, then you already know first hand that at Northcoast when we say FREE and with no sales pressure, we mean it!

At Northcoast Sports we have ONE set of Late Phone Plays. These plays are not free, but they will help me illustrate how my FREE Phone Selections work. Each week we release 3 to 7 College Late Phone Selections and usually 3 NFL Late Phone Selections. We also provide "Small College Late Phone Plays" and "College Totals Club Plays" for those who can play smaller college numbers and College Over/Unders.

Our one set of Late Phone releases can be purchased in many different ways. Our Executive Club Members sign up for the season and receive EVERY Late Phone Selection that we release. These plays are also given to two different monitoring services: The Sports Monitor of Oklahoma City and SportsWatch of Las Vegas. If you signed up for a month of our Late Phone Service, you would receive the EXACT SAME Late Phone Plays as our Executive Club Members, which are of course, the same plays given to the monitors. If you signed up for a week of service, you would also receive the EXACT SAME plays. If you call the Executive 900 Line (1-900-420-3972) or log onto the NCstore at www.ncsports.com, you would receive the EXACT SAME plays for $15 each. The same plays, just different ways of receiving them.

Every Saturday and Sunday, I designate the Top Weekly College and Top Weekly Pro Late Phone Play. This is simply my Top Play of the Late Phone Selections for the week. Of course it is part of the EXACT SAME plays we give the monitors, Executive Club Members, Monthly and Weekly Members. I take this Top Play and put it up on Phil Steele's Inner Circle Line (1-900-288-6225) for $25 per call each Sat & Sun.

Late Phone Selections are our Top 3 to 7 College Selections on Saturday and Top 3 Pro Selections on Sunday. With that established, let's take a look at our FREE Phone Selections. We have 1-800-475-8168, a toll free Complimentary Selection Line. We also have LOCAL complimentary phone lines in 45 different cities (see inside back cover). We have EIGHT FULL SERVICE NORTHCOAST LINES plus audio is available on our website. They are in Cleveland, Honolulu, Chicago, Dallas, New Jersey, Nebraska, Atlanta, Las Vegas and on our website at www.ncsports.com. Just like the Late Phone Selections, we have ONE SET of FREE selections, just different ways to receive them.

To begin, the FULL SERVICE LINES are where you can receive EVERY FREE play we put out. As I mentioned, we have Full Service Lines in eight different locations, plus the internet as of this writing. There is a strong possibility that we will be going to ELEVEN Full Service Lines at some point in the near future. I am looking to expand to Alabama, Pennsylvania and Southern California this season! If you live in one of those states, call our office at 1-800-654-3448 and see if our Full Service Line is up and running in your area.

A Full Service Line is the ultimate FREE information phone. When you call our Full Service Line you will listen to the main menu which will tell you all that is available. After listening to the menu, simply select the number you want to hear. You can stay on the Full Service Line as long as you like. If you listen to the Latest Injury Report and the Las Vegas Line Updates (Button #5), you can punch in your next choice when the report is finished. If you like, you can stay on the line and listen to all 9 extensions in one phone call.

Here is a list of what each button has on the Full Service Lines:

Button #1 - Football Scores-Scores are updated all day and night on Saturday. Best of all they are commercial free!!! We do not update the scores on Sunday because the networks do a timely job of updating the NFL scores. If you call a Full Service Line and select Button #1 on Saturday, you will receive a complete rundown of all the days scores, including any games in progress. They will be in the international rotation and commercial free. Sunday morning you can check on a late night game that was not in your local newspaper by calling and getting the complete scoring recap on Button #1.

Button #2 - Local Guest Handicapper-All of our Full Service Lines have a local guest handicapper. I pick out honest and reliable handicappers and allow them to put up free selections on a city's line that is near them. The hard working handicappers that I have on the line are: **Atlanta** - JB Sports, **Chicago** - Stan Lisowski, **Cleveland** - Billy Coleman, **Dallas** - Master Sports, **Honolulu** - Stan Lisowski, **Las Vegas** - Billy Coleman, **Nebraska** - Master Sports, and **New Jersey** - Stan Lisowski. Our website, www.ncsports.com, has a new guest handicapper every day. They also recap how their plays did the previous day, win or lose.

Button #3 - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Plays of the Week-These are the strongest FREE PLAYS available ANYWHERE. I put a lot of care and detail into selecting these plays and they have a high winning percentage throughout the years. Every Tuesday I put up my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Underdog Play of the Week. This stays on Button #3 of the Full Service Lines for both Tuesday and Wednesday. As you know, my Underdog Play of the Week is 50-29, 63% in Power Sweep over the last six years and has hit 65% winners over 20 years! The Complimentary Underdog Play is usually my #2 choice that just missed out on being the Underdog Play of the Week in Power Sweep. On Thursday, I put up my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Totals Play of the Week. We own two #1 Titles from The Sports Monitor in NFL Totals Selections (Over/Unders). Twelve times in the last four seasons, this play ended up being a Late Phone Play on Sunday! Saturday morning has another big FREE play, as I release my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary College Play of the Week. This is simply my highest rated selection that just missed out on being a Late Phone Play. As an example, if I am using 5 College Late Phone selections, the 6th (and there are usually 40 games to choose from) is the one that I put out as my FREE Play of the Week! On Sunday morning, it is my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Pro Play of the Week. This is our #4 rated NFL selection each week (we release the Top 3 as Late Phone Plays). Why do I put out such quality selections for FREE? I know that once you have called and witnessed first hand the quality of these FREE selections, you will probably come on board for my very best plays by signing up for the Late Phones. Make sure to call each day to get these quality plays.

Button #4 - Mike Lee-A handicapper who has been around longer than I have and someone I truly respect is Mike Lee. Mike has been on TV and has had his own service since the '70's. He puts up a free play each and every day on Button #4. He usually adds some humor and life to his free plays and always tells you how he did the previous day, win or lose. Check out Button #4 and see why Mike is so widely respected across the country.

Button #5 - Las Vegas Line Updates and Injury Report-If you want to know if a player will be playing this week or just want to find out the latest injuries, this button is a must call. I put all my current injury information on it daily. I also monitor SEVEN Las Vegas Casinos and provide daily line updates which are provided for newsmatter only. On Saturday morning (anytime after 1:00 AM ET) I put up the Overnight Line, Weather and Injury Report and list all the information you need for Saturday's games. Do not go into Saturday without checking out all this up-to-date, and best of all, FREE information.

Button #7 - This Week's Trends and Notes by Phil Steele-I put up timely information for the upcoming week. Included are things like the last 4 week's rankings, which tell you where the NFL teams rank recently (just the last 4 weeks of stats are taken into account). My Major Moves, Selected Angles and Systems of the Week have shown a high percentage of winners.

Button #9 - Daily Guest Handicapper-Free plays from one of the nation's top handicappers. A new selection each and every day. Sometimes I even give away free Private Play Hotline selections during the week (a $9 value).

That is a lot of information and it is all FREE, on tape and updated every day during the football season. Now you know why I call them the Northcoast FULL SERVICE Lines.

Now the question arises - What is given out on the 800 and Local Complimentary Lines? These two have the same exact plays daily. They are taken from the Full Service Lines. Here is what is available on a day to day basis:

Monday - Guest Handicapper. The last 3 years I have released my Early Bird Play of the Week from my Private Play Hotline ($9 value) and this play is now 58-25 70% over the last 6 years!! I will be releasing this play every Monday again this year, so don't miss out. This is the same play as on Button #9 of the Full Service Line.

Tuesday - Guest Handicapper. A free play from one of the top handicappers in the country. Same play as on Button #9 of the Full Service Line.

Wednesday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Underdog Play of the Week. The same great play that is on Button #3 of the Full Service Lines every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Thursday - A free selection from Phil Steele's Private Play Hotline. A $9 value for free. Same play as on Button #9 of the Full Service Lines.

Friday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Totals Play of the Week.

Saturday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary College Play of the Week.

Sunday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Pro Play of the Week.

All three are the exact same plays offered on Button #3 of the Full Service Lines.

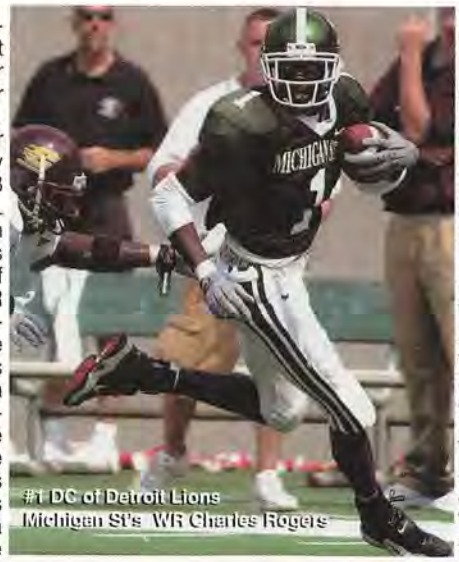
If you call 1-800-475-8168 and instead of hearing free plays, you hear a busy signal, that means you live in a city where we have either a local Comp Line or Northcoast Full Service Line. Check out the inside back cover for a complete listing. I hope you take advantage of the finest FREE plays in the country this year!

2003 NFL DRAFT A Day for VHT's!!!

By Phil Steele

The NFL draft is always a big day for the top graduating seniors and some high-quality juniors and sophomores in college football. It is the chance to move on to the NFL and make a living playing the sport they have played most of their lives. For first round draft picks it means millions of dollars and sudden wealth. While lower round draft picks do not make millions, everyone makes six figures and that is why a big senior year is very important.

Being a first round draft pick does not guarantee success. The NFL has lots of stories of first round "busts" over the years, players who never lived up to their potential due to injuries or just poor performance. Every franchise has had some #1 picks who never panned out and some who never even started an NFL game. However, the majority of 1st round picks do make it big. In 1999, RB Edgerrin James was a 1st round pick in the NFL draft and ended up leading the NFL in rushing with 1,553 yards as a ROOKIE! The most dangerous receiver in football at this time is Randy Moss of Minnesota and he too was a 1st round choice. WR Marvin Harrison led the NFL in total yards receiving in 1999 and 2002 and was the Colts' top choice in 1996. The man orchestrating Indy's offense is Peyton Manning, the first overall pick in the draft in 1998. Jevon Kearse was a first rounder of the Tennessee Titans and he simply dominated as a rookie with 14.5 sacks and helped the team get to the Super Bowl. In 2000 leading rusher RB Jamal Lewis led the Ravens to a Super Bowl Championship as a rookie first round pick. Jeremy Shockey made a huge impact at TE for the NY Giants last year. He was a 1st rounder and the only rookie at the 2002 Pro Bowl. There are great expectations for first round draft picks and many live up to them by eventually getting to the Pro Bowl.


#1 DC of Detroit Lions
Michigan St's WR Charles Rogers

How does a player get to be a first round draft pick? A good starting point in determining a player's grade coming out of college is how that player performs on the field. In most cases you must be among the most productive players in the college game. Productivity is not the only criteria. Ty Detmer is the all-time career passing leader in college football with over 15,000 yards but was not a first round pick. Todd Santos and Eric Zeier were both in the Top 5 when they graduated and neither were a #1 pick. Danny Wuerffel won the Heisman but his phone did not ring until the 4th round. 2001's Heisman winner, Eric Crouch, waited until the 3rd round until his name was called. Ken Dorsey who only lost 2 games as a starter was not drafted until round 7. The top three reception leaders of all-time in IA ball are Arnold Jackson, Geoff Noisy and Trevor Insley and none of the 3 were drafted.

NFL scouts concentrate primarily on players' size, speed and strength ratings. A player could have a great senior year but if his performance in the 40 yard dash is disappointing he could drop a round or two in the draft. If a player shows up at the NFL Combine out of shape, he probably cost himself a large chunk of money in his contract as he will be drafted lower. It's all about how many reps a player can do at 225 pounds in the bench press and other physical characteristics.

Even after all that number crunching there are plenty of stories of players who were not drafted and went on to great success in the NFL. You only need to look at the 1999 season to see Kurt Warner. Warner, who had never been drafted and even played in the Arena Football League, simply became the NFL and Super Bowl MVP. This type of story is great but the majority of the stars in the NFL are the players who graded high enough to be first round draft picks.

The colleges do not have a draft of high school players but every school is given an allotment of scholarships and has to recruit players from around the country to fill their needs. Most high school athletes will take the big name schools' scholarships over the smaller ones. If you are lucky enough to have Florida St, Ohio St or Alabama offer you one of their precious 15 to 25 scholarships, you usually jump at it. Schools like Boise St or Middle Tennessee do not even bother to recruit most of the very top athletes coming out as they really have little chance to land them (unless it's a local kid).

Since there is no draft, how do you rate players out of high school? I rely on some great recruiting sources and I have a computer rating system that ends up ranking over 7,500 players out of high school each year. I then assign every player a PS# which shows how highly rated each player is out of high school. I have an entire page devoted to how I determine a PS# (see page 290).

I have come up with my own terminology for the players' rating out of high school on that page. An HT (Highly Touted) is a player who is rated highly at his position. Out of the 7,500+ kids who are on my list coming out of high school, the top 1,435 fall into the HT category. A VHT (Very Highly Touted) is akin to a first round draft pick. There are only 405 of these players each year with varying amounts at each position. That comes out to just 8.1 players per state so we are talking about the créme de la créme from the recruiting rankings.

On page 290, I mention the case of Arizona St LB Adam Archuleta, who was a scrawny 180 lbs out of high school but bulked up to a first round level athlete during his time in college. When a player moves into a college program he benefits from vastly upgraded weight rooms and nutritional programs. Players will show much greater gains in size, speed and strength in their 4 or 5 years in college than they do once an NFL team drafts them. The recruiting ratings are not an exact science. However, much like the NFL, you will find that the most sought after kids out of high school turn out to be the stars of the college game. There are many cases of VHT players stepping in and starting in their true frosh years.

This year I thought I would look at the end product of the college game. In late April, after the 2003 NFL draft was complete, I went back and looked at the PS#'s of all of the top picks. I was pleasantly surprised that of the Top 23 players taken in this year's draft 13 were VHT's and Dwayne Robertson (PS #61) missed that classification by 1 spot (top 60 on DL's). Of the top 18 players selected in the 2002 draft, 11 were VHT's and 3 more were near VHT's. Of the Top 13 players selected in the 2001 NFL Draft, 9 were VHT's. In 2000, nine of the Top 12 picks were VHT's. There are generally 2,750 kids who are signed to a scholarship by Division IA schools each year. Since there are just 405 players who meet my criteria for a VHT, that means that roughly 15% of all signees are classified as a VHT. In the last 4 years of the Top 12 picks in the draft (48 players) 31 have been VHT's!! That means that 65% of the top spots were VHT's and that proves the significance of the rating. Here is a list of this year's top 23 NFL Draft selections and where they were rated out of high school. As you can see the NFL draft was a VHT day.

2003's NFL DRAFT TOP SELECTIONS

1.	Carson Palmer	USC	VHT	PS#7QB in 1998
2.	Charles Rogers	Michigan St	VHT	PS#2WR in 2000
3.	Andre Johnson	Miami, Fl	VHT	PS#2WR in 1999
4.	Dwayne Robertson	Kentucky	Close!	PS#61DL in 2000
5.	Terrance Newman	Kansas St		PS#191DB in 1998
6.	Jonathan Sullivan	Georgia	VHT	PS#50DL in 1999
7.	Byron Leftwich	Marshall		PS#177QB in 1998
8.	Jordan Gross	Utah		PS#375OL in 1998
9.	Kevin Williams	Oklahoma St		PS#78DL in 1998
10.	Terrell Suggs	Arizona St	VHT	PS#11DL in 2000
11.	Marcus Trufant	Wash St		PS#160DB in 1999
12.	Jimmy Kennedy	Penn St	VHT	PS#50OL in 1998
13.	Ty Warren	Texas A&M	VHT	PS#13DL in 1999
14.	Michael Haynes	Penn St		PS#85DL in 1998
15.	Jerome McDougle	Miami, Fl		PS#291DL in 1998
16.	Troy Polamalu	USC		PS#141DB in 1999
17.	Bryant Johnson	Penn St	VHT	PS#22WR in 1999
18.	Calvin Pace	Wake Forest		PS#179DL in 1998
19.	Kyle Boller	California	VHT	PS#3QB in 1999
20.	George Foster	Georgia	VHT	PS#99OL in 1998
21.	Jeff Faine	Notre Dame	VHT	PS#6DL in 1999
22.	Rex Grossman	Florida	VHT	PS#5QB in 1999
23.	Willis McGahee	Miami, Fl	VHT	PS#6RB in 2000

It will be interesting to see if VHT's will dominate the 2004 NFL draft as well. I have done some research on this year's top juniors & seniors for the draft and last year only 3 of my top 10 that were eligible for the NFL draft and were NOT picked in the 1st round. Obviously draft positions will be affected by a player's 2003 performance. In 2001, of the Top 9 players I listed in this magazine, eight entered the NFL draft and SEVEN were drafted in the top 18, that's an 87.5% success rate!!!!!

TOP ELIGIBLE PLAYERS FOR THE 2004 NFL DRAFT

1. QB Eli Manning, Mississippi
2. CB Marlin Jackson, Michigan
3. DT Vince Wilfork, Miami, Fl
4. QB Casey Clausen, Tennessee
5. RB Greg Jones, Florida St
6. LB D.J. Williams, Miami, Fl
7. WR Larry Fitzgerald, Pittsburgh
8. LB Karlos Dansby, Auburn
9. DT Tommie Harris, Oklahoma
10. WR Roy Williams, Texas
11. RB Kevin Jones, Virg Tech
12. DB Matt Ware, UCLA
13. DE Antwan Odom, Alabama
14. DE Will Smith, Ohio St
15. WR Reggie Williams, Washington
16. LB Derrick Johnson, Texas
17. FS Stuart Schweigert, Purdue
18. TE Kellen Winslow, Miami, Fl
19. LB Rod Davis, S Miss
20. OT Robert Gallery, Iowa
21. WR Rashaun Woods, Oklahoma St
22. QB Ben Roethlisberger, Miami, Oh
23. OT Tony Pape, Michigan
24. WR Michael Jenkins, Ohio St
25. FS Brandon Everage, Oklahoma
26. DT Darnell Dockett, Florida St
27. LB Jonathan Vilma, Miami, Fl
28. OT Shawn Andrews, Arkansas
29. CB Derrick Strait, Oklahoma
30. LB Lance Mitchell, Oklahoma
31. WR Michael Clayton, LSU
32. LB Teddy Lehman, Oklahoma

2002 SPECIAL TEAMS RATINGS

In the text of the team write-ups, I have ranked each special teams unit. I devised a formula which takes into account net punting, kick returns, punt returns & kick return defense. The total opportunities each team had was also factored into the equation. As an example, last year, Kansas returned only 19 punts all year and punted 85 times. Their net punting average was weighted over 4 times as much as their punt return average ranking due to the difference in attempts. These ratings do not take into account the accuracy of the FG kicker. I added a new category a few years ago for net TD/Blk's. A negative number means a team allowed more blocks & TD's than they garnered. A positive number means that they blk'd more kicks and scored more TD's than they allowed. Listed are the computer's 2002 final special teams ratings not including the kicker.

#	TEAM	NET PUNTS	KR OFF	PR OFF	KR DEF	TD BLK	RATNG
1	Kentucky	40.1	23.6	15.6	21.7	9	10.8
2	Nebraska	38.2	22.3	16.3	18.1	7	10.8
3	Iowa	37.0	25.1	11.8	15.8	5	9.9
4	Kansas St	37.1	22.7	13.7	18.3	6	9.5
5	Colorado	42.1	23.7	13.3	21.0	0	9.3
6	Georgia	36.1	20.1	14.9	18.3	7	9.3
7	Oregon	37.6	23.8	14.9	21.2	5	9.0
8	Louisville	33.0	22.0	13.3	18.9	10	8.8
9	Maryland	37.7	22.7	13.3	20.1	3	8.5
10	BYU	42.7	21.0	11.0	20.5	0	8.2
11	LSU	37.5	24.1	13.9	16.8	-3	7.9
12	Bowling Green	33.4	19.9	8.1	15.8	7	7.9
13	Oklahoma	35.0	20.1	15.4	17.8	2	7.9
14	S Florida	36.2	22.4	15.9	18.0	0	7.8
15	Syracuse	38.1	20.7	13.6	20.0	2	7.8
16	Texas	34.3	23.8	14.1	19.8	4	7.6
17	Missouri	36.9	20.9	13.1	18.5	2	7.5
18	Oklahoma St	34.8	19.8	12.9	18.3	4	7.4
19	NC State	32.1	24.9	8.3	21.8	10	7.4
20	Virginia Tech	34.2	20.5	14.0	20.5	5	7.3
21	Ohio U	37.3	19.6	10.4	14.5	2	7.3
22	UCLA	36.4	21.5	13.7	21.9	1	7.1
23	Notre Dame	35.2	23.1	9.8	18.3	2	7.0
24	Tennessee	38.1	23.1	10.1	20.6	-1	6.9
25	Tulane	35.7	22.7	17.3	22.1	-1	6.9
26	San Jose St	34.1	24.5	11.1	23.5	3	6.9
27	S Miss	35.4	20.5	12.2	20.3	3	6.8
28	Boise St	28.0	23.1	14.4	20.1	2	6.8
29	SMU	34.5	23.6	17.3	22.5	-1	6.8
30	N Illinois	29.8	21.9	20.2	18.6	3	6.7
31	Washington St	35.3	19.0	11.3	19.0	3	6.7
32	Idaho	37.1	21.3	10.0	21.8	1	6.6
33	California	30.1	24.5	12.8	17.4	1	6.5
34	Ohio St	37.3	20.2	8.3	21.5	3	6.5
35	TCU	35.4	23.2	9.4	21.5	3	6.4
36	W Michigan	30.6	22.9	13.4	18.7	2	6.4
37	Toledo	30.1	20.0	14.6	15.8	-1	6.4
38	Penn St	35.6	18.5	12.2	21.4	1	6.3
39	Illinois	32.9	22.1	11.8	18.1	1	6.3
40	Utah	34.9	23.0	11.2	20.1	0	6.3
41	N Texas	37.2	22.5	8.4	18.2	-2	6.2
42	Michigan	36.7	20.7	9.3	18.6	-1	6.2
43	New Mexico	36.0	19.6	11.2	20.2	1	6.2
44	Colorado St	34.7	19.9	15.9	20.0	-2	6.1
45	Louisiana-Lft	35.2	18.7	10.9	21.8	4	6.1
46	Wisconsin	33.6	19.4	11.3	17.1	1	6.1
47	UCF	37.5	18.9	10.8	21.7	2	6.0
48	Boston College	33.9	19.6	9.9	19.1	2	5.9
49	Vanderbilt	38.9	20.4	9.2	22.3	-2	5.8
50	Miami, Fl	33.9	21.0	13.2	19.4	-3	5.8
51	Georgia Tech	35.8	19.5	10.1	18.9	-1	5.7
52	Arkansas	32.6	20.8	11.9	16.8	-1	5.7
53	Texas A&M	36.1	19.8	8.3	18.9	-1	5.5
54	Temple	31.4	20.3	8.6	12.0	0	5.5
55	Nevada	35.7	22.9	4.9	19.8	-1	5.4
56	Arizona St	36.2	20.3	8.2	18.9	-2	5.4
57	Rutgers	34.8	21.0	7.3	22.6	2	5.3
58	Minnesota	33.5	18.7	7.9	19.4	2	5.3
59	Pittsburgh	36.4	22.0	7.0	20.9	-1	5.3
60	Florida St	33.3	21.4	10.6	19.7	-1	5.3
61	Oregon St	34.6	21.7	8.2	18.3	-2	5.3
62	E Carolina	35.2	18.9	11.4	21.9	0	5.2
63	Auburn	36.4	17.8	11.0	21.7	-2	5.2
64	Texas Tech	31.9	17.9	13.0	21.9	1	5.2
65	Connecticut	35.4	19.1	7.2	19.5	0	5.1
66	Wake Forest	34.9	17.7	9.0	20.5	1	5.0
67	Hawaii	33.9	21.4	8.6	20.9	-1	5.0
68	Fresno St	33.2	18.5	8.9	20.0	2	5.0
69	Houston	35.9	20.5	8.1	21.3	-2	4.9
70	Air Force	33.5	20.4	10.9	21.9	1	4.9
71	Mississippi	34.9	18.2	11.3	20.9	-1	4.9
72	S Carolina	38.2	19.6	4.3	25.6	1	4.8
73	Iowa St	34.1	17.7	10.6	18.9	-1	4.8
74	Utah St	33.9	19.6	7.9	16.4	-2	4.8
75	Middle Tennessee	35.8	16.5	5.7	17.3	0	4.7
76	Ball St	34.4	18.1	11.6	20.0	-1	4.7
77	San Diego St	34.2	20.2	10.8	21.3	-3	4.5
78	Navy	35.2	20.1	6.3	18.6	-4	4.5
79	Louisiana Tech	30.3	21.4	8.4	19.9	1	4.4
80	Wyoming	34.4	19.4	8.3	21.2	-1	4.3
81	Washington	34.3	18.6	7.4	22.4	1	4.2
82	Arizona	31.0	17.7	16.6	21.0	1	4.2
83	Marshall	36.6	15.7	4.8	18.3	-1	4.2
84	Virginia	30.2	22.1	9.9	21.1	-1	4.2
85	Arkansas St	32.5	19.8	9.9	17.3	-4	4.1
86	Kansas	35.2	19.5	6.5	18.8	-4	4.1
87	Miami, Oh	34.2	19.7	7.1	20.0	-3	4.0
88	N Mexico St	31.5	19.0	10.2	19.1	-3	4.0
89	Indiana	33.7	19.8	6.5	22.7	-1	3.8
90	Northwestern	32.7	24.1	5.9	21.1	-5	3.8
91	Florida	30.3	18.2	10.4	18.1	-1	3.8
92	Akron	31.4	22.8	6.2	19.8	-5	3.8
93	Tulsa	31.8	19.3	12.8	20.4	-2	3.8
94	Alabama	34.8	19.4	8.4	23.3	-2	3.7
95	Mississippi St	31.4	22.8	9.5	22.9	-3	3.7
96	UAB	32.1	22.0	10.1	21.5	-4	3.7
97	Rice	31.4	18.8	7.6	20.3	1	3.7
98	Buffalo	34.1	18.9	7.7	21.9	-2	3.6
99	Michigan St	34.3	19.0	8.5	24.2	-2	3.6
100	Purdue	34.1	17.5	9.2	20.2	-4	3.6
101	Kent St	33.5	17.2	8.7	18.4	-3	3.5
102	UNLV	32.4	19.0	7.1	20.9	-1	3.5
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105	Clemson	29.7	22.1	10.4	24.3	-3	3.1
106	Memphis	32.0	20.1	7.9	21.6	-4	3.0
107	Stanford	33.0	18.3	8.8	24.5	-2	2.9
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109	UTEP	33.1	19.8	8.6	25.2	-5	2.4
110	C Michigan	29.7	19.0	8.2	21.1	-2	2.4
111	Cincinnati	31.3	19.1	7.8	23.3	-3	2.3
112	Duke	32.5	17.1	5.8	24.9	-1	2.1
113	Troy St	31.4	15.9	9.8	19.1	-6	2.0
114	N Carolina	31.4	19.5	5.7	25.5	-3	1.9
115	Army	27.7	19.6	14.7	24.7	-5	1.3
116	Baylor	26.6	16.3	8.0	20.9	0	0.9
117	UL Monroe	28.7	18.5	5.6	26.3	-4	0.0

2002 KICKERS RATINGS

OK, this year I have finally devised a way to rate the kickers and therefore we can have a combined special teams ranking including the kicker. To grade the kickers I looked at 6 categories. The first was overall accuracy and that % was multiplied times 5 (graded everything on scale of 1-5). Then I took the amount of FG's made and divided it into the largest amount of FG's made (26) and that percentage was multiplied by 5. Each counted for 30% of the overall grade. Then I took the 40-49 factors (both # of kicks and %) and did the same and they counted for 30% of the grade each. The 50+ factors counted for 10% of the grade each. This factored in kickers with the stronger legs. The final results are below and according to my calculations, Mike Nugent of Ohio St should have won the Lou Groza award which went to Nate Kaeding of Iowa.

#	TEAM	RATING	FG TOTAL	%	1-49	50+
1	Ohio St	4.56	25-28	89%	24-27	1-1
2	Maryland	4.16	24-28	86%	21-24	3-4
3	Iowa	4.14	21-24	88%	18-21	3-3
4	Georgia	4.02	26-33	79%	26-32	0-1
5	Fresno St	3.86	23-30	77%	22-26	1-4
6	Oregon	3.86	20-24	83%	17-21	3-3
7	TCU	3.63	23-30	77%	22-29	1-1
8	Mississippi	3.63	15-20	75%	14-19	1-1
9	Arizona St	3.56	23-33	70%	22-27	1-6
10	Minnesota	3.54	20-21	95%	20-21	0-0
11	Colorado St	3.51	24-32	75%	24-32	0-0
12	Oregon St	3.47	16-20	80%	13-17	3-3
13	Boston College	3.43	24-33	73%	24-33	0-0
14	E Carolina	3.41	17-22	77%	16-20	1-2
15	California	3.40	19-27	70%	17-25	2-2
16	UCLA	3.37	20-27	74%	19-25	1-2
17	New Mexico St	3.34	17-23	74%	15-18	2-5
18	Washington	3.31	22-34	65%	19-27	3-7
19	UAB	3.29	17-22	77%	17-21	0-1
20	Nebraska	3.27	16-20	80%	16-20	0-0
21	Washington St	3.22	22-33	67%	22-32	0-1
22	Miami, Oh	3.19	14-14	100%	14-14	0-0
23	Tulane	3.17	20-33	61%	18-29	2-4
24	Indiana	3.07	9-13	69%	8-12	1-1
25	Florida St	3.07	19-28	68%	19-28	0-0
26	Marshall	3.07	16-21	76%	15-19	1-2
27	Illinois	3.05	14-19	74%	14-17	0-2
28	BYU	3.04	13-16	81%	12-14	1-2
29	Houston	3.03	12-14	86%	12-13	0-1
30	Air Force	3.02	16-18	89%	16-18	0-0
31	Penn St	3.00	17-22	77%	15-18	2-4
32	Mississippi St	2.99	16-20	80%	14-17	2-3
33	Cincinnati	2.99	19-23	83%	19-23	0-0
34	LSU	2.96	17-24	71%	17-23	0-1
35	Arkansas	2.89	18-25	72%	18-21	0-4
36	Alabama	2.88	18-28	64%	18-26	0-2
37	Louisiana Tech	2.88	16-21	76%	15-19	1-2
38	Bowling Green	2.86	12-14	86%	12-14	0-0
39	Northern Illinois	2.85	18-25	72%	16-21	2-4
40	UTEP	2.83	8-12	67%	6-10	2-2
41	Temple	2.81	14-20	70%	14-20	0-0
42	Oklahoma	2.78	16-22	73%	16-22	0-0
43	Texas Tech	2.78	13-19	68%	13-19	0-0
44	USC	2.73	17-26	65%	17-25	0-1
45	Iowa St	2.72	18-26	69%	18-25	0-1
46	UCF	2.69	14-21	67%	13-19	1-2
47	Connecticut	2.63	12-17	71%	12-17	0-0
48	Michigan St	2.63	10-16	63%	8-14	2-2
49	Memphis	2.61	9-14	64%	8-13	1-1
50	Middle Tenn	2.60	10-13	77%	10-13	0-0
51	Duke	2.60	14-27	52%	11-20	3-7
52	North Carolina	2.59	9-14	64%	6-9	3-5
53	Virginia	2.58	12-18	67%	12-18	0-0
54	Clemson	2.58	17-22	77%	17-22	0-0
55	Wake Forest	2.57	17-27	63%	17-27	0-0
56	Pittsburgh	2.57	16-24	67%	16-24	0-0
57	Wisconsin	2.56	15-23	65%	15-23	0-0
58	Oklahoma St	2.52	11-17	65%	10-14	1-3
59	San Diego St	2.50	17-28	61%	17-26	0-2
60	Texas	2.49	16-26	62%	16-26	0-0
61	Miami, Fl	2.49	13-22	59%	12-17	1-5
62	Utah St	2.49	14-17	82%	14-17	0-0
63	Louisville	2.47	12-19	63%	11-17	1-2
64	Boise St	2.46	14-21	67%	13-18	1-3
65	Ball St	2.43	9-13	69%	9-12	0-1
66	Kent St	2.42	12-14	86%	12-14	0-0
67	NC State	2.40	10-16	63%	10-15	0-1
68	S Florida	2.38	16-21	76%	16-21	0-0
69	Notre Dame	2.35	14-25	56%	13-21	1-4
70	Arizona	2.34	13-22	59%	13-21	0-1
71	Tennessee	2.34	16-25	64%	16-25	0-0
72	Kentucky	2.26	9-14	64%	9-14	0-0
73	San Jose St	2.25	12-20	60%	12-18	0-2
74	Troy State	2.25	11-15	73%	11-15	0-0
75	N Texas	2.23	10-15	67%	10-15	0-0
76	Syracuse	2.23	11-20	55%	10-19	1-1
77	Buffalo	2.21	10-15	67%	10-14	0-1
78	S Miss	2.19	15-26	58%	15-25	0-1
79	C Michigan	2.18	14-20	70%	14-20	0-0
80	Colorado	2.13	11-26	42%	11-24	0-2
81	Louisiana-Lft	2.12	9-18	50%	8-17	1-1
82	Stanford	2.12	9-15	60%	9-15	0-0
83	Georgia Tech	2.12	12-20	60%	12-18	0-2
84	W Virginia	2.10	11-16	69%	11-16	0-0
85	W Michigan	2.10	15-23	65%	15-23	0-0
86	Baylor	2.09	7-10	70%	7-10	0-0
87	Texas A&M	2.00	12-21	57%	12-21	0-0
88	Missouri	2.00	9-15	60%	9-15	0-0
89	Hawaii	1.99	15-23	65%	14-18	1-5
90	Toledo	1.97	13-16	81%	13-16	0-0
91	Vanderbilt	1.90	8-13	62%	8-13	0-0
92	Nevada	1.90	10-17	59%	10-16	0-1
93	Northwestern	1.86	10-19	53%	9-15	1-4
94	Florida	1.86	9-15	60%	9-15	0-0
95	Utah	1.85	11-21	52%	9-18	2-3
96	Michigan	1.83	12-24	50%	12-23	0-1
97	UNLV	1.79	7-13	54%	7-13	0-0
98	Navy	1.79	6-9	67%	6-8	0-1
99	Virginia Tech	1.75	12-23	52%	12-23	0-0
100	Army	1.75	9-11	82%	9-11	0-0
101	Ohio U	1.73	10-16	63%	10-16	0-0
102	Kansas St	1.67	11-16	69%	11-16	0-0
103	Akron	1.67	7-14	50%	7-14	0-0
104	S Carolina	1.51	10-16	63%	10-16	0-0
105	Idaho	1.48	7-17	41%	7-16	0-1
106	Rice	1.45	8-15	53%	8-15	0-0
107	UL Monroe	1.42	5-12	42%	5-11	0-1
108	Tulsa	1.40	8-16	50%	8-16	0-0
109	Purdue	1.37	10-19	53%	10-19	0-0
110	SMU	1.32	8-14	57%	8-14	0-0
111	Kansas	1.28	7-17	41%	7-14	0-3
112	Arkansas St	1.26	10-22	45%	10-21	0-1
113	Auburn	1.21	7-18	39%	7-17	0-1
114	Rutgers	1.08	5-13	38%	5-13	0-0
115	New Mexico	1.04	5-10	50%	5-10	0-0
116	Wyoming	0.98	4-8	50%	4-8	0-0
117	E Michigan	0.93	3-9	33%	3-6	0-3

2002 COMBINED RATINGS

Here is the combined special teams ratings for the first time including K's. The K rating accounts for about 26% of the overall grade. Ohio St moved up from #34 to #14 with the K's included and Wyoming fell from #80 to #98.

1	Nebraska	40	UCF	79	San Diego St
2	Iowa	41	N Texas	80	Miami, Oh
3	Kentucky	42	Toledo	81	Rutgers
4	Georgia	43	Minnesota	82	Auburn
5	Oregon	44	Arkansas	83	UAB
6	Maryland	45	Boston College	84	Virginia
7	Colorado	46	Oregon St	85	Indiana
8	Kansas St	47	SMU	86	S Carolina
9	Louisville	48	Fresno St	87	Arizona
10	BYU	49	Louisiana-Lft	88	Mississippi St
11	LSU	50	Idaho	89	Navy
12	Bowling Green	51	E Carolina	90	Clemson
13	Oklahoma	52	Utah	91	Michigan St
14	Ohio St	53	Miami, Fl	92	Kent State
15	UCLA	54	Michigan	93	Buffalo
16	S Florida	55	Florida St	94	USC
17	Syracuse	56	Temple	95	Northwestern
18	Texas	57	Mississippi	96	Florida
19	Oklahoma St	58	Georgia Tech	97	Arkansas St
20	NC State	59	Vanderbilt	98	Wyoming
21	Tulane	60	Texas Tech	99	Kansas
22	TCU	61	Pittsburgh	100	Akron
23	Washington St	62	Houston	101	Memphis
24	California	63	Air Force	102	W Virginia
25	Missouri	64	Connecticut	103	UNLV
26	N Illinois	65	New Mexico	104	Rice
27	Notre Dame	66	Texas A&M	105	Purdue
28	Colorado St	67	Wake Forest	106	Tulsa
29	Virginia Tech	68	Nevada	107	UTEP
30	Tennessee	69	Iowa St	108	Cincinnati
31	Boise St	70	Washington	109	Stanford
32	Ohio U	71	Alabama	110	Duke
33	Illinois	72	Utah St	111	C Michigan
34	San Jose St	73	Middle Tennessee	112	N Carolina
35	Penn St	74	Louisiana Tech	113	Troy State
36	S Miss	75	Hawaii	114	E Michigan
37	W Michigan	76	Ball State	115	Army
38	Arizona St	77	Marshall	116	Baylor
39	Wisconsin	78	New Mexico St	117	UL Monroe

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2002 PASS EFFICIENCY DEFENSE RANKINGS

Just like the special teams, I feed the pass defense numbers into my computer to rank each team's pass efficiency defense. Taken into account are total yards, TD's and opposing QB's faced. If a team faced mostly running offenses and very few solid pass attacks, they will rank lower in these ratings even if their percentage and ratio were solid. For example UConn finished #18 in the NCAA Pass Efficiency Defensive rankings in 2002. They allowed opposing QB's just 50.3% completion percentage and gave up only 14 TD's while picking off 20. When I factor in the strength of their opponents' pass attacks, they ranked only #61 in my rankings as their opponent rating is only 6.3. Conversely, BYU finished only #23 in the NCAA Pass Efficiency Defense rankings, but #10 in my rankings as they took on the 2nd, 5th, 7th & 11th (Hawaii, San Diego St, Utah St & Nevada) rated passing offenses in the NCAA and yielded 52.0% completions for the season. They gave up 9 TD's, but made 18 interceptions vs an opponent rating of 9.65 (3.3 pts higher than UConn's). Listed are the raw numbers as well as the computer's final rankings.

#	TEAM	YPG	ATT	COMP	%	TD	INT	GRADE	OPP
1.	TEXAS	165.2	400	192	48.0	17	22	16.1	8.85
2.	OREGON ST	199.3	456	222	48.7	10	20	14.7	10.21
3.	S MISS	168.8	378	177	46.8	6	16	14.3	9.73
4.	OKLAHOMA	185.3	432	206	47.7	13	24	14.0	9.70
5.	TCU	175.4	406	158	38.9	16	22	13.5	8.13
6.	LSU	152.7	361	163	45.2	13	17	13.0	8.88
7.	KANSAS ST	179.5	418	191	45.7	11	20	12.9	8.54
8.	BOISE ST	231.4	528	273	51.7	20	19	12.4	10.15
9.	MIAMI(FLA)	119.7	353	163	46.2	8	12	12.3	8.08
10.	BYU	206.9	377	196	52.0	9	18	12.3	9.65
11.	TULANE	191.8	436	229	52.5	12	22	12.3	9.13
12.	USC	201.8	454	226	49.8	16	17	12.2	9.46
13.	UCLA	228.2	432	217	50.2	20	17	12.0	10.48
14.	ARIZONA ST	244.3	487	243	49.9	28	22	12.0	10.88
15.	NOTRE DAME	204.8	453	223	49.2	12	21	11.8	8.42
16.	AUBURN	186.5	425	235	55.3	9	21	11.7	8.98
17.	TENNESSEE	156.2	349	170	48.7	9	12	11.7	8.73
18.	PURDUE	201.0	419	202	48.2	15	15	11.4	8.90
19.	OHIO ST	243.1	546	315	57.7	14	18	11.2	10.18
20.	ALABAMA	177.2	374	185	49.5	11	18	11.2	8.31
21.	IOWA	273.4	535	300	56.1	15	20	11.1	9.94
22.	WASH ST	255.2	535	305	57.0	20	17	11.1	10.77
23.	CINCINNATI	179.9	427	220	51.5	12	17	11.1	8.61
24.	NEBRASKA	215.3	459	231	50.3	12	13	10.7	8.79
25.	HAWAII	226.3	495	253	51.1	21	18	10.7	9.20
26.	MICHIGAN	224.5	440	236	53.6	17	16	10.5	9.56
27.	VIRGINIA TECH	213.6	443	230	51.9	14	24	10.5	8.27
28.	UTAH	227.3	378	198	52.4	16	12	10.4	9.45
29.	LOUISVILLE	206.9	427	205	48.0	21	9	10.4	9.19
30.	PITTSBURGH	178.5	400	210	52.5	8	15	10.4	7.98
31.	WASHINGTON	259.5	446	249	55.8	23	16	10.4	11.50
32.	N CAROLINA ST	175.5	437	217	49.7	13	16	10.2	7.64
33.	GEORGIA TECH	221.1	440	235	53.4	11	11	10.1	8.98
34.	TEXAS A&M	207.5	401	229	57.1	17	16	10.1	9.63
35.	COLORADO	195.6	453	254	56.1	16	15	10.1	9.23
36.	N TEXAS ST	171.6	367	199	54.2	8	16	10.0	8.02
37.	STANFORD	252.0	364	204	56.0	22	16	9.9	11.00
38.	MISSISSIPPI	187.3	349	181	51.9	17	18	9.9	8.63
39.	FRESNO ST	245.1	460	254	55.2	21	19	9.7	9.88
40.	FLORIDA ST	235.2	465	249	53.5	21	16	9.7	9.54
41.	NEW MEXICO	217.9	452	244	54.0	25	15	9.7	9.93
42.	FLORIDA	162.4	362	185	51.1	14	7	9.7	8.37
43.	CLEMSON	196.7	388	232	59.8	20	21	9.4	9.60
44.	ARKANSAS	234.5	483	267	55.3	17	19	9.4	8.61
45.	MARSHALL	161.5	366	175	47.8	10	15	9.4	6.73
46.	GEORGIA	189.5	410	226	55.1	14	16	9.3	8.29
47.	WEST VIRGINIA	213.6	416	230	55.3	17	19	9.1	8.33
48.	MICHIGAN ST	188.8	334	165	49.4	22	13	9.1	8.33
49.	PENN ST	215.3	454	288	63.4	15	20	9.0	9.23
50.	CALIFORNIA	278.8	435	253	58.2	20	15	8.8	10.27
51.	BOSTON COLLEGE	172.1	373	201	53.9	12	15	8.8	7.35
52.	AIR FORCE	198.8	370	210	56.8	10	12	8.7	8.42
53.	COLORADO ST	205.8	444	259	58.3	16	14	8.7	8.79
54.	WISCONSIN	224.2	432	237	54.9	22	22	8.7	8.38
55.	MEMPHIS	165.8	336	202	60.1	14	12	8.6	8.71
56.	KENTUCKY	226.9	369	174	47.2	22	10	8.6	8.08
57.	MARYLAND	210.1	444	251	56.5	12	18	8.5	7.59
58.	IOWA ST	184.3	426	242	56.8	16	10	8.5	8.38
59.	MINNESOTA	178.6	367	203	55.3	12	7	8.5	8.15
60.	OKLAHOMA ST	251.6	480	263	54.8	20	12	8.4	8.65
61.	UCONN	160.4	322	162	50.3	14	20	8.4	6.33
62.	TOLEDO	213.1	426	248	58.2	18	18	8.4	8.59
63.	UAB	228.1	362	204	56.4	19	15	8.3	8.94
64.	SMU	244.3	370	200	54.1	22	8	8.2	9.96
65.	W MICHIGAN	179.5	362	195	53.9	21	14	8.2	7.63
66.	MISS ST	153.9	282	140	49.6	22	14	8.2	7.33
67.	UCF	204.1	380	216	56.8	19	13	8.2	8.38
68.	NEVADA	241.6	358	195	54.5	19	9	8.2	9.56
69.	S FLORIDA	221.7	400	210	52.5	17	22	8.2	6.52
70.	ILLINOIS	230.3	404	227	56.2	13	8	8.1	8.35
71.	TULSA	202.4	342	201	58.8	15	13	8.1	8.75
72.	ARIZONA	224.3	368	214	58.2	15	7	8.1	9.54
73.	TEXAS TECH	239.6	472	263	55.7	26	16	8.0	8.91
74.	TROY ST	171.6	328	171	52.1	13	9	8.0	7.06
75.	N ILLINOIS	254.9	428	243	56.8	17	21	7.9	7.52
76.	SOUTH CAROLINA	186.9	355	210	59.2	17	9	7.8	8.56
77.	BOWLING GREEN	211.4	398	214	53.8	15	12	7.7	7.02
78.	RUTGERS	198.0	333	171	51.4	25	11	7.7	8.04
79.	OREGON	291.2	475	272	57.3	35	18	7.6	10.79
80.	SAN JOSE ST	300.5	475	275	57.9	32	23	7.6	9.85
81.	UNLV	234.7	389	219	56.3	22	9	7.5	8.92
82.	VIRGINIA	215.7	433	262	60.5	14	15	7.5	8.00
83.	SAN DIEGO ST	239.7	435	243	55.9	31	14	7.4	9.17
84.	OHIO U	224.1	360	209	58.1	24	14	7.3	9.00
85.	WAKE FOREST	232.0	413	242	58.6	22	13	7.1	8.60
86.	DUKE	254.7	407	245	60.2	18	12	7.0	8.56
87.	E CAROLINA	238.6	364	196	53.8	23	10	6.9	8.13
88.	ARKANSAS ST	175.5	315	182	57.8	19	16	6.9	7.38
89.	MIAMI OH	273.0	424	251	59.2	20	13	6.9	8.50
90.	LOUISIANA-LFT	197.9	305	159	52.1	18	8	6.8	7.27
91.	BUFFALO	227.6	353	204	57.8	23	14	6.7	8.23
92.	TEMPLE	207.3	356	210	59.0	20	11	6.7	7.92
93.	HOUSTON	269.3	394	220	55.8	24	10	6.6	8.69
94.	RICE	242.1	363	222	61.2	23	8	6.6	9.55
95.	UTAH ST	236.3	332	178	53.6	22	7	6.3	7.59
96.	INDIANA	193.5	335	202	60.3	23	8	6.3	8.50
97.	KENT ST	201.9	344	209	60.8	18	9	6.3	7.90
98.	MISSOURI	282.6	426	253	59.4	19	12	6.3	8.02
99.	UTEP	245.9	352	199	56.5	30	10	6.2	9.52
100.	N CAROLINA	231.3	306	168	54.9	24	6	6.2	9.38
101.	VANDERBILT	219.2	337	216	64.1	11	6	6.1	8.69
102.	N MEXICO ST	201.0	339	210	61.9	16	7	6.0	7.79
103.	MID TENN ST	229.1	347	213	61.4	19	10	5.8	8.21
104.	C MICHIGAN	264.4	393	249	63.4	23	12	5.6	9.00
105.	IDAHO	274.4	354	208	58.8	21	8	5.6	9.15
106.	BALL ST	236.2	390	246	63.1	22	10	5.6	8.15
107.	KANSAS	216.2	302	167	55.3	27	12	5.5	7.56
108.	UL MONROE	238.3	355	213	60.0	22	10	5.2	7.52
109.	BAYLOR	241.7	382	235	61.5	30	8	5.1	8.88
110.	SYRACUSE	303.8	384	223	58.1	22	10	5.1	8.08
111.	AKRON	227.2	340	214	62.9	20	9	5.1	7.88
112.	ARMY	182.9	293	181	61.8	20	6	5.0	7.35
113.	LA TECH	264.4	383	238	62.1	24	5	4.8	8.85
114.	WYOMING	285.1	406	262	64.5	21	9	4.6	8.33
115.	NORTHWESTERN	188.8	239	144	60.3	20	8	4.5	7.81
116.	NAVY	220.3	287	189	65.9	24	5	2.6	7.02
117.	E MICHIGAN	225.8	281	179	63.7	28	4	2.3	6.94

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THE POWER PLAYS FACTOR- STRENGTH OF OPPONENTS FACED MAKES A DIFFERENCE

By Phil Steele

When I first started handicapping professionally, way back in 1982, my main source of statistical information was the raw stats provided by the NCAA. These stats can paint a very good picture of each team's strengths and weaknesses; however, sometimes statistics can be deceiving.

Facts can be distorted by what I call garbage yards. Let me give you an example from 2001. In a game against Iowa St, Kansas St had a snap fly over everyone's head on a 22 yd FG attempt and it turned into a 49 yard loss. In the NCAA statistics, KSU was credited with -49 yards rush. They actually had 392 yards rushing on 74 carries with a 5.3 ypc but the final stats showed them with 343 yards on 75 carries and only a 4.6 ypc. I added the 49 yards back into KSU's rush offense total to correct the misleading stat in the Power Plays system, making the Power Plays forecast more accurate.

Here is an example from the 1998 season which illustrates another important factor, the strength of opponents faced. In their 3rd and 4th games, the Houston Cougars allowed a total of 84 points and 999 yards. Now if you were looking at straight statistics, you could surmise that 42 ppg and 500 ypg are very poor averages and UH's defense was extremely weak. A closer inspection shows that they faced the potent offenses of UCLA and Tennessee in those two weeks, so the defense wasn't as bad as it seemed. The next week vs a more manageable foe (Memphis) they allowed just 8 FD's, 200 total yards of offense and 14 points.

Let me give you another example from that season. After 3 games New Mexico was a 2-1 football team and looked like it statistically. On offense they were averaging 379.6 ypg and 35 ppg. Anyone who studied pure statistics would call that a potent offense. The defense was allowing 24.3 ppg which is not overwhelming but still a solid effort. Just looking at the stats, you would have called them a Top 40 contender. San Diego St plays in the same conference. After 3 games things did not look too bright. They stood at 0-3 straight up for the season and statistically they were very poor. Their offense was averaging a poor 264 ypg and only scoring 13 ppg. The defense looked very weak as they were allowing 32 ppg to opposing offenses and 374 ypg. This was clearly a team that was going nowhere and ranked in the bottom of the NCAA in almost every category.

The thing the statistics do not tell you is the strength of opponents that each faced. In their first three games, New Mexico took on Idaho St, Utah St and New Mexico St. San Diego St, on the other hand, faced a killer schedule with Arizona, Wisconsin and USC. Arizona and Wisconsin would end the year in the Top 5 and USC was a bowl team. Could the strength of opponents really skew the statistics that much? You bet it did!

The Aztecs played a similar schedule of WAC teams down the stretch. San Diego St, with the defense that looked horrible allowing 32 ppg to open, got much tougher vs the lesser competition. They allowed just 16 ppg over the final 8 games or 50% less. The Aztecs were 7-1 over their last 8 games, which to a pure stats man would have come as a complete surprise prior to conference play.

New Mexico, which appeared poised to win the WAC Title based on their early season stats, faltered vs the now stronger competition. Their offense, which had been averaging 35 ppg, only had 19 ppg in their final 8 outings. New Mexico would go just 1-8 down the stretch with their defense giving up 36 ppg. These two teams prove that statistics can indeed be misleading and strength of opponents must be weighed into the analysis of a team.

Some folks have adapted their power ratings to take into account the strength of opponents faced. This too can be a flawed method. As an example: You could correctly deduce that for the most part a team would be better than their statistics indicated if they faced a team like Oklahoma. By the same token you could come to the conclusion that your statistics would be better than they should be if you faced a team like Duke (2-10 last year). There are two obvious exceptions. Using a straight power rating to modify the statistics would be accurate for the most part but the passing game rating could be inaccurate. Let me clarify.

Let's say Indiana gave up 400 yards rushing and 150 yards passing in a blowout loss to Ohio St. On the same day, Texas A&M allowed 30 yards rushing and 250 yards passing to Hawaii. Now let's use a straight power rating number to modify the numbers. Let's say you counted Indiana's performance at 125% since they were taking on a powerhouse. You would probably have used a 75% rating for the weaker Hawaii squad. That sounds good but the area that is seriously flawed is pass defense. The straight stats would show that Indiana's pass defense (allowed 150 yards) had a much better day than the Aggies' which allowed 250 yds. Modifying the result by the overall strength of opponents would only skew the results worse. However, for a defense to hold the high flying Warriors to only 250 yards would have been an outstanding effort. If Indiana held the Buckeyes to 150 yards passing but only because OSU ran at will and rarely passed the ball, that would not be a solid effort-just a lack of the Bucks trying to pass.

So, if you cannot trust the numbers alone and cannot trust the numbers with the strength of opponents rating, what are you to do? That is the dilemma I faced in the mid 1980's. I then devised my Power Plays system. My Power Plays system not only looks at statistics, but also the strength of opposing units faced. For example, in the Ohio St and Hawaii scenarios I just explained, my Power Plays system would have entirely different results than the other 2 methods.

Odds are that my Power Plays numbers would have called for Ohio St to pass for about 135 yds vs Indiana. With the Hoosiers allowing 150 yards passing, my Power Plays method would actually have DOWNGRADED their pass defense numbers, even though they were better than average in pass yards allowed. My Power Plays system would probably have forecasted Hawaii to pass for about 320 yds. Since A&M allowed just 250, my Power Plays would actually UPGRADE them in the rankings for a solid performance.

Going back to my earlier example of San Diego St and New Mexico will also help you see the advantage of Power Plays. My Power Plays power ratings for the Aztecs' defense actually got stronger over the first 3 weeks of the season as they allowed less points and yards than Power Plays had expected them to. This was surprising considering how bad their raw stats were. On the other hand, New Mexico's Power Plays ratings were weakening on both offense and defense as Power Plays expected better performances from them vs their overmatched opponents. After 3 games the NCAA statistics clearly said that New Mexico had the far superior defense to San Diego St. My Power Plays had San Diego St's D rated higher and that was correct, especially looking at the results of the 1998 season.

Another area I look at is the end-of-the-year analysis. Texas gave up 139 ypg rushing on defense in 1998 with a 3.4 ypc and ranked 45th in the NCAA rush D rankings. I felt that they were much better than that, as they played in the then run dominated Big 12 conference and faced strong rush attacks like Nebraska, Texas A&M and Colorado on a weekly basis.

It's also helpful to see a thorough comparison of pass defense rankings. Kansas St always ranks high in the NCAA pass D ratings and finished #9 in 1998. They were only #32 in mine. Auburn was #43 in the NCAA rankings but #3 in mine. The key difference was the strength of opponent. KSU took on opponents like Indiana St, N Illinois, NE Louisiana and the aforementioned, run-dominated teams of the Big 12. Even facing a soft slate of opposing QB's they allowed over 200 ypg six times and even gave up 324 yards to a run based Texas A&M team. KSU did have a good pass D (ranked #32) but not a great one. Auburn finished the year with 19 interceptions and just 14 TD's allowed on defense, while giving up 56% completions. A closer look shows they took on quarterbacks like Doug Johnson of Florida, Aaron Brooks of Virginia, Romaro Miller of Ole Miss, Herbert Tyler of LSU, Tim Rattay of La Tech, Daunte Culpepper of UCF, Clint Stoerner of Arkansas and Quincy Carter of Georgia. Seven of those 8 QB's have played in the NFL, with five of them starting NFL games! Three of those teams ranked in the Top 10 in passing in the NCAA, and the 11 opponents combined averaged 256 ypg passing, but only 187 vs the Tigers. They faced just one opponent that ranked in the bottom 50 in pass offense. Kansas St played NINE opponents in the bottom 50! As you can see, the strength of opponents' units faced is very important indeed.

If this is the type of statistical analysis that you would like on a weekly basis, then I recommend my Power Plays newsletter. It includes not only the point forecast for each team for the week, but also projects the yards rushing, passing, and turnovers for each team. The Power Plays newsletter, however, is almost strictly a statistical analysis based on this fine method that I have developed. Each week there are usually between 7 and 11 4★ plays. To be a 4★, the Power Plays forecast must be strongly on one side of the game and I have to agree with it. The star ratings range from 1★ to 5★ for college and NFL. I do not agree with all of the Power Play forecasts, (no one should use just one method to handicap) but I do not make a final analysis of a game without at least considering what the Power Plays numbers forecast. This year Power Plays has been greatly upgraded containing as much useful statistical information as I could compile. For a free sample copy, call 1-800-654-3448.

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HITTING FOR THE CYCLE!!!

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-by Arne Lang

America's top newsstands seem to carry as many football magazines as Baskin-Robbins has ice cream flavors. In the college category, there's one that stands above the pack. It bears the name of its architect and builder, Phil Steele.

This is not just one man's opinion. At the venerable and venerated Gamblers Book Shop, one of the last remnants of old Las Vegas, consumers voting with their dollars have voted Steele's publication the best. An independent survey, uncorrupted by advertising sales, informs us that Phil Steele's College Football Preview magazine topped the field over the most recent four-year period. Mixing sports metaphors, Phil hit for the cycle last year after turning an unprecedented hat trick in 2001, elevating a grand feat to a grander accomplishment.

The survey – the only one of its kind – rates preseason football publications using a host of different variables blended into a complex mathematical formula that eliminates subjective opinions. Categories include forecasting accuracy, information quality, information quantity, recapping information, and price. Each category is assigned a different weight for the purpose of determining the final numerical rating. Forecasting accuracy is the category weighted highest to determine the overall score.

The ratings, the brainchild of a man named Chris Stassen, were first published in 1993 – two years before the advent of Phil Steele's first preseason annual – but Phil had no knowledge of these ratings until 1997 when he stumbled across Stassen on the Internet. This serendipitous encounter was disconcerting.

Phil's publication was rated sixth, a ranking influenced heavily by his below average performance in prediction accuracy. While this placement was above the norm, Phil was chagrined. He was also mystified, as he knew that his preseason Top 25 identified more bowl-bound teams than several of the rival publications that were accorded a higher ranking.

Probing deeper, Phil found the reason for the discrepancy. Stassen's assessment was based on final conference standings and not total wins and losses, a criterion that carries more favor with bowl committees. As an example in 1997, Phil forecast that Cincinnati would finish with a stronger record overall than would East Carolina. The Bearcats went 7-4 that year and East Carolina was just 5-6. Phil was correct but in the Stassen ratings he did not fare well. The Stassen ratings go by conference record. East Carolina was 4-2 in CUSA play and Cincy was just 2-4.

This artifice penalized Steele enormously, reducing his overall score below what it would have been if he had configured his forecasts to fit the Stassen model. However, his dissatisfaction was tempered by his respect for the integrity of the Stassen ratings. The whole point of the survey was to identify the best value for the consumer. The scope of Stassen's study was impressive and his purpose was noble.

Phil accepted his 1997 ranking as constructive criticism. He tweaked his publication with an eye toward winning the Stassen competition. This meant not only adjusting his long-range forecasts, but also adding teams to better satisfy the yardstick of information quantity. His first college football annual had write-ups on 88 teams. Beginning in 1998, the list was expanded to include the full gamut of Division IA schools. The smaller schools initially had only a summary paragraph, but this was bumped to a full page in 1999 and subsequently to two full pages for teams in the MAC in 2000. In 2002 Phil expanded to two full pages on ALL 117 teams.

Let me delve a little deeper into the accuracy aspect of the magazines. In 1998, Steele's magazine started to project the teams in order of Conference finish and NOT overall record. That year Steele's magazine finished fifth in forecasting accuracy, but there was considerable bunching at the top of the scale and he finished only four points off the leader. In 1999 Steele came in 3rd in accuracy out of the 16 publications and websites that Stassen monitored. Street and Smith's had the best score at 138 points (like golf the lower the score the better) and Steele's magazine was at 143.

In case you're curious, Stassen tabulates each magazine's forecasting accuracy by comparing the predicted finish with the actual finish of each team in each conference. In cases where two or more teams shared a placement by finishing with identical conference records, the score for that team is derived from the most favorable of the tied positions. For example, Purdue, Iowa, Penn St, and Indiana all finished 4-4 in 2001 in conference games. Only three Big 10 teams had better records inside the conference: Illinois (7-1), Michigan (6-2), and Ohio St (5-3). For purposes of the Stassen survey, the four 4-4 teams finished fourth, fifth, sixth, or seventh, whatever placement was most favorable for the forecaster. A publication that pegged Purdue to finish third would be assessed 1 point. Likewise, a publication that pegged Purdue to finish eighth would also be assessed 1 point. Should the magazine have picked Purdue to finish 4th, 5th, 6th or 7th it would be assessed 0 points. As in golf, the lower the score, the better the score.

In the Big 10 last year, there were four ties in the final conference standings, most notable at the top where Ohio St and Iowa deadlocked after both finished unbeaten in league play. Phil was the most accurate Big 10 forecaster for the second straight season. Only two of the rival publications in Stassen's top ten concurred with Phil's assessment that Ohio St was the team to beat in the Big 10 and would finish atop the heap when the final standings were posted. Here are the final Big 10 standings for 2002 and Phil's predictions. The chart shows us at a glance how Stassen's grading system works, and the points assessed for how far off Phil was on each.

Team	Conference Record	Conference Standing	Phil Steele's Forecast	Prediction Missed By
Ohio St	8-0	1st (Tie)	1	0
Iowa	8-0	1st (Tie)	7	5
Michigan	6-2	3rd	2	1
Penn St	5-3	4th	4	0
Illinois	4-4	5th (Tie)	5	0
Purdue	4-4	5th (Tie)	6	0
Minnesota	3-5	7th	9	2
Michigan St	2-6	8th (Tie)	3	5
Wisconsin	2-6	8th (Tie)	8	0
Northwestern	1-7	10th (Tie)	10	0
Indiana	1-7	10th (Tie)	11	0
				Total Pts: 13

Phil's top finish in Big 10 forecasting accuracy was largely due to pegging 7 teams in the correct slot only being assessed points for 4 different teams. Phil also proved to be the most accurate in the Pac 10 last season being the only magazine to peg USC for #1 (they tied for the Pac 10 title) and he also had Arizona St rated higher than all the others and the Oregon Ducks (finished 8th) rated lower than all but 1.

The Stassen site tabulates all of the conferences and then comes up with the overall ratings for the magazine accuracy. In 2001, Steele vaulted to first place in forecasting accuracy, outdistancing his nearest competitor by 7 points, the widest gap between the first and second place finishers since 1995. Listed below is the final chart for the Big 10 for the 2002 season.

Publication & Total Pts	Phil Steele	Lindy's	Game Plan	ATS Consultants	Athlon	Jim Feist	The Sporting News	Blue Ribbon	Football Action	Street & Smith's	Total Points
Michigan	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	3	24
Ohio St	1	3	3	2	2	1	1	2	8	4	32
Michigan St	3	2	4	4.5	4	6	5	3	2	1	37.5
Illinois	5	6	1	6.5	5	3	7	5	3	7	54.5
Penn St	4	4	8	4.5	7	7	3	4	4	5	62.5
Purdue	6	8	6	2	8	5	4	6	5	8	70
Wisconsin	8	5	5	8	3	4	6	8	6	2	70
Iowa	7	7	7	6.5	6	8	8	7	9	6	83.5
Minnesota	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	7	11	108
Northwestern	10	10	11	11	10	11	10	10	10	10	124
Indiana	11	11	10	10	11	10	11	11	11	9	126
Total Points	13	21	24	15	22	20	17	14	25	28	

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The Stassen site is so complete that it keeps tabulations of how the magazines have fared in each of the past seasons and also has charts based on the past 3 years and even an all-time chart which rates just the 5 magazines that have been around from 1993-2002. Steele's magazine did not get placed on the all time list because it was not around until 1995. It did however come up #1 overall in the past four years (1999-2002) In the category of Prediction Accuracy. The accompanying table shows the complete results.

	Rank	Ttl Score	2002	2001	2000	1999
Phil Steele	**1**	**568**	**147**	**148**	**130**	**143**
Lindy's	2	576	145	155	124	152
Athlon	3	584	139	162	134	149
Sporting News	4	589	126	173	135	155
Football Action	5	593	142	166*	136	149
Jim Feist	6	596	143	162	129	162
Game Plan	7	603	149	165	132	157
Street & Smith	8	604	150	180	136	138
ATS Consultants	9	605	142	158	147	158
Blue Ribbon	10	617	154	177	136	150*

* Record was not available on site, so used on average score of all ranked services.

Winning the accuracy title every year is a tough task. Street and Smith's and Lindy's both have proven track records. Street and Smith's has finished #1 in the accuracy rankings four times since 1993 with their most recent #1 finish in 1999. Lindy's has finished in the top spot twice (1995 & 1998). Last year I chronicled the top 10 magazines in Stassens accuracy ratings over the last 3 years. The Sporting News had tied for 9th in that span but had an outstanding year last year and vaulted to #1 in the accuracy ratings for 2002! Phil's magazine slipped some down to #7 among magazines for the year. Still the lead he possessed over the previous 3 years has kept him on top of the Accuracy ratings over the last 4 years but his lead has narrowed. At the top of the page I list the 10 magazines and their accuracy ratings over the last 4 years. The Sporting News #1 finish has put them all the way up to #4 over 4 years and Phil only has an 8 point lead over Lindy's and 16 points over Athlon. The big question for 2003 is can Phil hold onto the top spot in the accuracy ratings over 5 years when the chart is compiled after the season?

Forecasting accuracy is not the most salient consideration when this reporter goes shopping for football magazines. Paramount is the density of information and the trustworthiness of that information, and in this regard the Steele publication is unsurpassed.

By way of illustration, take returning starters, a crucial factor when developing a mental picture of each team before the season starts. The problem that one encounters is a lack of uniformity. Theoretically, a returning starter is a player that started more than half his team's games, but some schools count players that fell a tad shy of this requirement. Complicating matters, some schools platoon extensively and are inclined to list both players as returning starters if they shared a position. One can usually sort this out by going to a team's web site, but why even bother? For a mere $7.95, one can have this information right at their fingertips.

Rated best overall in 1999 and 2000, Steele's magazine was accorded its highest rating ever in 2001, scoring 78 of a possible 80 points!! Steele's overall rating for 2001 was 17 points higher than the runner-up (a thicker and much more expensive publication that is a spin-off of a distinguished college basketball annual) and a mind-boggling 50 points higher than the publication that finished at the bottom of the Stassen survey! (For verification, dial up the Stassen Report at www.preseason.stassen.com, or take a bit longer road and type in the keyword "stassen."). Last year Phil's publication matched the 78 grade of the year before and **once again stayed on top of the poll by 17 points.**

The Steele publication lists the number of starts for each player on the preseason two-deep – career starts as well as the previous season – plus relevant statistics, including defensive statistics that one simply doesn't find in other publications. Moreover, he identifies which players were blue-chip recruits coming out of high school, allowing us to better evaluate the impact of suspensions and injuries.

The inclusion of such an awesome amount of information demands abbreviations, artifices that function as shoehorns. The gifted wordsmith Mort Olshan fairly invented a new form of literature, deploying acronyms and slang in such a fastidious manner that he was able to squeeze a ton of information onto a multi-paneled "sheet" that fits neatly into the breast pocket of a sports jacket. Phil Steele has elevated the circumvention to new heights.

By now, it seems that every adult male in America knows the meaning of ATS (against the spread). But what about KD (knockdowns by an offensive lineman) or TFL (tackles for loss behind the line of scrimmage) or VHT (very highly touted recruit)? Steele's magazine is replete with acronyms of this sort, with a handy reference table. A casual fan of college football might find these tidbits somewhat hard to digest, but the result is an astoundingly meaty publication that makes it an essential reference source for anyone that is serious about beating the bookie.

Perhaps only another compiler can fully appreciate Phil Steele's work ethic. In 2001, I prepared a college football annual of my own, a modest 56-pager that was loosely modeled on Phil's preseason magazine. The publication was not widely disseminated on newsstands. More than likely you never saw it. But trust me. It was a very time-consuming endeavor. Excavating data on 115 teams and then stitching that info into a coherent presentation is labor-intensive, even if the end product is skimpy.

The hours were long, but the work was hardly tedious and it served a dual purpose, sharpening my effectiveness as an odds consultant. Likewise, Phil Steele produces his magazine for reasons other than profiting from newsstand sales. The painstaking research gives him a leg up when the season starts. The information he needs to make sound judgments during the course of the season is now right at his fingertips.

Phil has reached the point of his career when he could rest on his laurels and assign the work to subcontractors, but that would inevitably reduce his handicapping proficiency. He'd be the first to concur that there's no substitute for doing one's own homework, but that's easier said than done. There are only 24 hours in a day.

I do my own homework (while readily acknowledging that Steele's magazine is an indispensable crutch), and often draw conclusions that do not jibe with Mr. Steele. Back in 1919, Chicago Tribune sportswriter Ring Lardner – not yet famous as a critically acclaimed author of short fiction – prefaced his analysis of the upcoming Willard-Dempsey fight by telling his readers "I can point with a whole lot of pride to some of my pickings in the past."

Me too. And a being a fellow with a sporting disposition, I'm willing to back my opinions with a friendly wager, even against an adversary as formidable as Phil Steele.

But let's get one thing straight: my mama didn't raise no fool. I'm not about to joust with the reigning four-time Stassen champion unless he is willing to lay me odds. And for the record, no I was not around in 1919 to heed Ring Lardner's recommendation to bet the barn on poor Jess Willard who would be beaten into a bloody pulp.

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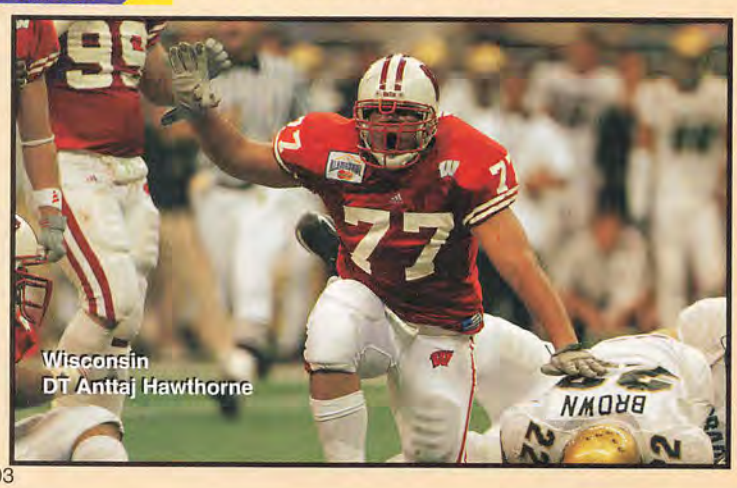


SPRING GAME NOTES. . .

ARIZONA ST – Sun Devil coach Dirk Koetter was ecstatic with his teams spring drills saying, "We're so far ahead of last year that we're on another planet!!!"

ARKANSAS - Razorback backup QB Ryan Sorahan threw a 26 yard TD pass to George Wilson for what proved the difference in the annual spring game. Matt Jones saw time at QB but his athleticism was also utilized at WR where he is also expected to see action this season. Injury plagued RB Cedric Cobbs (PS#5) had a strong performance with 75 yards on six attempts, aided by a long run of 41 yards in what was his strongest overall spring of his career.

E Carolina FB Art Brown

AUBURN - At Jordan-Hare Stadium, 38,016 fans caught a glimpse of the Tiger's deep running back corps, including junior college transfer Brandon Jacobs. Tre Smith lead the way with 93 yards on 16 carries and 2 TD, Brandon Jacobs 122 yards (all in the second half), and 2002 starter Carnell Williams 9 yards on 5 carries, along with Ronnie Brown 17 yards on 4 carries. The Blue Team defeated the White Team 31-13.

CLEMSON – Despite abandoning his no-huddle scheme at times and adding an I-formation package to the offense, Tiger coach Tommy Bowden watched his O continue to struggle running the ball as they were only able to muster 181 yards on 73 carries (2.5 ypc). Bowden is trying to restore some balance to the attack. The Tigers have never lost a game in there 100 year history where they rushed and passed for over 200 yards in the same game!

COLORADO - Gary Barnett's Buffaloes may have a new leader at QB in that of Joel Klatt who was the statistical leader in the Spring Game completing 11-18 passes for 127 yards and a touchdown. Brian Calhoun lead in rushing with 55, in a team that is steeped with running talent.

DUKE – Blue Demon WR Reggie Love looked ready to roll as his 7 catches for 128 highlighted the Duke spring game. Love dazzled the sparse crowd with an array of spectacular catches. His size and leaping ability will come in handy this fall as Duke has made red-zone efficiency a top priority.

E CAROLINA – Running backs Marvin Townes and Dominique Hatcher combined for 267 yards on 30 carries, including a 48 yard run play from scrimmage in the final intra-squad scrimmage before the annual Purple-Gold Game.

FLORIDA - The Gators saw their spring come to and end before 31,000 fans in the annual Orange and Blue game. Keiwan Ratliff had a 42 yard interception TD in the 4Q that proved the difference as the Orange team won 16-13 for the third straight year and sixth time in the last eight years. QB Ingle Martin connected on 15 of 28 passes for 184 yards and 2 TD's including nine straight completions to start the game in his bid to be the starter. RB DeShawn Wynn paced the RB's with 91 yards (4.1). DE Darrell Lee had 6 tackles, 3 sacks and 1 pbu for the Orange squad in what may be a preview of things to come this season.

FLORIDA ST - Chris Rix led the offense to a 37-11 win over the defense and claimed the teams "Most Dominant" award as the Seminoles completed a tumultuous offseason with their Garnet & Gold intra-squad game. DC Mickey Andrews was unhappy with his units lack of enthusiasm as the offense ruled most of the day.

GEORGIA - The Dawgs concluded spring with the G-Day game which consisted of the #1 offense and #2 defense vs the #1 defense and #2 offense. 22 players were missing from the action due to injury as the Red team defeated the Black 10-7 before 17,500 fans at Sanford Stadium. QB D.J. Shockley completed 5 of 7 passes for 58 yards for the Red team in the 2H after incumbent starter David Greene struggled in the 1H hitting just 6 of 12 for 76 yards including an interception that was returned 29 yards for a TD by LB Odell Thurman.

GEORGIA TECH – Chan Gailey was left with more questions than answers as the Yellow Jackets completed their spring drills. QB's, A.J. Suggs and Damarious Balbo did nothing to establish themselves as the #1 signal caller and will continue to slug it out in the fall. A shortage of healthy offensive linemen severely limited the format of the action.

ILLINOIS - Illinois version of Charles Woodson may just be that of safety Eric McGoey, the receiver, who caught three passes for 48 yards in the spring scrimmage, including touchdown grabs of 10 and 25 yards from former high school teammate Jon Beutjer.

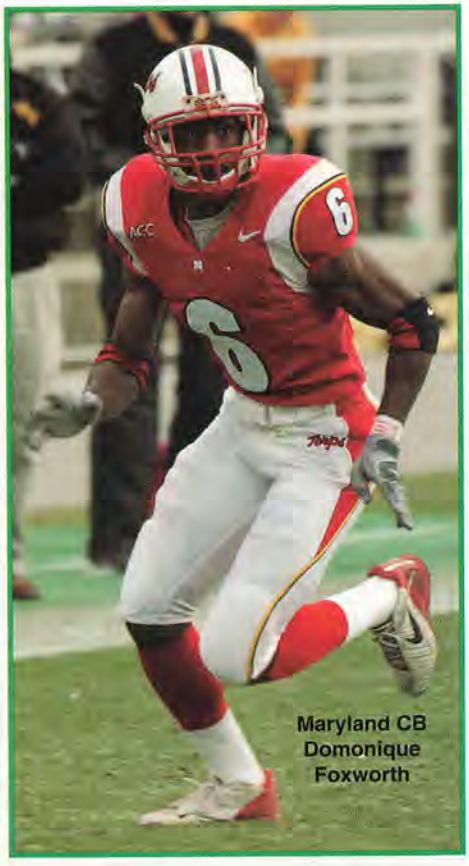
IOWA ST - The cardinal jerseys of Iowa State defeated the white jerseys in a close 30-27 spring game that was attended by 2,000 soggy spectators. Quarterback Chris Love emerged as the leading quarterback candidate to take over for the departed Seneca Wallace. Love threw a 70 yard TD pass to Jon Davis. However, quarterback prospect Austin Flynn threw for 7 of 12 and 64 yards, including an interception and ran the ball for nine rushes and 83 yards.

KANSAS ST - Kansas State's high potent offense that averaged 44.8 points 2002, came to life in front of a crowd of 12,231. Under the direction of Heisman Trophy candidate Ell Roberson, the purple blanked the white team 48-0 in KSU Stadium. Roberson threw a 23 yard strike to Darren Sproles and then ran for 13 yards and the first TD of the day in just 47 seconds of scrimmage play.

KENTUCKY - The Blue team pitched a shutout defeating the White 38-0 in Kentucky's annual spring game before 6,500 fans at Commonwealth Stadium. QB Jared Lorenzen completed 16 of 23 passes for 297 yards and a TD including a 58 yard pass to QB/WR Shane Boyd to set up another TD. WR Derek Abnet had 8 receptions for 112 yards and a TD and JLo was also on the receiving end of a 6 yard Shane Boyd pass that HC Rich Brooks said may be a glimpse of things to come. RB Alexis Bwenge who has continued to improve throughout the spring rushed for 64 yards on 12 attempts.

LA TECH – All American candidate Josh Scobee kicked two field goals to lead the White Team to a 13-6 victory over the Blue Team in the Bone Bowl at Aillet Stadium.

LOUISVILLE – In an impressive shutout, the Red Team beat the White Team 47-0 on the back of sophomore running back Eric Shelton who ran for 121 yards on 15 carries


Maryland CB Domonique Foxworth

and quarterback Stephan LeFors completed 15-18 passes for 270 first half yards.

LSU - HC Nick Saban watched as senior receiver Devery Henderson led the Purple Team and caught seven passes for 146 yards, including a 64 yard touchdown bomb from backup QB Michael Harrison, in a 24-21 victory over the White Team. Starting QB's Matt Mauck and Marcus Randall both threw for one touchdown and one interception. Junior receiver Michael Clayton for the White Team caught seven passes for 131 yards and should have an impact during the season. Tailback Shyrone Carey rose from the depth chart to lead the team in rushing with 59 yards on 18 carries.

MARYLAND – LB D'Qwell Jackson proved he was ready to step in for departed two-time AA E.J. Henderson (#2DC of MIN) by dominating the Terps Red-White game at Byrd Stadium. Jackson had five tackles and a number of big hits as Defense was the highlight of the day. Only 150 of the scrimmages 703 total yards were gains in the first half when the first string O met the first string D.

MIAMI (FL) - Quarterback Derrick Crudup looked even more up for the starting role in Miami's spring game in the Orange Bowl, hitting his first seven passes and leading the offense to two TD scoring drives in his first three series. Crudup completed 7 of 8 passes for 100 yards, as Florida transfer, Brock Berlin, connected for 8 of 16 and 129 yards, plus a touchdown. Tight end Kellen Winslow caught five passes for 101 yards, while Roscoe Parris added four catches and 64 yards. Miami looks to begin where they left off, back in the National Title hunt.

MICHIGAN ST - In front of a crowd of 12,000, Michigan State Quarterback Jeff Smoker, completed 8 of 16 for 118 yards in a three-way quarterback controversy between No. 1 quarterback-redshirt freshman Drew Stanton and Junior Damon Dowdell.

MISSISSIPPI ST - The Bulldogs concluded the spring session with their annual Maroon & White game before an estimated crowd of 5,500. So QB Kyle York completed 16 of 30 passes for 192 yards in place of returning starter Kevin Fant, who missed all but one practice in spring due to an abdominal injury and academic issues. RB's Fred Reid and Nick Turner combined for 131 yards (4.9) as the Maroon squad defeated the White 24-10. rFr K Keith Andrews made 4 FG's in the game including 50 & 56 yard attempts.

N CAROLINA - Underclassmen shined in the Tar Heel's spring game as true freshman Ronnie McGill opened eyes in Kenan Stadium by rushing 24 times for 104 yards and a score. Sophomore corner Cedrick Holt had three picks (two of which were negated by penalties) and another early entrant Melik Brown chipped in with five tackles including nailing starting QB Darian Durant for a safety.

NC STATE – The Chuck Amato aerial attack was on display at Carter-Finley stadium during the Wolfpack spring scrimmage. Heisman frontrunner Phillip Rivers looked sharp completing 9 of 13 for 146 and two TD's. Backups Jay Davis and Chris Moore were also impressive.

OHIO ST - In front of a crowd of 57,200 in Ohio Stadium, one-time Ohio Mr. Football, Bam Childress, outran his defenders en route to a 57 yard TD reception to go along with two other TD's on the day, propelling the Scarlet Team to a 37-29 win over the Gray Team.

PENN ST - Penn State Quarterback Zack Mills put on a clinic in front of 26,000 fans who braved mediocre weather in the annual Blue-White game in Beaver Stadium by tossing a 57 yarder to Kinta Palmer, who caught 5 passes on the day for a total of 90 yards and two scores. The team as a whole did not break the century mark in rushing, but did combine for 334 yards through the air.

PURDUE - The White Team defeated the Black team 27-6 before a crowd of 5,000 at D'Arcy Stadium in anticipation of Joe Tiller's Purdue team who looks to compete at the top of the Big 10 this year and a possible bowl bid. Kyle Orton staked claim to the number one QB job completing a 12 of 15 passes for 186 yards, including a two TD's of 36 and 26 yards to Taylor Stubblefield.

S CAROLINA - This White squad was the victor 21-13 in this highly offensive battle as QB Dondrial Pinkins completed 16 of 24 passes for 212 yards with Taqiy Muhammad being on the receiving end of 7 of those for 149 yards. The Garnet squad was led by Mike Rathe who was 18 of 30 for 229 yards and a TD. WR Troy Williamson caught 7 balls for 122 yards and a TD and RB Kenny Irons gained 99 yards on the ground (5.2) to pace the RB's. Lou Holtz & Co concluded the USC spring with the annual White and Garnet game before an estimated crown of 15,000 at Williams-Brice Stadium.

S FLORIDA - J.R. Reed returned an 83 yard interception to the four-yard line to set up a touchdown and win, while Tim Jones and Anwar McNeil combined for five sacks in a 31-6 romp in the South Florida annual Green and White Spring Game.

S MISS – The Gold Squad defeated the Black Squad, 19-6, in the annual spring game. WR Chris Johnson led all receivers with 125 yards on 5 receptions.

TENNESSEE - The Vols concluded what HC Phillip Fulmer deemed a very good spring with the annual Orange and White game before a crowd of 12,234 at Neyland Stadium. The starters defeated the backups 69-7. QB Casey Clausen was 16 of 26 for 293 yards and 3 TD's while backup QB James Banks connected on 3 of 4 for 92 yards and a TD for the Orange team. RB's Gerald Riggs and Cedric Houston each topped the 100 yard plateau with Houston adding 2 TD's and Riggs an electrifying 64 yard TD scamper. WR Mark Jones caught 4 passes for 152 yards and 2 TD's and seemed to emerge as a legitimate deep threat for the Vols. Defensively Jason Allen and Shannon Benton each had an interception return for a TD. Karlton Neal added 2 sacks while Ovince Saint Preux was the top tackler with 10 stops.

TEXAS - Replacing Chris Simms will not be an easy task for the Texas Longhorns, however, in the Orange-White Spring Game, Chance Mock may have silenced his critics in a dazzling performance completing 8 of 9 passing for 200 yards, leading the first team offense to five touchdowns in its first five possessions and a 35-14 victory.

Tennessee QB Casey Clausen

Surprise receiver, sophomore David Thomas grabbed three of those touchdowns for a total of 113 yards.

UCLA – the Bruin QB situation is a dead-heat coming out of the spring as Drew Olsen and Matt Moore appear dead even. New coach Karl Dorrell unveiled a new short passing game offense that utilizes everybody in front of a standing room only crowd of 5000 that included a number of former players.

USC – Life without Carson Palmer might be a tougher than people expected as the Trojans top three QB's were unable to move the ball in USC's final spring practice in front of 5000 at the Coliseum. Brandon Hance, Matt Casel and Billy Hart were all ineffective in the 87 play scrimmage. The defense dominated recording 15 tackles for losses and blocking two punts for a safety and a touchdown.

VIRGINIA – Al Groh seemed satisfied with the Cavs final work commenting on the upgrade in team speed. The offense played well behind ACC player of the year QB Matt Schaub and TB Wali Lundy (14-89). Dennis Haley raised some eyes with his intensity on the defensive side. PK Connor Hughes was a perfect 8 for 8 in FG's ranging from 31-48 yards.

VIRGINIA TECH - Michael Vick's brother Marcus Vick impressed the crowd in the annual Virginia Tech Maroon-White game tossing 10 for 15 for 92 yards and a TD. Also, in the mix was CB/PR, and now wide receiver DeAngelo Hall who caught 4 passes for 47 yards.

WASHINGTON – The Purple (first offense/second defense) edged the White (second offense/first defense) 21-19 in front of 7000 at Husky Stadium. OC Keith Gilbertson called it the worst effort of the spring by the starting offense and there will be plenty of job openings available when the Huskies return in August.

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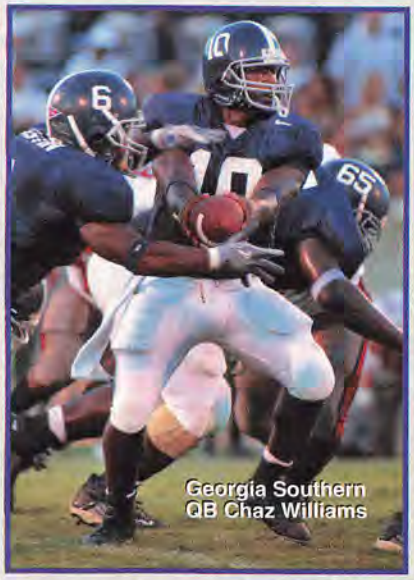
The Road To Chattanooga

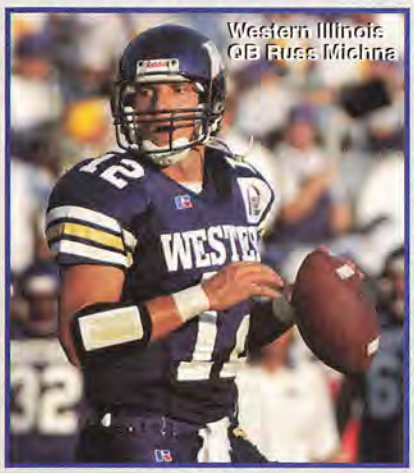
By Marlon Haynes & Aaron Kurczi

This year figures to be another exciting season of IAA action as a few new teams will challenge some of the traditional powers in IAA football. Whenever we begin a IAA football conversation, we won't be able to talk for long without mentioning the Eagles of Georgia Southern. **Georgia Southern** got off to a somewhat inauspicious start a year ago 2 of their first 3 contests. The first loss came at the hands of the Delaware Blue Hens in front of their newly retired HC the legendary Tubby Raymond. The second loss came at the hands of an upstart Wofford program that finally was able to put it all together after several years of finishing among the national leaders in team rushing. Nonetheless, GSU was able to get it in gear in time to rally for 10 consecutive wins before falling to the eventual national champ Western Kentucky. GSU is a solid bet to make it back to Chattanooga as they did for 3 consecutive years from 1998-2000, while winning both the 1999 & 2000 national titles behind record setting RB Adrian Peterson (PS#85, Chicago Bears). The 2003 ensemble of the Eagles triple option attack will once again be led by Walter Payton Award front runner QB Chaz Williams. Williams, who is only a junior, has already shattered many of Tracy Hams GSU offensive records. Last year Williams pulled the perfect combo, as he rushed and passed for over 1000 yards en route to setting a school record for the most yards rushing in a season (1,422) for a QB. Additionally Williams broke Adrian Peterson's school record for rushing TD's in a season (27) while earning the Southern Conference Offensive POY honors. Offensively he will be joined by fellow All SoCon honoree FB Jermaine Austin who plowed for 1,416 yards rushing and 8 scores. They return All SoCon LB Derrick Butler who finished the season with 87 tkls & 4 tfl. They do have a few holes as they lose SS David Young (2x AA, #6 DC of JAX) and the only 4x AA in school history in DT Freddie Pesqueira. The Eagles will receive stiff competition from league foes Appalachian St, Wofford, and **Furman** who is also a National Title contender.


Georgia Southern QB Chaz Williams

Challenging for IAA supremacy will be the always strong Grizzlies of Montana. A year ago **Montana** was surprised by instate rival Montana St in the final week of the season. Montana will receive a very big shot in the arm from Craig Ochs **(PS#5)** who is a VHT transfer from Colorado. Ochs will be joined by 15 Grizzly returning starters. Montana has played in the IAA Title game 4 times since winning the 1995 National Title including their last IAA crown in 2001.

The Cowboys of **McNeese State** have recently been knocking at the door of IAA football immortality. A year ago the Cowboys roared to an impressive 10-1 regular season record crushing IAA powers such as Grambling (52-20), Youngstown St (28-13), and yes, even destroying the eventual IAA National Champs 38-13 back on September 28. The only regular season loss the Cowboys suffered was at the hands of the IA Nebraska Cornhuskers. McNeese seemed to be one of the strongest IAA teams in recent memory, before being routed in the IAA Semifinal game. The Cowboys have adopted the 2003 motto "Unfinished Business" for good reason. They return 47 letterman and 17 starters from a team that most felt was the best IAA team and who entered the 2002 playoffs as the #1 seed. They will be led by Scott Pendarvis (PS#161) who many consider as the Preseason Southland Conference POY, along with LB Roderick Royal (PS#37) who was once a Steve Spurrier signee at Florida. Royal is a leading candidate for the Buck Buchanan Award given annually to the Nation's finest IAA defender. Royal and Pendarvis are sure bets for 2003 AA honors.


Western Illinois QB Russ Michna

As usual, the Gateway Conference will provide us with possibly the most intriguing and entertaining conference race of the 2003 season. A year ago, **Western Kentucky** won the National Title as a member of the Gateway. However, they weren't even the conference regular season champions. That honor went to **Western Illinois**, who defeated WKU on the road early in the season (Sept. 14) before falling to the Hilltoppers 31-28 in a thrilling IAA quarter-final matchup a last December. Both teams appear poised for a National Title run. However, Western Kentucky will have to overcome the loss of legendary HC Jack Harbaugh. Western Illinois returns 2002 Gateway Offensive POY Russ Michna who passed for 3,037 yards with a 23-5 ratio and gets the nod as the preseason POY favorite. As usual, the Penguins of **Youngstown State** will be a factor in the Gateway race. YSU had a rare down season a year ago which was just their second without Ohio St HC Jim Tressel.

The always tough Atlantic 10 race appears to be a 3 team battle. The 1998 National Champion **Massachusetts** Minutemen appear poised to avenge last year's snub by the IAA selection committee. UMass returns 18 starters from an 8-4 outfit a year ago. The Minutemen however will have stiff competition from the likes of Maine and Delaware, who return 17 starters under the tutelage of 2nd year head man K.C. Keller.

Once again the Quakers of **Pennsylvania** appear to be the top outfit from the Ivy league. They will have some competition from the always tough Crimson of Harvard.

Over in the MEAC, the always solid **Hampton** Pirates look to rebound from last years 5-3 conference mark. They will have stiff competition from The Rattlers of FAMU and Aggies of North Carolina A&T who look to rebound from a very uncommon 4-8 mark under the direction of new HC George Small.

Finally what fun would it be to not take a peek into our crystal ball and predict a winner from the always-entertaining SWAC? **Grambling** appears strong again fresh off its 2002 SWAC Title led by former Grambling and Washington Redskin star Doug Williams. Williams' teams always promise explosive offense, good eating, and a great halftime show down in the Bayou state. Speaking of halftime shows, **Jackson St** has recently become more known for its "Sonic Bomb of the South Band" and its dazzling "Jaycettes" as of late. The school that produced such NFL legends as Lem Barney and a man simply known as Sweetness has struggled a bit in recent years. Look for the Tigers under the direction of new HC James Bell to resurrect the JSU program and bring the Tiger program back to prominence.

All in all this looks like another exciting season of IAA action. As you can see in the Top 25 listed below, there is a fine mixture of traditional powerhouses and relative unknowns. While we look for Georgia Southern to play Montana in the title game, there will be plenty of upsets and unknowns who contend as with any season. Despite playing at a lower level, IAA still offers the traditional rivalries and has some very talented athletes, and below are the selected who we feel will finish at the top.

Our 2003 IAA Preseason Top 25

1. Georgia Southern
2. Montana
3. McNeese St
4. W Illinois
5. W Kentucky
6. Furman
7. Massachusetts
8. Pennsylvania
9. Youngstown St
10. Grambling St
11. Murray St
12. Idaho St
13. Appalachian St
14. Northwestern St
15. Portland St
16. Delaware
17. Jackson St
18. E Illinois
19. Youngstown St
20. Harvard
21. Fordham
22. Villanova
23. Northeastern
24. Maine
25. Alabama A&M

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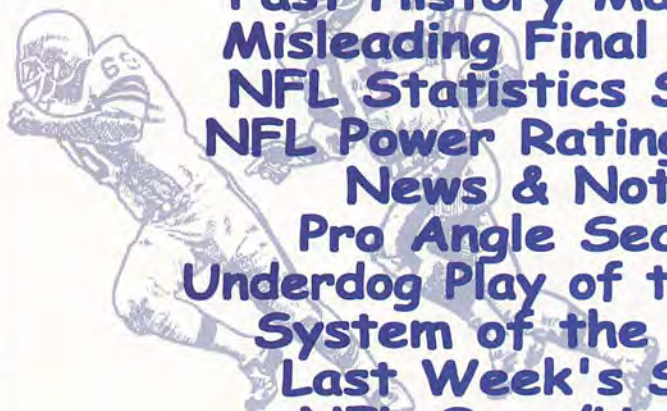

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NCAA TEAM EXPERIENCE RATINGS

Experience can be a big thing in college football. A player gains valuable experience for every year he plays and becomes a better player because of it. Players also mature physically while they are in college and there is a big difference between a raw 17 or 18 year old true Freshman and a mature and physically stronger 22 year old Senior. Some teams that send their players away on missions like BYU, routinely have Seniors up to 25 years old. There is also a coaching adage that for every Freshman starter you have, you lose one game. With that in mind, we compiled the following chart. It lists the total amount of Senior starters on the team as well as Seniors in the two deep. It also shows all of the Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen starters and the total amount in the two deep. I then devised a point system to break down the most experienced teams. I awarded 3 points for every Senior starter, 2.5 for every Senior in the two deep, 2 points for every Jr starter, 1.5 for every Jr in the two deep, 1 point for a Sophomore starter, 0.5 for a Soph in the 2 deep. I then subtracted 1 point for every Frosh starter and .5 for every Frosh in the two deep. The total points column uses that formula to figure out the total points awarded to a team. This page ranks the conference in total points order and the number before the team is where they came up in my overall ranking of all the teams in the NCAA. This list was compiled in April and there have been some changes to the 2 deep in May which might not be accounted for but it will give you an idea of the most experienced and least experienced teams in the NCAA this year.

NCAA RANK	ACC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
10	MARYLAND	14	5	6	6	20	11	2	7	0	4	79
34	DUKE	9	2	9	8	18	10	4	11	0	1	71
49	FLORIDA ST	8	1	12	8	20	9	2	10	0	3	68
53	GEORGIA TECH	10	3	8	6	18	9	4	7	0	6	67
64	CLEMSON	10	3	8	6	18	9	4	6	0	7	66
75	N CAROLINA	6	4	10	7	16	11	6	5	0	6	64
106	WAKE FOREST	9	3	7	3	16	6	5	7	1	9	56
109	NC STATE	7	3	8	5	15	8	3	10	4	4	54
113	VIRGINIA	7	2	6	6	13	8	7	6	2	8	51
NCAA RANK	BIG 10	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
46	ILLINOIS	11	5	7	8	18	13	1	4	3	5	69
51	MICHIGAN	12	5	3	5	15	10	7	5	0	7	68
67	IOWA	13	3	4	5	17	8	4	8	1	6	66
69	PENN ST	9	4	7	7	16	11	5	6	1	5	66
70	MINNESOTA	11	3	4	6	15	9	7	8	0	5	66
73	WISCONSIN	6	1	13	7	19	8	3	11	0	3	64
84	OHIO ST	13	2	5	2	18	4	4	10	0	8	62
85	PURDUE	11	2	6	4	17	6	3	13	2	3	62
89	MICHIGAN ST	6	7	7	6	13	13	6	5	3	4	62
107	NORTHWESTERN	5	3	8	5	13	8	8	9	1	5	55
116	INDIANA	3	1	10	6	13	7	9	6	0	9	48
NCAA RANK	BIG 12	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
2	KANSAS ST	13	8	8	9	21	17	1	5	0	0	92
28	NEBRASKA	10	5	5	9	15	14	7	5	0	3	74
39	KANSAS	5	7	10	7	15	14	7	5	0	3	71
50	IOWA ST	10	8	7	4	17	12	2	4	3	6	68
52	OKLAHOMA	8	3	11	5	19	8	3	10	0	4	67
57	MISSOURI	8	5	8	6	16	11	5	7	1	4	67
71	BAYLOR	8	8	8	2	16	10	4	6	2	6	65
78	TEXAS TECH	7	2	9	9	16	11	6	5	0	6	63
100	TEXAS A&M	6	4	10	2	16	6	6	9	0	7	58
102	COLORADO	11	3	3	5	14	8	6	7	2	7	58
110	OKLAHOMA ST	6	3	8	4	14	7	6	10	2	5	54
111	TEXAS	10	1	4	4	14	5	7	10	1	7	54
NCAA RANK	BIG EAST	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
44	TEMPLE	8	5	7	8	15	13	7	5	0	4	70
45	VIRGINIA TECH	9	2	11	6	20	8	2	11	0	3	69
79	MIAMI (FLA)	8	3	8	6	16	9	6	7	0	6	63
82	W VIRGINIA	12	1	7	7	19	8	2	5	1	9	62
86	BOSTON COLL	10	3	6	5	16	8	6	6	0	8	62
88	RUTGERS	9	2	5	8	14	10	7	8	1	4	62
91	PITTSBURGH	10	2	8	3	18	5	4	10	0	7	61
92	SYRACUSE	10	4	7	2	17	6	4	9	1	7	61
NCAA RANK	CONF USA	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
9	CINCINNATI	7	7	14	7	21	14	1	5	0	3	79
17	TCU	11	5	7	8	18	13	4	6	0	3	77
20	HOUSTON	11	6	2	10	13	16	8	5	1	1	76
24	ARMY	3	5	16	9	19	14	3	8	0	0	74
37	E CAROLINA	11	5	5	5	16	10	5	10	1	2	71
47	S MISSISSIPPI	7	4	11	8	18	12	3	7	1	3	69
59	LOUISVILLE	9	5	6	7	15	12	6	5	1	5	67
68	MEMPHIS	6	2	10	12	16	14	5	5	1	3	66
95	UAB	3	3	10	10	13	13	9	4	0	5	60
97	S FLORIDA	11	2	5	5	16	7	5	7	1	8	59
115	TULANE	6	2	7	3	13	5	8	10	1	7	50
NCAA RANK	INDEPENDENTS	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
3	NAVY	10	5	11	16	21	21	1	1	0	0	90
30	CONNECTICUT	6	7	11	5	17	12	5	7	0	3	72
99	NOTRE DAME	10	1	6	7	16	8	6	4	0	10	58
104	TROY ST	5	0	13	7	18	7	4	9	0	6	57
NCAA RANK	MAC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
21	MARSHALL	10	4	10	11	20	15	1	2	1	5	75
26	W MICHIGAN	9	3	8	11	17	14	5	6	0	2	74
33	AKRON	10	4	8	8	18	12	4	4	0	6	71
38	MIAMI, OH	9	5	7	4	16	9	6	12	0	1	71
54	OHIO	5	6	12	8	17	14	3	4	2	4	67
62	C MICHIGAN	9	3	9	7	18	10	3	7	1	5	66
63	UCF	9	3	9	7	18	10	3	7	1	5	66
65	N ILLINOIS	9	3	9	6	18	9	3	9	1	4	66
74	BOWLING GREEN	11	2	6	4	17	6	5	11	0	5	64
83	KENT	8	2	11	5	19	7	3	8	0	7	62
90	TOLEDO	7	4	11	5	18	9	3	5	1	8	61
93	BALL STATE	10	3	6	5	16	8	4	9	2	5	61
96	E MICHIGAN	6	1	12	7	18	8	3	9	1	5	59
103	BUFFALO	4	7	9	1	13	8	8	9	1	5	58
NCAA RANK	MT WEST	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
1	AIR FORCE	15	8	7	8	22	16	0	6	0	0	94
4	NEW MEXICO	16	7	3	7	19	14	3	5	0	3	86
14	SAN DIEGO ST	9	8	9	4	18	12	4	8	0	2	78
22	UTAH	10	5	9	8	19	13	3	4	0	5	75
25	BYU	12	9	6	4	18	13	1	4	3	5	74
31	UNLV	9	4	11	7	20	11	2	5	0	6	71
36	COLORADO ST	13	5	4	4	17	9	5	7	0	6	71
66	WYOMING	12	3	6	4	18	7	2	12	2	3	66
NCAA RANK	PAC 10	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
11	WASHINGTON ST	14	6	4	6	18	12	4	6	0	4	79
15	OREGON ST	10	4	10	8	20	12	2	8	0	2	77
32	WASHINGTON	8	5	11	7	19	12	2	6	1	4	71
41	OREGON	8	3	9	10	17	13	5	5	0	4	70
55	CALIFORNIA	8	3	9	9	17	12	4	6	1	4	67
61	UCLA	6	9	7	1	13	10	9	8	0	4	67
72	USC	8	6	6	6	14	12	6	6	2	4	65
76	ARIZONA	10	1	6	8	16	9	6	8	0	5	64
94	ARIZONA ST	10	0	9	6	19	6	3	8	0	8	60
112	STANFORD	6	4	8	2	14	6	6	9	2	7	52
NCAA RANK	SEC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
7	ARKANSAS	11	10	8	3	19	13	3	4	0	5	81
40	TENNESSEE	12	3	7	4	19	7	3	11	0	4	70
42	ALABAMA	10	7	7	2	17	9	5	7	0	6	70
56	FLORIDA	11	4	6	8	17	12	3	4	2	6	67
58	S CAROLINA	7	5	8	8	15	13	7	3	0	6	67
60	MISSISSIPPI	11	3	4	8	15	11	6	7	1	4	67
80	AUBURN	9	2	7	7	16	9	6	7	0	6	63
81	MISSISSIPPI ST	9	3	6	7	15	10	7	5	0	7	63
87	LSU	10	3	6	4	16	7	6	8	0	7	62
101	KENTUCKY	7	1	7	9	14	10	7	7	1	5	58
108	GEORGIA	5	5	6	3	11	8	11	7	0	7	55
117	VANDERBILT	1	0	8	6	9	6	13	10	0	6	43
NCAA RANK	SUN BELT	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
6	UL MONROE	9	6	11	10	20	16	2	5	0	1	83
8	ARKANSAS ST	10	7	12	4	22	11	0	7	0	4	79
12	UL LAFAYETTE	10	5	9	11	19	16	2	3	1	3	78
16	N TEXAS	10	5	9	9	19	14	2	6	1	2	77
18	UTAH ST	10	5	7	9	17	14	5	5	0	3	76
23	MIDDLE TENN ST	14	4	4	9	18	13	3	4	1	5	75
27	IDAHO	14	6	3	5	17	11	4	6	1	5	74
43	NEW MEXICO ST	9	4	7	10	16	14	4	6	2	2	70
NCAA RANK	WAC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
5	LA TECH	13	8	6	7	19	15	3	4	0	3	85
13	SAN JOSE ST	14	5	4	8	18	13	3	6	1	3	78
19	HAWAII	10	7	6	8	16	15	4	6	2	1	76
29	TULSA	10	5	8	8	18	13	3	4	1	5	72
35	FRESNO ST	8	4	9	7	17	11	5	9	0	2	71
48	NEVADA	9	5	7	4	16	9	6	10	0	3	69
77	UTEP	6	2	9	11	15	13	6	6	1	3	64
98	BOISE ST	9	4	9	3	18	7	2	6	2	9	58
105	RICE	9	2	8	5	17	7	5	4	0	11	57
114	SMU	8	2	7	4	15	6	5	6	2	10	50

TURNOVERS = TURNAROUND

BY PHIL STEELE

Turnovers can have a big impact on games and on a team's season. They can also lead to many misleading final scores. ALL of the previous week's misleading final scores are listed on the front page of my Power Sweep Newsletter. By reading about them each week you can uncover some solid line value for the upcoming week's games. Let's take a look at several examples from the last year.

Florida St could have beaten Virginia by as much as a 61-0 margin last year. They had a 397-62 rushing edge and in the first half alone FSU was int'd at the VA 1, fumbled at the 3 and was int'd in the EZ from the 2 costing them 21 points. Later they missed a FG from the 9, so altogether FSU had 4 possessions inside the 10 for 0 points. Virginia got a TD pass with :29 left for the backdoor cover (+26') "only" losing 40-19 after trailing 33-0. In FSU's next game we used them as our FREE September 5★ for Power Sweep subscribers and they whipped Maryland 37-10 (-15) to deliver the easy win.

UAB was off back to back misleading finals. Versus Troy St they had TWO defensive TD's (including a 91 yd fumble return) and won 27-26 despite being outFD'd 27-11 and outgained 427-221. The next week vs Pitt, UAB was outgained 424-232, but Pitt missed two short FG's, had a punt blocked for a TD and was int'd in the UAB end zone only winning by 6 (-6'). The next week things caught up to UAB as they were pounded on the road 34-0 by a ULL team that finished the year at 3-9. ULL ironically was off a 36-17 loss to Houston in a game that ULL was only outgained by 19 yards (3 key turnovers cost them).

Arizona St dominated N Carolina with a 34-19 FD edge in their game, but due to FIVE turnovers they actually lost outright 38-35. The next week NC hosted NC St and were whipped 34-17 (+6'). The same week that ASU lost to N Carolina, Oregon St was outgained by UCLA 625-353.They lost at home only 43-35 thanks in part to a blocked punt for a TD and then a 19 yard fumble return for a TD with 2:09 left. With two teams off misleading finals the next week we used Arizona St +3 at home over Oregon St as a rare 5★ Late Phone Play and the Sun Devils won outright at home by a 13-9 margin.

The Washington Huskies hosted UCLA and dominated the game from start to finish with a 31-13 FD edge!! Four turnovers were the key including a 42 yard int return for a TD with 1:17 left and UCLA won the game SU by 10 points. The next week the Huskies were a 6 pt dog AT HOME to Oregon St a team that struggled on the road all year. We used Washington +6 as our 5★ College Game of the Year and they whipped OSU 41-29, covering by 18 points!! UW then went on to pull upsets of Oregon and Wash St in their final two games both on the road.

Wash St (-3') beat Oregon 32-21 as a 3★ Key Selection in Power Sweep but dominated even more than the final would indicate as they had a 467-252 yard edge. The Ducks had a 12 yard fumble return for a TD and a 20 yard int return for a TD, or they would have been whipped much worse. The next week we used Washington +6' as the Underdog Play of the Week in Power Sweep and they won AT Oregon by a convincing 42-14 margin.

Houston was beaten by South Florida 32-14 as QB Nick Eddy tossed a school record 7 interceptions. In fact, at the half of that game Houston had a 11-4 FD edge, but trailed 14-0. The next week Houston hosted a team contending for the CUSA Title in Louisville and were 15' point home dogs, but stunned the Cardinals by a 27-10 margin as they committed 0 turnovers to 2 for Louisville.

East Carolina pulled a big upset at home vs TCU as they were +8' and won 31-28. A closer look shows SEVEN TCU turnovers, including a late fumble that was returned 81 yards for a TD, a 14 pt turnaround. TCU had a 22-9 FD edge in that game and lost SU!! The next week EC traveled to SMiss and were crushed 24-7 while getting 9' points.

I could list many more examples (see Hardcore Fans pg 319 for some more), but as you can see turnovers can determine the outcome of a game. They can also lead to some solid line value during the course of the season. **Each week in Power Sweep I provide a section called "Misleading Final Scores" which allows you to take advantage of the public's perception of a final score.** Turnovers can not only make a difference in a game, but can make the difference between a winning and losing season.

Three bowl teams from 2000 that had benefitted from double digit turnovers all finished with losing records in 2001 without the benefit of the turnovers. Northwestern went from 8-4 to 4-7, Notre Dame from 9-3 to 5-6 and Oregon St who went from 11-1 to just 5-6.

In 1998 Illinois was -11 in turnovers and lost their games by an average of 29-13. In 1999 they had 14 starters returning and went from a 3-8 team to 8-4, including a 63-21 rout of Virginia in their bowl game. The difference? The Illini profited from +13 turnovers. In 2000, they had an even more talented team returning but did not make a bowl game as the turnovers disappeared and they finished the year with a -2 margin and a 5-6 record. The Illini turned it around in 2001 with a +4 turnover ratio and a 10-2 record.

The majority of 1999's big turnaround seasons were foreshadowed in this article. Air Force, Arizona, Tulane and UCLA all finished with positive double digit turnover margins in 1998. Those 4 were a combined 46-4 in the '98 season!!! In 1999, those 4 were just 19-26!! Wow, turnovers can indeed equal turnaround. The NCAA's largest single season turnaround happened in 1999 when Hawaii went from 0-12 to 9-4. The Warriors made this article that year as they were -10 in 1998 in turnovers but finished +1 in 1999. Here are some more examples.

In 1998, a couple of teams that made this article had big dropoffs. Colorado St was an 11-2 team in '97 and returned 14 starters. They were thinking about a possible Jan 1st bowl game. In '97 they were +27 and in '98, without that benefit, they were home for the holidays at 8-4 (still +7). LSU was the SEC West favorite with 15 returning starters from their 9-3 team of '97. They went from +13 in turnovers to +1 and had a shocking fall to 4-7. Two other big droppers were Navy (from 7-4 to 3-8) and Oklahoma St (bowl to no bowl).

Duke was a Cinderella team in 1994. They went 8-3 thanks in part to a +15 turnover edge. They also made this article in '95. The Blue Devils were only +2 in '95, and without all the breaks, fell to 3-8.

In 1991, California was 10-2 with a win in the Citrus Bowl. They benefitted that year from a remarkable +17 turnovers. The very next year, with 13 returning starters, they fell to 4-7! Were the turnovers a factor? They went from +17 in '91 to -13 in '92!

Purdue
LB Niko Koutouvides

In 1995, Louisville benefitted from +21 in turnovers and had a successful 7-4 year. In 1996, with a more talented squad, they were -17 and had a losing record.

One of the best examples is S Mississippi. In 1991 they were 4-7. They had only 4 returning starters in 1992. What looked to be a miserable year turned out shockingly well. S Mississippi went 7-4! The reason was +14 turnovers! The next year, this 7-4 team had 16 returning starters. A bowl seemed in the offing. Their 1993 record was only a stunning 2-8-1! How could this be? The Eagles were -11 in turnovers. It looks like good luck or bad luck can also have an impact on a team's final record.

Last year 13 teams made this article after benefitting from double digit turnovers in 2001. Of those 13, only 4 ended 2002 with a stronger record than the year before and 8 had weaker records (1 had the same record). Syracuse was an extremely fortunate 10-3 in 2001 thanks to +18 in turnovers but plummeted to 4-8 last year. Oregon was another team that benefitted from turnovers in 2001 and won a lot of close games finishing 11-1. They started out last year at 6-0 but the bottom fell out and they finished just 7-6 without the same good fortune.

Teams that benefitted from double digit turnovers the previous year rarely get a repeat of that good fortune. In the last 10 years, 151 teams have had this good fortune. Of those 151, 95 have had weaker records the following year (63%). Only 39 teams (26%) have improved their record and the other 17 had the same record. Listed below are last year's fortunate teams:

GOING DOWN?

Tulane	+22	Arkansas	+17
S Florida	+21	Iowa	+15
Oklahoma	+19	TCU	+15
W Virginia	+19	Virginia	+15
California	+18	Alabama	+15
Wisconsin	+18	Penn St	+14
USC	+18	Ohio St	+13
Wake Forest	+18	UConn	+12
Texas	+17		

Let's take a look at some teams who had terrible luck (lots of turnovers) in one year then drastically improved the next year without those turnovers.

In 1996, there were two big gainers. North Carolina was -16 in turnovers in '95, but rebounded and ended up 10-2. Wyoming had been 6-5 in '95 with -12 turnovers but improved to 10-2 in '96.

In 1996, Wash St was -10 in turnovers and they made this column. They went from 5-6 all the way to 10-2, losing in a close Rose Bowl game. Two teams (Missouri and Pittsburgh) went from -10 or more turnovers and poor seasons in 1996, then turned into bowl teams in 1997.

In 1998, 8 of the 11 teams in this category had better records and most of them showed significant improvement. BYU, Illinois, Texas, Rutgers and Louisville all improved by anywhere from 3 to 6 games in the win column!

In 1999, 10 teams went from double digit negative turnovers to stronger seasons, including Hawaii, who simply went from 0-12 in 1998 to a super 9-4. Clemson and Illinois also went from losing teams to bowl squads.

Iowa St was a poor 4-7 in 1999, but were actually only outscored by an average of 2 points per game despite being MINUS 10 in turnovers. Naturally they made this article and not only achieved a winning record but went 9-3 with a bowl win. They finished +5 in turnovers for the year.

In 2001, 15 teams made this article after having double digit negative turnovers in 2000. **Only 2 of the 15 teams had a weaker record in 2001!!!** Teams like Utah, USC, North Carolina and Louisiana Tech all made it to bowl games after sitting home for the holidays in 2000.

Last year California went from -18 and a 1-10 season to 7-5 (+18), a winning record!! Penn St went from -11 to +12 in turnovers and their record went from 5-6 to 9-4.

As I previously stated, if a team received bad breaks the year before, they will usually be headed for better fortune the following year. In the past 10 years, there have been 111 teams that have finished the season minus double digits in turnovers. Of those 111 teams, 77 (69%) have had better records the next year! Which teams are headed for better fortunes and better seasons?

GOING UP?

E Michigan	-22	Army	-14
UTEP	-19	Navy	-14
Baylor	-17	Rutgers	-13
Kent St	-16	Lousiana Tech	-13
Louisville	-15	Indiana	-12
Miss St	-15	SMU	-12
N Carolina	-15	W Michigan	-12
Vanderbilt	-14	Utah St	-11
		Purdue	-10

If you like this type of information, you will love the front page of Power Sweep. Each week in "This Week's News and Notes," I review such information as well as "Misleading Final Scores" and much, much more. Keep tabs on all of these teams this year and watch how turnovers WILL EQUAL turnaround in 2003!

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DRAFT DAY PARTY HANGOVER

By Phil Steele

Draft day is an exciting day for many college football players as they find out which professional team they have a shot at playing for in the future. Many players who will be 1st or 2nd round draft picks have draft parties to celebrate their high selection and the upcoming riches they will receive by signing an NFL contract. College football teams also enjoy draft day as having players selected to the NFL gives coaches a recruiting edge in the future as they can tell incoming high school recruits how many different players they have sent on to NFL careers. The more successful programs will always land the top-notch athletes who want to seek a pro career.

While there is a lot of happiness on draft day it can be a precursor for trouble for many college programs. My staff and I went back and researched how teams did after having a large amount of players selected in the draft. We have found that almost 4 out of every 5 teams that rank among the top in the NCAA in players drafted struggle the next year and have a weaker record. I call it the Draft Day Party Hangover Effect.

#1 DC of Kansas City Penn St's RB Larry Johnson

Let me explain how I came up with this theory. I have taken the last six years' drafts and analyzed not only the amount of players selected but also the rounds in which they were selected. Let's face it, there are only 32 players in all of college football who end up being a 1st round draft pick in a season. Replacing a player with that ability is often very difficult. For the system that I created, 7 points are awarded if a player was picked in the 1st round. A 2nd round pick garnered 5 points and a 3rd round pick four, 4th round three, 5th round two and a sixth or seventh round pick just one point. In the NFL there's not much difference between a 6th or 7th round pick and a high quality free agent signee, so I did not lend a high level of merit to that category. Using this point system I went back and plugged in the last 5 years' draftees and found some interesting results. I limited my research to those teams that totaled 12 or more points which make them among the best in the NCAA. I will now go over these results year-by-year for you.

Starting with the 1997 draft, there were 17 teams that had 12 points or more lost in the draft. Of those 17 an amazing 14 did not improve upon their previous year's record and the 17 teams went from a combined 147-43 (77.4%) record to 121-69 (63.7%). The biggest losers on the year were Houston, which went from 7-4 down to 3-8, Texas, which fell from 8-4 to 4-7, Colorado, which dropped from 9-2 to 5-6, and 3 teams were -3 in the net win category during the regular season in Arizona St, California and Virginia Tech. Of the top 10 teams in this survey, only one managed a stronger record the next year but ironically it would be the 1997 National Champion, Nebraska!

In 1998 there were 21 teams that totalled 12 points or more in my "Hangover" system. Of those 21, EIGHTEEN did not improve upon the previous year's record. This time, out of the top 11 qualifiers, 10 teams did not improve upon their record with the only exception ironically being Tennessee, which ended up being the National Champ in 1998! The 21 teams that made my list had gone a combined 180-58 (75.6%) in 1997 but with their draft losses stumbled to a combined 136-102 in 1998 (57.1%). The biggest losers on the year were Washington St which went from the Rose Bowl and a 10-1 record down to 3-8, Auburn which dropped from 9-3 all the way down to 3-8, Cincinnati which fell from 7-4 down to 2-9, N Carolina which dropped from 10-1 to 6-5, and Clemson which went from 7-4 to 3-8.

In 1999, there were 23 teams that lost enough players in the NFL Draft to total 12 points or more. Of the 23 teams, 17 (73.9%) had weaker records in 1999. In 1998 the 23 teams record combined for a 188-79 (70.4%) and fell to a combined 153-112 (57.7%) record in 1999. Those who felt the draft's effect the most were Arizona which plummeted from 11-1 to 6-6, UCLA which dropped from 10-1 to 4-7, Ohio St which went from 10-1 to a stunning 6-6, Notre Dame fell from 9-2 to 5-7, while W Virginia went from a solid 8-3 season to a 4-7 year. Of the Top 8 teams that made my list, seven had weaker records in the 1999 season.

In 2000, 25 teams "earned" 12 points or more. Those 25 teams combined for a 209-81 (72.1%) record in 1999 but in 2000 the same 25 teams combined to go 174-114 (60.4%). The biggest loser on the year was Alabama, who went from 10-2 and thinking National Title to a massively disappointing 3-8 season after incurring the sixth biggest loss on draft day. Other big losers were Marshall which went from a perfect 13-0 to an 8-5 season, Michigan St which plummeted from a Citrus Bowl winning 10-2 year to 5-6, and Penn St which went from 9-3 to one of Joe Paterno's worst seasons ever at 5-7. Nineteen out of the 25 teams failed to achieve a stronger record the next year (76.0%). Amazingly, for the third time in 4 years, one of the teams that made this list won the National Title, as Oklahoma had to replace 1st and 2nd round draft picks.

There were 25 teams who "earned" 12 points or more in 2001. Those 25 teams combined for a 208-94 (68.9%) record in 2000 but in 2001 the 25 teams dropped to 184-114 (61.7%). The biggest losers on the year were Florida St who was at the top of the chart and fell out of the final Top 5 at the end of the season for the first time in 14 years. Kansas St went from 11-3 to 6-6 and Washington went from 11-1 to 8-4. Four teams who went to a bowl in 2000 that did not make a bowl in 2001 were Wisconsin, Minnesota, Notre Dame and Arizona St. Again, for the 4th time in 5 years one of the teams that made this list won the National Title and that was Miami, Fl, who was #2 on the list. Out of the 25 teams, 11 of them (highest percentage in 5 years) did manage to improve their record.

In last years magazine I noted that there were 27 teams that had "earned" 12 points or more in the 2002 draft. I noted that 7 teams had "earned" MORE points in the draft the previous year so they actually were in better shape losing less NFL prospects than the previous year. Of those 7, 5 had better records last year and I noted that by fine tuning the list of 12+ point teams that it became about an 80% proposition for teams to have a weaker record the next year. In a box at the bottom of the page I listed the 20 teams which had suffered the biggest losses from the previous year. For the FIFTH time in 6 years the National Champ was in that list (Ohio St). In fact if you take out Ohio St's record the other 19 teams combined to go 168-65 (72.1%) in 2001 and just 131-111 (54.1%) in 2002!!! The biggest losers were Stanford which went from 9-3 down to 2-9 and BYU which was 12-2 in 2001 to a losing record of 5-7 last year. A BCS team from 2001 was Oregon and they went from 11-1 to 7-6 after their draft losses. North Carolina, South Carolina, Mich St and UAB all went from being bowl eligible to a losing season. Of the 20 teams in the box last year only 4 managed to achieve a better record in 2002 than they did in 2001 so the system once again hit 80% as only 20% had a better record..

With that in mind, this past year there were 24 teams that earned 12 points or more from their losses in the NFL draft. Once again I have qualified the list even further to become an 80% proposition by eliminating the teams that lost fewer points in 2002 than they had the previous year. The list to the left will eliminate those teams for this year. Some teams normally graduate a large amount of NFL players and are actually in better shape than the previous year as they lose less points. The teams that qualify in that category this year are: Miami, Fl (38), Florida (24), Tennessee (23), Colorado (18), Ohio St (18), Arizona St (13) and LSU (13). According to past records of the 17 teams in the box to the left, only 3 or 4 will manage to improve their record this year but the National Champ has a good chance (83.3%) of being one of the overall 24 teams on the Draft Day Hangover Lists.

TEAM	MOST POINTS LOST IN 2003 NFL DRAFT	TEAM	MOST POINTS LOST IN 2003 NFL DRAFT
Penn St	38	Stanford	16
Georgia	30	Kansas St	15
Texas A&M	29	Texas	15
Iowa	21	Marshall	14
USC	20	Hawaii	13
Florida St	18	Illinois	13
Michigan	17	Oklahoma	13
California	16	Oregon St	12
Notre Dame	16		

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2002	5★	Bowl Play of the Year	Arizona St (+18') Kansas St	27-34	WIN!
2002	5★	Pro Play of the Year	Pittsburgh (-8') Carolina	30-14	WIN!
2002	5★	College Play of the Year	Washington (+6) Oregon St	41-29	WIN!
2001	4'★	Playoff Play of the Year	Green Bay (-3') San Fran	25-15	WIN!
2001	5★	Bowl Play of the Year	Florida St (+2) Virginia Tech	30-17	WIN!
2001	5★	Pro Play of the Year	St Louis (-7) San Fran	27-14	WIN!
2001	5★	College Play of the Year	New Mexico (-2') UNLV	27-17	WIN!
2000	4'★	Playoff Play of the Year	NY Giants (-4) Philly	20-10	WIN!
2000	5★	Bowl Play of the Year	Louisville (+2) Colorado St	17-22	loss
2000	5★	Pro Play of the Year	Washington (-6') Dallas	13-32	loss
2000	5★	College Play of the Year	Wisconsin (-6') Indiana	43-22	WIN!
1999	5★	Playoff Play of the Year	UNDER 37' TB/Wash	14-13	WIN!
1999	5★	Bowl Play of the Year	Washington (+10') Kansas St	20-24	WIN!
1999	5★	Pro Play of the Year	Carolina (+7') Green Bay	33-31	WIN!
1999	5★	College Play of the Year	Nebraska (-9') Kansas St	41-15	WIN!

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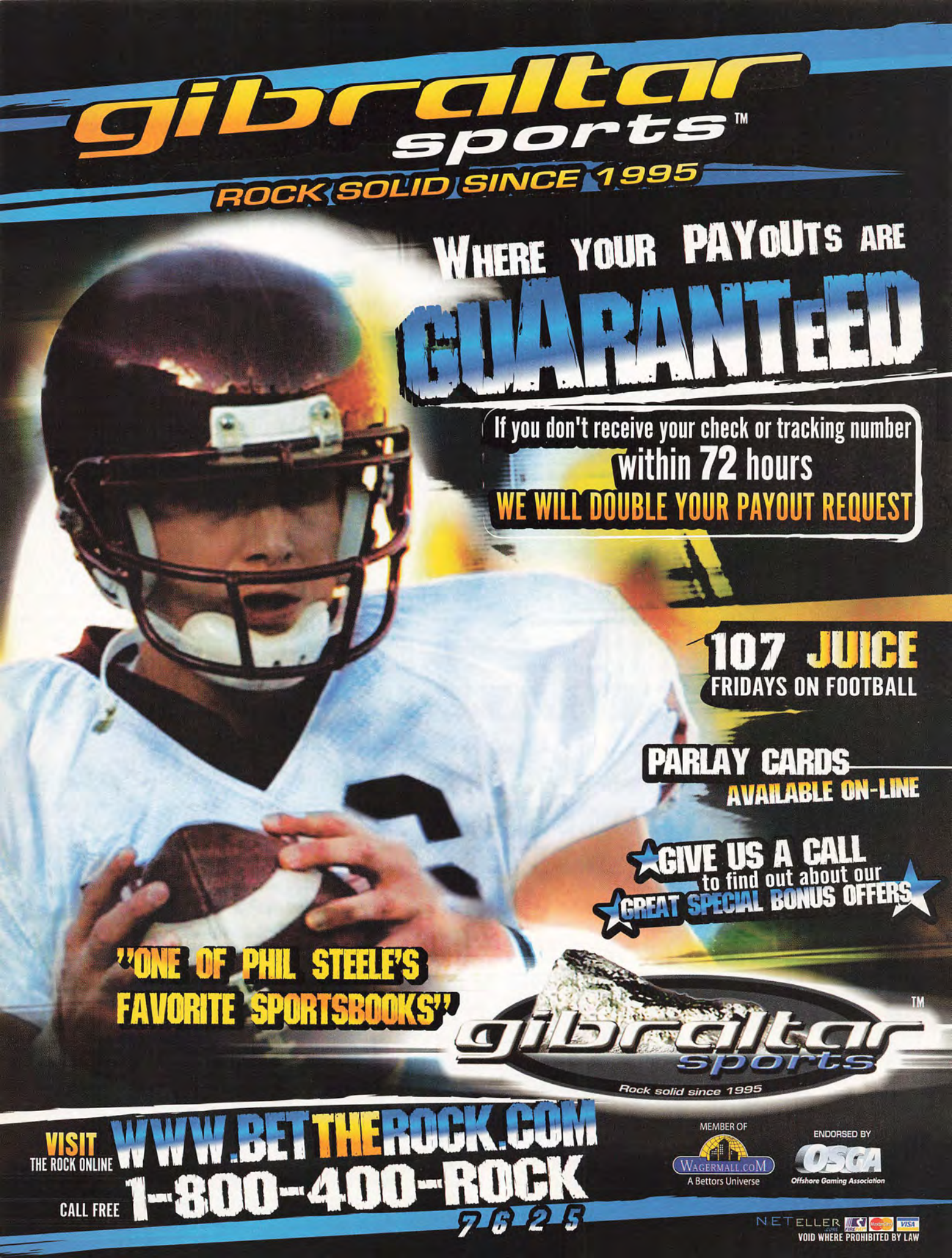
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THE YPP FACTOR (Yards Per Point)

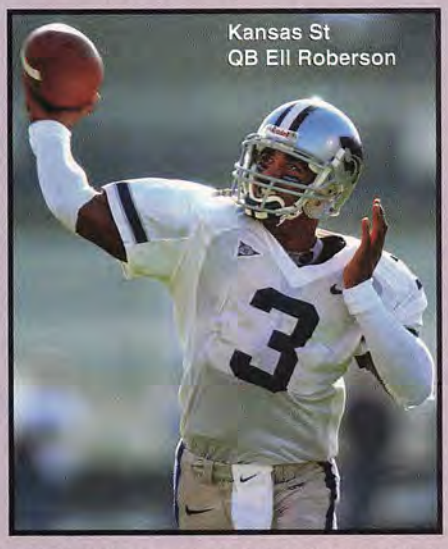
By Phil Steele

In other parts of this magazine I review the effects that turnovers have on teams for the upcoming seasons (see page 310) as well as losses to the NFL draft (see page 312). About 20 years ago I was introduced to the YPP statistic and its impact on a team's season. The YPP stands for Yards Per Point or the amount of yards it takes for each point a team scores. On offense the lower the YPP the better. As an example a YPP of 15.0 on offense is better than a YPP of 25.0. If a team gains 300 yards of offense with a YPP of 15.0 they would score 20 points. If a team gains 300 yards offense with a YPP of 25.0 they would score just 12.

It would be the exact opposite for a defense as the higher the number the better. Some teams play a bend-but-don't-break defense and allow yards between the 20's but very few points and those teams have a higher and more efficient YPP for the defense.

Much like turnovers, YPP tends to be cyclical and sometimes depends on well timed turnovers. If a team benefits from a couple of defensive TD's in a game and scores 14 points while not gaining many offensive yards the chances are that they will have a low YPP for that game. If this happens numerous times during the season, odds are they will have a low (good) offensive YPP number for the season. Generally teams that finish with a low YPP for the season have been the beneficiaries of some breaks during the course of the year and much like turnovers, they rarely catch the same breaks the next season.

Let's take a look at some of the teams over the past 12 years that have had very good fortune which would be those that had the lowest YPP in a season. From 1991 to 2002 there have been a grand total of 36 teams or an average of 3 per year which have managed YPP's on offense of 11.1 or less (very efficient). Of those 36 teams only 7 (19.4%) were able to achieve a stronger record the next season. Five of those teams had the same exact record the next year. Of those 36 teams, 24 or 67% had a WEAKER record the next season. Let's take a look at some examples. In 2000 Virginia Tech had a sterling 11-1 record and an offensive YPP of just 10.5. The next year


Kansas St
QB Ell Roberson

the Hokies dropped to just 8-4. Kansas St also had a low YPP in 2000 of just 10.6 and in 2001 their record dropped to 6-6. The biggest drop of a team with a low YPP from one year to the next was Nebraska. In 1997 they had a YPP of just 11.0 and were a perfect 13-0 and National Champs. The next year the Huskers were just 9-4. There you have it, 67% of the time a team with a YPP of 11.1 or lower on offense, had a weaker record the next year. Six teams from 2002 had a YPP of 11.1 or lower which is a very high number. This year's teams that were very fortunate last year and could be headed down this year are Kansas St (9.4), California (10.0), Oklahoma (10.2), Kentucky (10.8), Boise St (11.0) and Bowling Green (11.0).

Now let us look at the other end of the offensive YPP. Teams with a high offensive YPP moved the ball up and down the field the previous year but just could not score. They did not have any luck with turnovers and probably turned the ball over or missed a lot of FG's after moving into scoring position. With the way the other part of the YPP system worked you would think that those teams with very high YPP's (or bad luck) one year would improve the next. Let's take a look.

S Carolina
CB Dunta Robinson

Since 1991 there have been 70 teams that finished with a very high YPP of 19.8 or more. Of those 70 teams that had no luck the previous year 11 teams (15.7%) actually had a weaker record the next season. There have been 7 occasions (10%) where a team had a 19.8 or higher offensive YPP one season and had the same record the next. Of the 70 teams, 52 have earned a stronger record the next season which comes out to an outstanding 74.3%!!! Refining the list even further I found 21 teams that had a horrible (for the offense) YPP of 22.4 or higher for a season. Of those 21 teams, TWENTY had a better record the next year and the only other team had the same record the next season with no team regressing in the win-loss column.

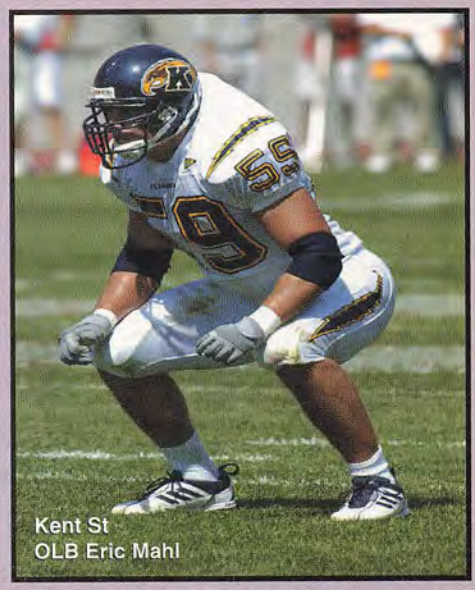
Let's take a look at some examples. South Carolina had a 28.9 YPP on offense in 1999, no wonder the team was 0-11. They outgained many opponents that year but kept losing on the scoreboard. The next season they went 8-4 and made it to a bowl game. In 2000 Kent St's offense was much better than they showed on the scoreboard as they had a 23.0 offensive YPP and finished the year at 1-10. The next year with their YPP improving to 16.1 they moved up to 6-5 in the standings.

I would love to list 6 or 7 teams that had a YPP of 22.4 or higher last year, but unfortunately there were zero teams that fit that category in 2002. There were 4 teams that fit the category of having a YPP of 19.8 or higher last year. The four teams who should have better fortune and improve their records this year are Kent St, Baylor, North Carolina and SMU who all had YPP's between 19.8 and 19.9.

Now let us look at the defensive YPP numbers. As I mentioned earlier, teams that have a high defensive YPP have given up very few points for the amount of yards allowed and may not have been as strong as their ppg numbers suggest. Since 1990, 71 teams have had a defensive YPP of 20.2 or higher meaning that teams moved the ball but did not score often on them. Of the 71 teams only 15 (21.1%) managed to better their record the next year and 6 (8.5%) finished the next year with the same record. 50 of the 71 teams saw their overall winning percentage drop the next season which is 70.4% of the teams that made the list!!

Let's take a look at a couple of these teams that had a GREAT YPP (for the defense) one year and dropped big time the next season. LSU was 10-2 in 1997 with a defensive YPP of 21.6. The next year they dropped to 4-7!! In 1990 Michigan St benefitted from having a defensive YPP of 21.5 and finished the year 8-3-1. The next year their defense was not as fortunate and they reversed their record to 3-8. West Virginia finished a super 11-1 in 1993 with a defensive YPP of 20.5 but the next year dropped to 7-6. I could go on and on with examples but as you can see teams that benefitted from a high YPP on defense generally have a weaker record the next season. 70.4% of the time teams that finished with a YPP of 20.1 or higher on defense had their record drop the next year. This year's teams that are likely headed down in the win loss column are Ohio St (24.5), Kansas St (21.0) and Maryland (20.8)

Now let us look at the teams that were not as fortunate on defense. They allowed a very low YPP which means their opponents probably benefitted from great field position, turnovers and special teams TD's as teams did not have to move a lot of yards to score on them. From 1990 to 2002 there were 24 teams whose defensive YPP was 11.2 or lower. Of those 24, one would have the same record the next year and only 4 (16.6%) would have a weaker record the next year. Of the 24 teams 19 (79%) would finish the next season with a stronger record. A couple of the notable teams were Houston which was 0-11 in 2001 with a defensive YPP of 11.1 and improved last year to 5-7 and Rutgers which was 0-11 in 1997 with a defensive YPP of 10.6 but improved the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next season to 5-6. Last year there were 7 teams that had the misfortune of a defensive YPP of 11.2 or lower and should be headed towards better fortunes this year. Those teams are Kansas (11.2), E Michigan (11.0), Vanderbilt (10.8), Temple (10.8), UTEP (10.3) Baylor (9.8) and Army (9.6). They have a 79% chance of having a stronger record this year and Army's ypp of 9.6 was the third lowest in the 12 years of research.

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Nov	10	Philadelphia	at	Green Bay
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5★	Miss St +13'	over LSU	13-31	loss
5★	Florida St -15	over Maryland	37-10	WIN!
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5★	St Louis -7	over San Francisco	27-14	WIN!
5★	New Mexico -2'	over UNLV	27-17	WIN!
5★	Arkansas +1	over Auburn	42-17	WIN!
5★	Michigan St +7'	over Northwestern	26-27	WIN!
5★	SMU +13	over TCU	10-38	loss

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4★ Over 57	Oregon/Utah St	38-21	WIN!
4★ Under 42	Arkansas/Tennessee	3-13	WIN!
4★ Over 58	Colorado/Oregon (Fiesta Bowl)	16-38	loss

4★ College Totals Results 2000:

4★ Over 49'	Auburn/Mississippi	35-27	WIN!
4★ Over 45	UCLA/Arizona St	38-31	WIN!
4★ Under 47	Oregon/Arizona	14-10	WIN!
4★ Over 62	Illinois/Indiana	42-35	WIN!
4★ Under 52'	Syracuse/Miami	0-26	WIN!
4★ Over 45	Miss St/Texas A&M (Independence Bowl)	43-41	WIN!

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WHICH TEAM PLAYS THE TOUGHEST SCHEDULE?

The question arises each year, "Who plays the toughest schedule?" At the beginning of the season, the NCAA usually releases a rating of each team's schedule based on their opponents' win/loss records from the previous season. This is a good method but it does have its flaws.

The first flaw is basing the ratings on opponents' records from last year. Let's look at a clear cut example from 2001. Nebraska opened with a pair of games vs TCU and Troy St. Troy St was in their first year of IA ball. TCU was a Top 20 team in 2000 but was in a rebuilding year with a new coach in 2001. San Jose St opened with a pair of teams that were in my Top 20 in terms of talent in 2001 in Colorado and USC. Both made it to bowls that year with Colorado just missing out on playing in the National Title game. Clearly San Jose St faced the much tougher pair of opening games. However, based on 2000's records, the NCAA would say that Nebraska, whose foes were a combined 19-4 (83%) in 2000, faced a VASTLY tougher schedule than San Jose St whose foes were a paltry 8-15 (35%)!!! That is a MAJOR flaw as USC and Colorado would both have been prohibitive favorites over TCU and Troy St in 2001.

The second flaw is basing it on pure overall record. If a team plays a IAA school that was 12-0 in 2002, that would count as a much tougher game in the NCAA ratings than facing a team like Nebraska who was just 7-7 last year or Florida St who was just 9-5 last season. To give you an example from last year, my ratings foresaw that a game vs Kansas St was a game vs a Top 10 team as that is what they were in my preseason ratings. The NCAA strength of schedule ranking rated a game against a power like Kansas St as just a game vs a 6-6 opponent which was their record the previous year. Kansas St finished #7 in the AP poll last year and walloped their opponents by an average of 44.8-11.8, not exactly a middle of the road opponent.

Let me delve a little further in last year's ratings. Coming into the year I rated USC as the team that would face the toughest schedule for the 2002 season and when the season was over they did indeed face THE toughest schedule. Let's take a look at some of their opponents from last year to explain why the NCAA's ratings based on previous years' records for opponents did not have them even in the Top 10 of toughest schedules. One of their opponents was Kansas St, a team which I mentioned was just 6-6 in 2001 and a middle of the road team in the NCAA's method of toughest schedule rankings, but they were actually one of the top teams in the country. Another USC opponent last year was Notre Dame. The Irish were a paltry 5-6 in 2001 which the NCAA method would look at as playing a losing team. I had the Irish rated in my Top 20 in terms of talent heading into last year, so in my methodology it was a tough upcoming foe. The Irish had a great year and were in the Top 10 for a good portion of the season and clearly a much tougher foe than their previous year's 5-6 record would indicate. USC battled California last year and the Bears were just 1-10 the previous season. I had Cal #50 in my preseason talent ratings. They finished with a solid 7-5 record and were clearly a much tougher opponent than their 1-10 record of 2001 indicated. I could give you each team and point out some flaws like Arizona St and Oregon St. Each had a LOSING season in 2001 and were counted that way in the method of using last year's record but I had each rated in my Top 40 in terms of talent coming into the year and both ended up in bowl games. Clearly looking at last year's overall record to determine strength of schedule has some major flaws.

Now before I move on to who plays the toughest schedule this year, we should review some facts from last year. First of all, I thought USC did an amazing job finishing #4 in the polls vs a killer schedule. Other teams though were not as fortunate. Coming into the year I graded Stanford as facing the 6th toughest schedule and when all was said and done they actually faced the 2nd toughest schedule in the country and went from 9-3 in 2001 to 2-9 last year!! Florida went from 10-2 to 8-5 facing a top 10 schedule and North Carolina went from 8-5 to 3-9. South Carolina took on the 11th toughest slate of opponents last year and went from 9-3 to just 5-7. Bowling Green and Marshall parlayed playing the 3rd and 4th EASIEST schedules last year into big winning records. Bowling Green was actually undefeated and RANKED at one point last year but did not defeat a team with a winning record all year. Tulane and Boise St also faced bottom 20 schedules and both went to a bowl after being home for the holidays the previous year. I told you at the start of 2002 Ohio St did not rank in my top 10 in terms of talent in any of my 7 sets of preseason power ratings but three of them called for an undefeated season for the 7-5 Buckeyes. My preseason strength of schedule said they only faced the #38 toughest schedule and it finished at #40. Last year the schedule was a factor in them taking home the national crown. Here is a list of who ended up playing the toughest schedules from last season. The 2002 bowl teams are in **boldface**.

Now let us turn our attention to 2003. This year I decided to see what the NCAA would come up with for toughest opponents faced this year and compare them to my chart which I always list in the magazine. Let us first look at the NCAA rankings. Below is a chart of all 117 teams and the combined opponents' records for this year, and it is ranked in order of highest % of opponent wins (or toughest schedule) to lower % of opponent wins or easiest schedule.

On the next page are my rankings for the nation's toughest schedules this year. These rankings take two major factors into account. The first is my personal power ratings. At the start of every year I grade each team position by position & assign a grade from 4 to 10. Next I add up all the grades & come up with the total team power rating. This insures that a IAA team is rated much lower than Florida St or Nebraska. Every preseason I do 7 sets of power ratings and I run 5 of those sets through each team's schedule and come up with one final number.

The second area is the amount of home and away

2002's TOUGHEST SCHEDULES

1. USC	**40. Ohio St**	79. Utah
2. Stanford	**41. Wake Forest**	80. Idaho
3. Michigan	42. Michigan St	81. UAB
4. UCLA	**43. Virginia Tech**	82. Memphis
5. Colorado	**44. Georgia**	**83. S Mississippi**
6. Texas Tech	**45. Clemson**	84. Louisiana-Lft
7. Florida	46. Mississippi St	**85. Air Force**
8. *Alabama*	47. Duke	**86. NC State**
9. Florida St	**48. Auburn**	87. UTEP
10. N Carolina	49. *Kentucky*	88. SMU
11. S Carolina	**50. Oregon St**	89. UL Monroe
12. Iowa St	**51. Purdue**	**90. New Mexico**
13. Notre Dame	**52. Cincinnati**	**91. TCU**
14. Northwestern	**53. Oklahoma St**	**92. N Texas**
15. Texas	54. San Diego St	93. Tulsa
16. Arkansas	**55. Oregon**	94. W Michigan
17. Missouri	**56. Boston College**	95. Rice
18. Virginia	57. Syracuse	96. Middle Tennessee
19. Wisconsin	**58. LSU**	97. N Mexico St
20. Washington	59. Kansas	98. Ohio U
21. Vanderbilt	**60. W Virginia**	**99. Hawaii**
22. *California*	**61. Colorado St**	100. Army
23. Mississippi	**62. Iowa**	**101. Toledo**
24. Oklahoma	63. E Carolina	102. UCF
25. Wash St	64. San Jose St	103. Connecticut
26. Georgia Tech	**65. Kansas St**	104. Ball St
27. Indiana	**66. Louisville**	105. N Illinois
28. Penn St	67. Louisiana Tech	**106. Tulane**
29. Temple	68. UNLV	**107. Boise St**
30. Arizona St	**69. Fresno St**	108. Kent St
31. Pittsburgh	**70. Minnesota**	109. Buffalo
32. Rutgers	71. Wyoming	110. S Florida
33. Texas A&M	72. Navy	111. Akron
34. Nebraska	73. Miami, Oh	112. C Michigan
35. Arizona	74. Houston	113. E Michigan
36. Baylor	75. BYU	114. Bowling Green
37. Illinois	**76. Maryland**	**115. Marshall**
38. Miami, Fl	77. Nevada	116. Troy St
39. Tennessee	78. Utah St	117. Arkansas St

Italics indicate bowl eligible record, but ineligible per NCAA.

2003's OPPONENT WINNING %

	Foe Wins	Foe Loss	Foe Win%		Foe Wins	Foe Loss	Foe Win%
1. Alabama	110	58	65.5	60. E Michigan	79	70	53.0
2. Stanford	87	55	61.3	61. Georgia	80	71	53.0
3. Iowa St	94	60	61.0	62. S Miss	78	71	52.3
4. Purdue	93	60	60.8	63. Kentucky	79	73	52.0
5. Florida St	96	62	60.8	64. Oregon	77	72	51.7
6. Arizona	93	61	60.4	65. E Carolina	78	73	51.7
7. Florida	93	62	60.0	66. Miami, Fl	79	74	51.6
8. Tennessee	91	62	59.5	67. Virginia	80	75	51.6
9. Oklahoma	93	64	59.2	68. Ball St	76	72	51.4
10. Auburn	93	64	59.2	69. Bowling Green	76	72	51.4
11. Temple	92	65	58.6	70. Ohio U	76	72	51.4
12. Oregon St	89	63	58.6	71. Miami, Oh	77	73	51.3
13. Colorado	93	66	58.5	72. San Diego St	76	73	51.0
14. Syracuse	90	64	58.4	73. Wyoming	77	74	51.0
15. Texas	91	65	58.3	74. Maryland	78	76	50.6
16. Baylor	88	65	57.5	75. Army	82	80	50.6
17. USC	88	65	57.5	76. UAB	75	74	50.3
18. Boston College	87	65	57.2	77. C Michigan	73	73	50.0
19. Clemson	89	67	57.1	78. New Mexico	73	75	49.3
20. NC State	89	67	57.1	79. UL Monroe	73	75	49.3
21. Michigan St	87	66	56.9	80. Mississippi	75	78	49.0
22. Texas Tech	89	68	56.7	81. San Jose St	67	70	48.9
23. Kansas St	95	73	56.5	82. SMU	73	77	48.7
24. Iowa	88	68	56.4	83. Tulsa	73	77	48.7
25. California	93	72	56.4	84. Memphis St	73	77	48.7
26. Indiana	85	66	56.3	85. Louisiana Tech	73	77	48.7
27. LSU	86	67	56.2	86. Hawaii	78	83	48.4
28. Texas A&M	87	68	56.1	87. UNLV	75	80	48.4
29. Georgia Tech	88	69	56.1	88. Oklahoma St	73	78	48.3
30. Ohio St	86	68	55.8	89. N Illinois	73	78	48.3
31. UCLA	86	68	55.8	90. Rutgers	71	79	47.3
32. Arkansas	84	67	55.6	91. Colorado St	71	79	47.3
33. Missouri	86	69	55.5	92. Cincinnati	69	77	47.3
34. W Virginia	86	69	55.5	93. Utah	65	73	47.1
35. S Carolina	86	69	55.5	94. Kansas	71	80	47.0
36. Pittsburgh	84	68	55.3	95. Marshall	69	79	46.6
37. Arizona St	81	66	55.1	96. Nevada	69	81	46.0
38. Fresno St	90	74	54.9	97. S Florida	57	68	45.6
39. Kent St	80	66	54.8	98. Louisiana-Lft	72	86	45.6
40. Buffalo	81	67	54.7	99. Toledo	66	79	45.5
41. N Carolina	87	72	54.7	100. Tulane	67	81	45.3
42. Nebraska	83	69	54.6	101. N Mexico St	67	81	45.3
43. BYU	83	69	54.6	102. Houston	65	82	44.2
44. Duke	84	70	54.5	103. Middle Tennessee	65	82	44.2
45. Wake Forest	85	71	54.5	104. Akron	64	81	44.1
46. Idaho	81	68	54.4	105. UTEP	71	90	44.1
47. Troy St	75	63	54.3	106. Louisville	64	82	43.8
48. Wisconsin	82	69	54.3	107. Minnesota	65	84	43.6
49. Notre Dame	82	69	54.3	108. N Texas	65	84	43.6
50. Northwestern	83	70	54.2	109. Navy	63	83	43.2
51. Miss St	83	70	54.2	110. UCF	63	84	42.9
52. Virginia Tech	81	69	54.0	111. Connecticut	63	87	42.0
53. Washington	81	69	54.0	112. Utah St	63	88	41.7
54. Michigan	81	70	53.6	113. Air Force	61	88	40.9
55. Vanderbilt	81	70	53.6	114. TCU	60	88	40.5
56. Wash St	83	72	53.5	115. Boise St	65	96	40.4
57. W Michigan	79	69	53.4	116. Rice	60	90	40.0
58. Illinois	80	70	53.3	117. Arkansas St	55	90	37.9
59. Penn St	82	72	53.2				

games played. As an example, this year there are plenty of teams with eight home games on the schedule including the defending national champ Ohio St. In contrast, Troy St has eight road games. Naturally, if a team plays more games on the road, their schedule is tougher.

Listed on this page is this year's schedules rated from the most difficult to the easiest. The toughest schedule goes to Notre Dame which does not really have a soft touch on the schedule except for Navy but even then the Midshipmen are a much improved team that could go from 2 to 4 or 5 wins this season. Using the NCAA method of just using last year's schedule Notre Dame only takes on the 49th toughest schedule as their opponents last year were just 82-69 54.3%. I pointed out earlier the flaws in underestimating USC's schedule for last year so let's pick out a few here. Syracuse WAS a very poor 4-8 team last year but this year will be much better and will be in a bowl game. Michigan St should also be much stronger than last year's poor 4-8 record. If you read Phil's Forecast for Purdue, you will see they were much stronger than last year's 7-6 record and are clearly a Top 25 team in terms of talent this year. I consider Pitt to be a national title contender but their record from last year was just 9-4. BYU was a losing team last year that will have a much better season and will probably end up in a bowl. Florida St was just 9-5 last year but like Pitt is a legitimate national title contender.

1. Notre Dame	30. Wisconsin	59. Kentucky	88. San Jose St
2. Florida St	31. NC State	60. Kansas	89. Miami, Oh
3. Stanford	32. Michigan St	61. Maryland	90. Ohio U
4. Alabama	33. Oklahoma	62. Oklahoma St	91. Air Force
5. N Carolina	34. Boston College	63. Fresno St	92. Marshall
6. California	35. Virginia	64. UNLV	93. Tulsa
7. Georgia Tech	36. Georgia	65. Kansas St	94. Buffalo
8. Colorado	37. Miami, Fl	66. E Carolina	95. Boise St
9. Arizona	38. S Carolina	67. S Mississippi	96. TCU
10. USC	39. Illinois	68. Minnesota	97. Utah St
11. Wake Forest	40. Arkansas	69. Louisiana Tech	98. Ball St
12. Northwestern	41. Iowa St	70. Utah	99. Connecticut
13. Texas Tech	42. Duke	71. Wyoming	100. Cincinnati
14. UCLA	43. Penn St	72. Army	101. N Mexico St
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Let's pick out a few more teams to point out the flaws of just using last year's overall opponent records. Buffalo's opponents this year were 81-67 last year which sets them up for the NCAA's 40th TOUGHEST schedule. Let's look at this tough slate: Rutgers, Iowa (OK they are tough but not as good as last year's 11-2 team), Colgate, Connecticut, Akron, UCF, Miami Ohio, Marshall, Ohio U, Toledo, N Illinois and Kent St. How can you call that the 40th toughest schedule in the country?? There are 91 schools that play in the Big Ten, Big 12, Big East, Pac 10, ACC, SEC, WAC, Mt West and CUSA and any coach of those teams would love to trade their schedule for Buffalo's. I rate the Bulls' schedule #94 overall.

Picking out a MAC or a Sun Belt team's schedules and showing how flawed rating the strength of schedule is by using opposing records is like shooting fish in a barrel. According to last year's records, Kent St will play the #39 toughest schedule, Idaho the 46th toughest, E Michigan #60, etc. As I detailed above, I know 91 teams that would swap their schedule with these "TOUGHIES" in a minute.

Let me get a little more in-depth and point out some flaws among the major conferences. According to last year's records, two big name teams in Kansas St and Oregon St play the 23rd and 12th toughest schedules in the country!! A big part of that is each team's killer non-conference slate. Four of Kansas St's non-conference opponents were a combined 39-13 75% last year. The ferocious slate of those teams that they face?? How about California (lost QB Boller and return just 2 starters on defense), McNeese St, Massachusetts and Marshall (QB Leftwich is now in the NFL). Kansas St will be favored by anywhere from 24 to 50 pts vs these lightweights but basing it on last year's records this is one of the toughest slates of non-conference foes out there!!

I look at Oregon St's schedule and see "BIG SEASON" written all over it. Using last year's final records, they supposedly face the 12th toughest slate out there. Their non-conf schedule should result in 4 wins as they face Sacramento St, Fresno St, New Mexico St and Boise St (just 10 starters back) and 7 of OSU's games are in Corvallis where they are very tough. I rate the Oregon St schedule #58 this year and the Kansas St schedule #65 overall.

Here are the teams with the biggest discrepancy in the two methods of determining toughest schedule and you can check out each team's schedules and see which method you think is better. I list the difference in ranking between the two in ( )'s. Most UNDERRATED schedules: 1. Notre Dame (48), 2. Oregon (42), 3. Minnesota (39), 4. Northwestern (38), 5. Wash St (38), 6. Rice (37), 7. North Carolina (36), 8. Kansas (34), 9. Wake Forest (34), 10. Rutgers (33).

Here are the most OVERRATED schedules: 1. Idaho (56), 2. Buffalo (54), 3. Western Michigan (47), 4. E. Michigan (46), 5. Oregon St (46), 6. Kent St (45), 7. Kansas St (42), 8. Bowling Green (41), 9. Troy St (39), 10. Iowa St (38).

As usual the teams playing the toughest schedules did not meet with a great deal of success. In last year's magazine I rated my toughest schedule prior to the year and among the Top 21 toughest slates only Michigan and USC managed to finish in the Top 10.

How did the teams that faced the toughest 20 schedules in my ratings fare in previous years? In 2001 of the teams that faced my top 20 schedules, only 1 team made it into the Top 10 at the end of the year (Tennessee) while none of the teams that faced the Top 20 toughest schedules in 2000 made it in!! The highest finisher in 2000 was Michigan at #11. South Carolina and Georgia were the only other teams in my Top 20 toughest rated schedules to finish in the Top 20 two years ago. They barely did it too with bowl wins to finish #19 and #20 in the AP Poll.

In 1999 two perennial powerhouses faced among the Top 10 toughest schedules and ended up home for the holidays as both Ohio St and Notre Dame not only failed to crack the Top 20, but did not even achieve winning seasons!! That year there were some teams that stood toe to toe with a ferocious schedule and still had success, as six teams that faced the toughest 10 schedules made it to a bowl as Michigan (#5) and Mich St (#7) both ended up in the final Top 10 that year. None of the other 4 bowl teams from that Top 10 toughest schedule cracked the final Top 20 in the polls.

In 1998 only two teams that battled the Top 10 toughest schedules managed to be ranked at the end of the year but they were two of the strongest teams in the NCAA in Ohio St and Florida. They ended up #2 and #3 in the polls, but both had National Title caliber teams. Three additional teams that faced the grueling schedules made it to bowls (that means that 5 did not), but none had a great record and as mentioned none were ranked after the season.

In 1997 only 2 teams that took on a Top 10 toughest schedule managed to be ranked at the end of the year but one of them was Michigan. UM, which somehow went undefeated vs a killer slate, finished #1 in the AP Poll and split the National Title. UCLA also finished in the Top 5.

In 1996 Purdue faced the toughest schedule and it ended up getting Coach Jim Colletto fired. The schedule got easier for the Boilers in 1997 and Joe Tiller benefitted from it as they landed a bowl bid.

Looking at this year's Top 20 toughest schedules. The teams with the best shot at finishing in the Top 10, but who have to face killer schedules and might not get there because of it, are Notre Dame, Florida St, Colorado, USC, Iowa, Auburn, Texas Tech, Wash St and Tennessee.

Conversely in 1996, Army & Wyoming faced the two easiest schedules and were a combined 20-2 during the regular season. In 1998 (in this article) I pointed out that Tulane had a similar soft schedule and they simply went UNDEFEATED! In 1999 I asked, "Who will be this year's Tulane?" And answered myself by saying Marshall. The Herd then thundered their way to another UNDEFEATED season!!! TCU had a shot at an undefeated season in 2000 and simply went 10-1 in the regular season.

This year the strongest teams that play the easier schedules are UCF (could be an 11-1 type of year), Cincinnati which has the 100th toughest, TCU facing #96 (and that makes this talented team one of my surprise teams on page 20), Air Force, New Mexico and Colo St. The easiest schedules for BCS conference teams belongs to Minnesota, Kansas St, Oklahoma St and Maryland so keep your eyes on these up and comers.

The computer tells me that there are some other teams that one or more of the sets of power ratings call to have undefeated seasons. Naturally if a team is projected at the top of my power ratings they have a greater chance of going unbeaten. Last year three sets called for Ohio St to go unbeaten. This year the teams in which at least two sets of ratings project a team to go unbeaten are Ohio State, Michigan, Oklahoma, Kansas St, Texas, Pitt, Miami Fl, Virginia Tech, USC, Florida St and LSU . Keep in mind that good health, positive turnovers and a little luck is needed to go unbeaten. I hope your favorite team has a favorable schedule.

Notre Dame RB Ryan Grant

WARNING: This page is for Hardcore Fans ONLY. If you need MORE information than was provided on the individual pages, You've come to the right spot!

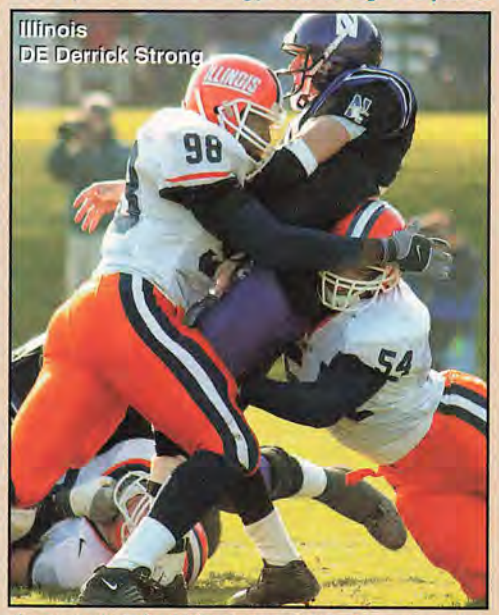
Most of our Power Sweep readers are familiar with the weekly News & Notes and College Fax Report sections in Power Sweep. These sections are filled with the hard to find information that just did not fit into the weekly college writeups. Well, with SO much information gathered for this year's magazine, on this page we will feature some information that just wouldn't fit on the individual pages. We hope you enjoy the added information as we try hard to satisfy your desire for detailed college football news.

MISLEADING FINAL SCORES - On October 26th, we had a 4★ newsletter selection in Power Sweep on Wash St over Arizona. Wash St completely dominated AU and somehow, some way only won the game by 8 points, laying 12. WSU finished with a 24-14 FD edge and a 424-207 yard edge. They had an amazing NINE possessions inside the Arizona 25 yard line. Fumbles, missed FG's and settling for 3 pts saw WSU turn those nine possession inside the 25 into just 21 points. Arizona did NOT run a SINGLE play the entire game from inside the WSU 25 but still managed 13 points on a 27 yard TD pass and 47 and 42 yard FG's. WSU ended the game running 3 plays from the Arizona 2 yard line and did not get the cover. Off such a misleading final the next week, WSU was -7 at home against Arizona St and this time lived up to their talent, blasting the Sun Devils 44-22. Arizona, in the mean time, which was very fortunate to cover, traveled to Oregon St the next week and was destroyed 38-3 as a 15' point dog...Marshall had a 24-14 FD edge vs Akron despite losing their star QB Byron Leftwich for most of the game due to injury and Akron, thanks mostly to a favorable 7-1 turnover margin, won outright, 34-20. The next week the Herd, playing without their QB, still beat Miami, Oh as a home dog and Akron made a short trip to face Ohio U but were beaten 27-10 as a 4 pt dog...Boston College upset Notre Dame 14-7 mostly due to a 5-1 turnover edge. In fact, ND, which had been fortunate themselves for most of the year, had a 22-9 FD edge over BC but the turnovers were to blame. The next week BC was +3' facing W Virginia and lost 24-14...Mississippi St dominated Kentucky especially in the 1H but had a 5-0 turnover deficit for the game and also allowed 69 and 52 yard PR TD's as well as a 53 yard interception return for a TD. Despite having an overall 17-14 FD edge for the game, they lost by 21, 45-24. The next week Miss St was +21' and took on Alabama and only lost 28-14 easily getting the cover...Tennessee lost 34-14 to Alabama but actually had a 17-14 FD edge in that game but were done in by a 6-2 turnover deficit. The next week the Vols travelled to face S Carolina but were only -1' and got the victory 18-10...Illinois was destroyed by Michigan 45-28 but upon closer inspection five turnovers did in the Illini as they had 543 yards for the game and a 29-20 FD advantage. The next week Michigan hosted Penn St and did not cover...Purdue lost to Wake Forest 24-21 but it was mostly five turnovers and 3 missed FG's in the 4Q that did them in. They easily could have won this game by 3 TD's or more, having controlled the line of scrimmage. The next week Purdue hosted Minnesota and defeated them 28-15 as a 3 point favorite. Meanwhile, WF was upset at home by Virginia 38-34...Another Purdue misleading final happened vs Illinois. PU had a 32-17 FD edge but allowed a 90 yard PR for a TD, were stopped on 4th & goal at the inch line, allowed the Illini a 15 yard drive for a TD after a fumble and gave up a TD with :03 left. PU's final pass of the game looked like a TD but was ruled down at the 1 on the final play of regulation and the Boilers would lose the game in OT. The next week PU hosted Michigan and got the cover...Duke lost to WF 36-10 but that score was very misleading. In the game early they settled for a short 22 yd FG and not only was it blocked, but the block was returned for a TD. Later they allowed a 2 yard int return for a TD and missed a 31 yard FG. When the game ended, Duke had a 20-12 FD edge but could not overcome the mistakes. The next week, Duke appeared overmatched against N Carolina St and they were getting 23' on the road but nearly upset the Wolfpack losing only 24-22. Texas Tech was involved in a pair of misleading finals. Against Colorado, they had a 26-14 FD edge but could not overcome 5 turnovers including two defensive TD's and another interception that set up a short TD. The next week Tech blasted Baylor 62-11 while Colorado got pounded by Oklahoma 27-11. Later, Tech faced Iowa St and lost 31-17 outright but once again, four turnovers did them in as they had a 23-19 FD edge. The following week Tech was only -6' against Missouri thanks to the misleading final and beat the Tigers 52-38. Iowa St traveled on the road to face Oklahoma and had only 5 FD's for the game and were buried 49-3...UCLA beat Oklahoma St 38-24 but the Cowboys actually had a 25-20 FD edge but a 5-1 turnover deficit did them in. The next week OSU was -16' against SMU and rebounded with a 52-16 win. The overrated Bruins were -11' against Colorado and lost outright 31-17...In 2001 a quick check would have shown N Carolina as a noncompetitive team as they stood 0-3 after three weeks of play and they were reeling from a 44-14 "blowout" at the hands of Texas. A closer look shows that NC faced three top teams, were -8 in turnovers and they were only outgained by an average of 27 ypg. The next week I used the 0-3 Tar Heels as the Underdog Play of the Week in Power Sweep and NC (+17) rolled to a 49-9 outright upset stunner over Florida St and went 6-2 in their last eight games.

ARKANSAS ST - In 2001 Arkansas St had to replace their all-time career passing leader in Cleo Lemon and his backup unexpectedly quit prior to the year. Four QB's played. Josh Driscoll began the year as starter but was lost for the season vs N Texas after throwing for 517 yards (44.6%) with a 4-3 ratio. Elliott Jacobs (PS#87) was the best runner of the 3 QB's and threw for 586 yards (42.2%) with a 5-7 ratio while rushing for 205. Jacobs has 4.6 speed and is a major league baseball prospect. Former walk-on Tommy Miller, probably the best passer of the group, threw for 159 yards (51.4%) with an 0-1 ratio but also was lost for the season. Bryan Gauthreaux won the starting QB job down the stretch until his season was ended by hamstring and shoulder injuries. He threw for 243 yards (52.3%) with an 0-3 ratio. All 4 were back LY. Miller suffered a knee injury and missed most of August so Elliott Jacobs stepped up to the starters role. Miller re-injured his knee vs VT and would miss the next six games. Jacobs was booed by the home crowd against San Jose St after hitting just 12 of 25 for 142 yards and Driscoll finished the game. Jacobs played the entire game vs Tulsa but Driscoll relieved him again vs Illinois. Driscoll maintained the starting job although prior to N Texas, Coach Roberts talked about playing a less than 100% Miller if NT stacked the line and took away the run because Miller was the better passer. Jacobs played that entire game and threw almost every pass the rest of the season...**ARMY** - In 2001 Todd Berry took over the special teams coaching himself and benefitted from a huge year from punter Dan MacElroy who had an outstanding 38.4 net. KR Omari Thompson averaged 26.4 and they moved up from #84 in my special teams rankings to #36. LY they had to replace Thompson and MacElroy and at times the unit was deplorable. After five games they had a team net punting average of 19.9 as the team struggled to cover both kicks and punts...The net punting did improve to 27.7 by seasons end but the team did allow 24.7 on KR's...Army has added Danny Creehan as the special teams coach this year. He coordinated the special teams at Duke LY and was DC of Rutgers the previous three years...**ARIZONA** - Jason Johnson (PS#55) had 11 career pass attempts in eight games in his first two years but won the starting job in 2001 and completed 65% with a 6-1 ratio vs a weak non-conf schedule. In conference play, he had just a 13-12 ratio with five lost fumbles and his completion percentage for the year fell to 56.7% as he threw for 2,347 yards. J.J. had 19 TD's in 2001, one short of the school record but also had 3 int's returned for TD's. He finished #35 in the NCAA in pass efficiency. LY the job was basically his...In 2001 Clarence Farmer got more action as the season went along and got more productive each game. He finished the season with 1,229 yards and it was the third time in the last four years (1998-2001) that Arizona had the Pac 10 rushing champion. Twice Farmer was yanked for trash talking during the year but he averaged 5.9 ypc and was named the team MVP. Mackovic, who has coached players like Tony Dorsett, Ricky Williams and Priest Holmes says that Farmer is "In that group."...Dick Tomey stressed special teams and the Wildcats were in a word, special. The Cats had four Top 20 finishes in my rankings the final six years of the Tomey tenure. In Mackovic's first year the team ranked #56...**ARIZONA ST** - In Koetter's final two year's at Boise St his special teams units finished #32 and #23. In his first year at Arizona St he brought over Tom Osborne (no, not that one) to coach the unit. He was Oregon's special teams coach and had the Ducks near the top in the Pac 10 each year. As expected, Arizona St went from ranking #63 in 2000 up to #19 in 2001. They do put a premium on the unit and use a lot of starters...**AUBURN** - Dontarrious Thomas was lightly recruited out of HS and when he enrolled he was a weak 183 lb walk-on DB. He really hit the weights hard and bulked up to 238 lbs but still possessed 4.4 speed. He passed up an early entry into the NFL where he was projected as a 4th round DC. Thomas suffered a knee injury missing two games and was not 100% all year and saw his tackle count drop from 132 to 92, but should be 100% this year...In 2001 the team finished #18 in my special teams rankings thanks to the solid year from K/P Damon Duval. LY they appeared to be in great shape with everybody back, but surprisingly Duval struggled, especially on FG's. He had a 23 yard FG blocked because of a low kick against Florida which would have won the game and was benched for Philip Yost (PS#5). Yost hit just 1 of 3 FG's with a long of 19 and Duval won his spot back but finished the year hitting just 6 of 15 FG's with a long of 40. Duval's net punting dropped from a tremendous 39.9 to a still very good 36.4...**CINCINNATI** - They got a huge signee in QB Gino Guidugli (PS#47) who was also recruited by Notre Dame and Kentucky. The true frosh almost won the starting job but was bothered by a sore arm in late August. However, after an injury to the starter, he started the final 10 games as a true and guided three 4Q comebacks including a TD pass with :07 left vs Army and another with :04 left vs Memphis. For the season he threw for 2,856 yards (59%) with a 17-9 ratio. When he was knocked out of one game, another true frosh, George Murray (PS#126) gave up his redshirt. Murray threw for 130 yards (57%) in six games but being more of an option runner he had 202 yards rushing giving the team a nice change of pace. Murray began to see action at receiver and had 26 rec's (10.7) LY...DeMarco McCleskey got his career started off on the right foot way back in 1998 with 6 starts as a true frosh and 861 yards (5.3) down the stretch. He missed the 1999 season and had five starts in 2000 (572 yards, 4.1) and then split the RB duties with Ray Jackson in 2001 garnering 8 starts (783, 4.1)...Vs Tulane they had a 435-255 yard edge but turnovers cost them. Against SM they had a 409-211 yard edge and lost. They gave National Champion Ohio St one of their toughest games of the season and if not for a dropped TD pass, would have pulled the upset as they had a 415-292 yard edge in that game...**CLEMSON** - In Bowden's first year the Tigers ranked #12 in my pass D rankings and then slipped to #39 in 2000 and even lower to #61 in 2001. LY they had to replace just one starter and one backup and then Touré Francis who took over the starting CB job, went down to injury in the first game. Then, starting CB Kevin Johnson was lost for the year due to academics after five starts. Projected starting SS Ronny Delusme tore his ACL and backup FS Marcus Houskin quit the team as did backup CB Terrance Huey. Still Clemson managed to improve to #43 in my rankings LY...**E MICHIGAN** - The starting QB job seemed to be between Troy Edwards, the 2nd stringer from 2000 and Jeff Crooks, a JUCO transfer threw for 2,293 yards in 2000, the most by a California JUCO QB that year. Edwards was injured early in the season and Crooks also went down to

Clemson's entrance after touching Howard's Rock, is one of the best entrances in the NCAA.

injury. They originally wanted to redshirt the mobile Kainoa Akina who had the strongest arm on the team but he came out of nowhere to start the fourth game and finished with 1,504 yards passing and a 14-11 ratio. Akina surprisingly transferred to Hawaii over the summer LY. Troy Edwards, who worked on getting quicker and improving his arm strength, started the 2002 opener...**FLORIDA ST** - There are very few teams in the country that are as deep in VHT's and HT's as the Seminoles are year after year. With that talent bank to choose from you would expect them to be at the top of my special teams rankings on an annual basis. They were #17 in 1998 and #4 in 1999 which did not include K Sabastian Janikowski who won the Groza Award twice. In 2000 they dropped down to #57 and in 2001 finished a shocking #90. LY they basically had everyone returning and they improved, but only up to #60...The team is known for its blocked punts but surprisingly came up -1 in the TD/Blk category as they had 3 punts blocked while blocking just one and had one KR for a TD...LY FSU had to replace two of their top 3 receivers including their top receiver, by far, in Javon Walker (#1DC of GB) who had 1,139 yards. They also had to replace their starting TE. They did get Anquan Boldin (PS#11) back and he was the #3 receiver in 2000 but missed 2001 with injury as well as their #2 receiver from '01 Talman Gardner (35 rec, 19.1 ypc)...In the week prior to Florida, McPherson was permanently dismissed from the team so Rix was back as the starter and guided the team to the upset of the Gators with 83 yards rushing and 194 passing. Rix, however, overslept and missed a class prior to the bowl and was suspended. That meant third string QB Fabian Walker (PS#13) got the start. Walker struggled in the bowl and the more effective QB was WR Anquan Boldin (PS#11QB) who hit 6 of 14 for 78 yards. Unfortunately when Boldin was in at QB the team was without their top WR. Matt Henshaw (PS#37) asked to be moved to TE prior to the season and was a backup QB for the bowl game, but is now back at TE...**FRESNO ST** - Fresno St has produced some fine QB's through the years. David Carr outdid Trent Dilfer's single season record for passing yards with 4,839 winning both the Johnny Unitas and Sammy Baugh Awards and placing 5th in the Heisman Trophy balloting. He was the top overall pick in the 2002 NFL draft...Coach Hill usually does a good job here as they had a 1,000 yard rusher in 1997 and 1998 despite not having blue chip talent available. In 1999 Derrick Ward and Paris Gaines combined for 1,568 yards. Ward sat out 2001 and Gaines led the team with 1,044 yards (4.7). Ward was supposed to return LY but was declared ineligible...Injuries hurt them early as they had 7 starters out against Oregon St, one week after they lost to Oregon 24-22. They caught a big break when they trailed Rice 28-24 and got a screen pass that turned into a 77 yard TD and Rice missed a FG on the last play of the game..There have been some great WR's here over the years like Henry Ellard, Brian Roberson and Charlie Jones. LY they had to replace Rodney Wright who set a school record with 104 receptions in just ten starts and had 299 yards in the bowl game setting an all-time bowl record for a WR. They also had to replace their #3 receiver due to injury and then a projected starter, Jeremy Johnson, was suspended prior to the season for a violation of team rules but they still had three receivers returning. The star of the group was Bernard Berrian, a projected Top 10 pick in the NFL draft who had 1,364 yards (16.0) in 2001 and set a WAC record for all-purpose yards in a season. Unfortunately he was lost for the season with an injury in the opener. The TE's also went through an injury plagued season with Mark Wood missing eight games and three different TE's logged starts...**GEORGIA** - Greene threw a subpar 67 yards on 21 attempts in the opener and Shockley was more impressive. It seemed he was on his way to wrestling away the starting job but then he broke his foot vs SC and missed the next 4 games. Greene had a super game against Vandy hitting 20 of 23 and received a 96% grade on Richt's scale which was the highest Richt had ever recorded in his QB grading system. He was just 11 of 29 vs Florida but Shockley was 3 of 6 including an IR for a TD. Shockley would have just three snaps the next week vs Ole Miss with the third being a fumble...During the season the WR position was banged up with Fred Gibson (PS#29) missing several starts, Edwards (PS#17) missing 3, Damien Gary (PS#27) missing 4 games and only starting 4 all year. This year they lose the school's all-time leader in receptions (204) in Terrence Edwards. Edwards was maligned by the fans at times for some drops in key games but finished four catches shy of the all-time SEC record of 208 for a career despite missing time with a separated shoulder...PR Damien Gary needs just 106 yards to become the schools all-time leader in punt return yards....**GEORGIA TECH** - Manget barely missed the NCAA record for most xp's without a miss finishing with 160, one short of the record. Actually in 2001 Manget missed an xp in the opener but it was overruled by a penalty...**ILLINOIS** - In Ron Turner's first two seasons at UI, a big part of the Illini's offensive struggles were due to the fact he played musical QB's and the Illini completed just 42.7% and 46.7%. Finally in 1999 he stuck with one QB and Kurt Kittner rewarded him by coming within 4 yards of Jack Trudeau as the Illini's all-time passing leader and finished fifth in the Big 10 in all-time career passing yards directing 12 come-from-behind victories in his three year starting career...Dustin Ward, got the start in the opener and the team struggled against Missouri and Beutjer relieved him in the second half leading two TD drives. Turner stated that Beutjer still did not know the offense well enough and Ward started again in game two but Beutjer played the 2H and took over the starter's job. In his first three starts, Beutjer had 10 TD passes and threw for 426 vs San Jose St and 368 vs Michigan but his costly fumble prior to the half vs Minnesota turned the game around and saw Ward play in the 2H. Ward took over the starter's role guiding wins vs Purdue and Indiana. Ward struggled against Penn St and Beutjer regained the starter's job...John Gockman attempts most FG's over 40 yards for the Illini and last season hit 5 of 7 from 40+ with his only two misses from 50+. In 2001 he had hit 5 of 7 from 40+ including 2 of 3 from 50+ with a long of 52. In 2001 JJ Tubbs began the year as the starting kicker hitting 5 of 8 FG's with a long of 42 but then was out due to injury. Peter Christofilakos took over and hit 12 of 13 in 2001 and kept his job LY hitting 9 of 12 with a long of 44. He departs but Gockman and Tubbs (PS#49) are both back...**INDIANA** - Tommy Jones (PS#48) had one career start and he battled Gibran Hamdan who had six career passes for the starting job. Jones began the year as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the starter but after hitting just 4 of 13 for 64 yards vs Utah he was pulled for Hamdan. Hamdan would start the next 8 games throwing for 212 yards in the 2H vs Utah and averaged 276 ypg passing in his first 5 starts. He struggled vs Iowa and Illinois, however, generating just 6 points on 19 possessions and Jones ended up starting the final two games...The Hoosiers have had some great RB's over the years including Anthony Thompson who is #2 all-time in Big 10 for rushing TD's. LeVron Williams (PS#7) rushed for 1,401 yards (6.6) in 2001 and proved to be tough to replace. Jeremi Johnson, an ex-FB with NFL potential appeared to be the frontrunner but he transferred prior to the season...The Hoosier's did not throw the ball a lot with the option offense in 2001 and then lost 4 of their top 5 receivers for numerous reasons including TE Kris Dielman who moved to the D-line. They had just 1 player back who had 12 or more catches in 2001...The Hoosiers yielded a respectable 3.9 ypc rushing while recording 21 sacks in 2001. They had to replace two starters and a backup due to graduation LY but then the unit was hit hard by injuries and academics. Second string DT's Jamil Frink and Courtney Young were ruled academically ineligible prior to the season. Starting DE John Lumpkin broke his tibia and missed the year. Derek Barnett, who was supposed to be the team's top pass rusher, suffered a knee injury against C Michigan and was lost for the season...Kyle Killon started early but was injured against Utah and missed five games. He was forced back in the lineup at less than 100% vs Michigan St because the team lacked players. Projected starter Robert Brown left the team over the summer. Ron Bethel, who was a returning starter who had lost his job, was kicked off the team with three games remaining. Herana-Daze Jones led the Big 10 in tackles until he was injured and missed a few games...The LB corps was hit hard by injuries in 2001 so backups saw a lot of action. In fact, Indy played a 4-2-5 down the stretch. Last season the team had to replace three players who combined for 20 starts. I pointed out in the writeup LY to keep your eyes on John Kerr, who was Ohio's Defensive Player of the Year in high school at Cleveland powerhouse St Ignatius and he lived up to that advanced billing...In the final 2 years of Cam Cameron regime, the special teams were very poor, ranking #113 and #99. In 2001 they did not even attempt FG's late in the season due to the poor PK's...**IOWA** - Ferentz finished #30 in his first year in 1999 and #7 in my special teams rankings in 2000 with the strength of the unit the previous four years being punter Jason Baker. In 2001 they had to replace Baker and despite the presence of exciting returnmen, they dropped down to #52...**KANSAS** - Third string QB Brian Luke broke his thumb in August and was not able to return until Texas A&M. Fourth string QB Jonas Weatherbie would get two starts but unfortunately it was vs Kansas St and Nebraska's defenses. He hit just 5 of 18 for 74 yards in those 2 games. Luke played the majority of each game hitting 14 of 40. Zach Dyer was moved back to QB for Okla St and put up solid stats hitting 14 of 28 for 161 yards but he was knocked out in the 3Q and Luke finished the game...**KANSAS ST** - Bill Snyder has done a fine job developing QB's with players like Michael Bishop and Jonathan Beasley guiding the team to outstanding seasons. In 2001 Ell Roberson (a dangerous runner) battled JUCO Marc Dunn (drop back passer) who set the JC National all-time passing record with 4,351 yards in just 11 games in 2000. Roberson beat out Dunn in the spring and the two alternated throughout the year. What ensued was a season where they not only combined for the lowest completion percentage in the Bill Snyder era (42.7%) but they also only averaged 13.9 ypc which is very low for here as K-State throws the deep ball a lot. The two combined for an 8-18 ratio and they had their fewest total passing yards since 1986 (1,497)...They did struggle a little bit in the kicking department as they missed nine xp's on the season with 7 being blocked. Joe Rheem ended up hitting 9 of 12 FG's with a long of 39 but was replaced vs Texas by Jared Brite. Brite hit 2 of 4 FG's with a long of 35 but had the potential game tying FG blocked by the Horns. Rheem eventually reclaimed his job. Brite has a strong leg resulting in a lot of touchbacks and poor field positions for opposing teams and they allowed just 18.3 per KR..In 1998 K-State had the highest special teams grade I have ever had in my eight years of the rankings. Bill Snyder's group traditionally ranks in the top 20 every season. In 2001 they finished #9 and LY made a run at the top spot once again, finishing #4. They scored six special teams TD's which set a school record and also blocked five punts finishing +6 in the TD/Blk category. They would have been +9 but when a team blocks a punt and scores a TD on the same play, we count that as one big play as opposed to two...**KENTUCKY** - In 2000, Jared Lorenzen threw for 3,687 yards (57.4%). After studying film for just 4 hours per week in 2000 he spent 15 to 20 hours per week in the film room in 2001. Former Coach Morriss wanted him to lose weight and after a lackluster performance in the 2001 opener, Shane Boyd (PS#43) was brought in as the starter. Boyd threw for 7,996 yards and 92 TD's in his HS career and also was a MLB prospect (90 mph fastball) who was drafted by the Twins. Boyd took most of the snaps over the next 5 games and Lorenzen showed great team spirit by offering to be a LS or move to TE. Lorenzen, however, was given an opportunity in the 2H against LSU and after an impressive performance he regained his starting job. He averaged 376 ypg passing over the final five games which was the best in the SEC and improved his TD/Int ratio to a super 19-7. He also avoided six sacks against Georgia due to his size...**LOUISIANA TECH** - Tech had one of their highest finishes in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 2001 as they were #50 snagging 19 interceptions and allowing just 55.6% completions. Three players departed LY who had combined for 28 starts, one of which was a 5th round DC. Four players returned with starting experience but four year starter, Michael John Lenard played in just four games after cracking his fibula against Oklahoma St so basically only one starter returned...**MARYLAND** - In 2001 Shaun Hill

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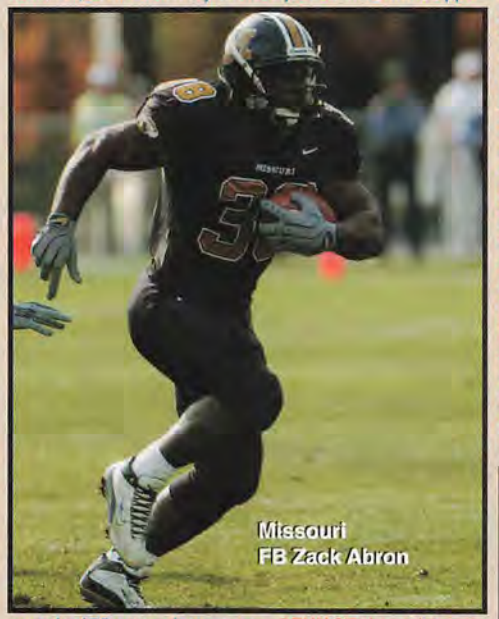
threw for 2,637 yards (59.8%) and led the team to its first ACC Title since 1985. LY he had to be replaced and Chris Kelley (PS#18) won the starting job in the spring. Unfortunately Kelley suffered the third severe knee injury of his career in the spring game and when he returned in the fall he was far from 100%. Scott McBrien (PS#96) had 1 start at W Virginia in 2000 and for the season threw for 755 yards (42.4%) with a 3-3 ratio and opted to transfer here. After sitting out 2001, he took over the starting reins LY and struggled early...Orlando Evans (PS#95JC) had originally signed at Oregon and San Jose St but finally ended up here. Evans was slated for significant action until suffering a season ending knee injury vs E Mich...**MINNESOTA** - Ron Johnson set UM's single season receiving record with 1,125 yards in 2000 and was a #4DC in the NFL LY. The team also had to replace its fastest receiver, Antoine Henderson but appeared to be in good shape especially with Jermaine Mays returning after missing 2001. Unfortunately Mays suffered a hamstring injury in August and would have just 4 rec's, playing very little offensively...**MISSOURI** - The #2 WR was supposed to be Thomson Omboga (PS#39). Omboga had a great start to the season with 15 receptions in the first three games but then suffered a cracked rib which caused him to miss a few games. He suffered another injury late in the year and then was suspended for the final three games. Former QB Darius Outlaw was suspended from the team through the spring but was able to return last season and adapted well to his new position at WR as he was second on the team with 46 rec's (12.0). He was granted a fifth year and should be a bigger factor this year...Gary Pinkel's final Toledo team finished #45 in my special teams rankings and he does put a priority on this unit but in his first season at Missouri he finished #106 as they finished dead last in the Big 12 with a net punting avg of 30.5. Pinkel signed JUCO Todd Gohsler to improve the punting. Returning starter Brock Harvey (PS#118QB) went to Ray Guy's Camp in the offseason and was one of the most improved players in the country with his punting average rising to 42.5 and the net punting improved to 36.9. He did sprain his ankle late in the year and Gohsler had 13 punts and a 42.2 average with six of his 13 punts inside the 20. Both players return so that position is in good shape...**NC STATE** - In 2001 Ray Robinson became the first player to lead the team in rushing and receiving since Ted Brown in 1978. Unfortunately LY Robinson departed and projected starting RB Cotra Jackson was ruled ineligible prior to the season. The team moved CB Greg Golden to starting TB for the first four games and he put up decent numbers rushing for 265 yards (4.4). The much heralded emergence of T.A. McLendon (PS#15) allowed Golden to move back to CB in Week 5. McLendon burst on the scene and rushed for 1,101 yards (4.5) with 18 TD's while also adding 42 receptions (8.4) and was 1st Team ACC. He accomplished this despite having wrist surgery after the UMass game and playing with a cast on his hand. His 5 TD's against Texas Tech tied a school record (but he did have 1 in OT)...In 2000 NC State had their highest finish ever in my special teams rankings finishing at #31 thanks to the exploits of returnman Koren Robinson. When he left for the NFL early, the Wolfpack dropped to #53 in 2001. LY they returned all of their top returnmen and specialists and had an outstanding season moving up to #19...In 2001 Adam Kiker took over the kicking duties for an injured Austin Herbert and hit a super 15 of 16 FG's with a long of 41. LY Kiker suffered some back pain prior to the season and Herbert handled the duties for the first three games. The two alternated after that but combined for just 10 of 16 FG's with a long of 44 and they missed 7 xp's (most in ACC)...**NORTHWESTERN** - When Gary Barnett was here NU recorded a pair of Top 10 finishes in my special teams rankings. In Randy Walker's first two years here they were #56 and #53 overall and dropped to #72 in 2001. LY they had to replace a 4 year punter as well as their top PR. They did have a VHT K returning in David Wasielewski who struggled missing 7 straight FG's at one point. He finished the season hitting 10 of 18 with a long of 51. Another VHT, Brian Huffman (PS#8) took over the punting duties and averaged a solid 41.5 but had a net of only 32.7. He also handled KO's. They also had to replace their top KR who averaged 25.8. Jason Wright and Jeff Backes did a tremendous job on KR's averaging 28.5 and 26.2 respectively. Top PR Kunle Patrick averaged 7.5. The four TD's allowed by the return units as well as the two blocked punts really hurt their special teams ranking and they dropped down to #92...LY the team had to replace super RB Damien Anderson who left as the all-time leading rusher here. Walker seemed content to go with a RB by committee at the beginning of the season. It looked like the favorite for the job would be Jeff Backes (PS#35). who was the fastest of the RB's with 4.37 speed. Unfortunately he sprained his shoulder early and was used sparingly and moved to WR. Kevin Lawrence was the leading returning rusher with 291 yards (5.1) but had just 58 yards and departs. Torri Stuckey, who was he second leading returning rusher with 235 yards (4.3) moved to FS. Noah Herron (230 lbs) was the biggest of the RB's and had four starts rushing for 365 yards (5.5)...**N TEXAS** - Things did not get off to a great start here at NT. In HC Darrell Dickey's first three seasons the team recorded 3, 2 and 3 wins. After an 0-5 start in 2001, even AD Rick Villerell would not give him a vote of confidence at midseason and newspaper reports speculated that he was finished. NT rebounded by winning five of their last six games and winning the SBC crown, getting to the New Orleans Bowl, even though they were only the third team in NCAA history to go to a bowl with a losing record...**OKLAHOMA** - Troy DiCarlo got off to a slow start on KO's and Pete Cuva (6-0 184 So) took over the duties and the team improved as the season went on allowing just 17.8 per return. They had far fewer touchbacks, however, as in 2001 they allowed just 34 KR's while opponents had 75 returns last season...**PENN ST** - Larry Johnson passed Lydell Mitchell for the best single season rushing record (Mitchell had 1,567 in 1971) and finished the year with 2,087 yards (7.7). His average of 8.02 ypc in the regular season was the NCAA's best ever with Mike Rozier averaging 7.8 in 1983. He did this despite missing nearly the entire 2H's of the Mich St and Northwestern games with both being out of reach and is only the 9th player in NCAA history to top 2,000 yards. The only knock against Johnson was the fact that vs their toughest foes, he rushed for 66 yards vs Ohio St, 68 vs Iowa, 78 against Michigan and 72 against Auburn. Johnson took home the Maxwell and Doak Walker Awards and was the #1DC of KC...**PURDUE** - In the loss against Wake Forest, the Big 10 dismissed four officials after the game as PU disputed 23 calls and the Big 10 agreed on 21 of them. PU had a 318-203 yard edge against Notre Dame and a 477-368 yard edge against Wake Forest but three missed FG's in the 4Q did them in. Also against Iowa they had a 30-14 FD edge but two blocked kicks were returned for TD's. Vs Illinois they had a 32-17 FD edge but blew a late lead and were tackled on the one yard line on the last play of regulation before losing in OT...In 2000 this group had its lowest finish in my special team rating under Tiller at #71 and it cost them games vs Notre Dame and Penn St. In 2001 they had to replace their super returnman but had their kicking specialist back and moved up to #59. LY the unit was probably even worse than their final #100 ranking (#109 including kicker)...**RUTGERS** - In 2001 RU used many different RB's and 3 of the top 4 departed with the leading returnee LY being Marcus Jones who had 327 yards (3.2) in 2001. No RB's really stepped to the forefront and it looked like it would again be RB by committee. Markis Facyson (PS#114) rushed for 129 yards against Army but then suffered a hip pointer against Pitt and finished with just 398 yards (3.2). Clarence Pittman (PS#256) was a PG in 2001 and got in 7 starts in 2002 but he averaged just 2.5 ypc, gaining 316 yards although he had 104 vs Tennessee. Marcus Jones (PS#233) had only 55 yards in 5 games after having some off-field troubles as well as a sprained foot...The Knights finished #94 in my pass D rankings in 2001. LY they only had to replace two players who combined for four starts, so they were extremely experienced at the start of the season. Returning SS Nate Colon played in just four games and left the team in September after recording 10 tackles and 2 tfl. FS Tony Berry, who started 7 games in 2001, missed the season due to suspension so basically only two full-time starters returned...**S CAROLINA** - Prior to the season Holtz called this unit the fastest group of WR's that he'd ever assembled but questioned whether they could catch the ball. Much was expected of James Adkisson but he was injured vs Virginia and played in just five games. The other projected starter, Chavez Donnings (PS#16JC), hurt his wrist vs Georgia and redshirted. Walk-on true frosh WR Kris Clark, who was a HS QB, got in three starts. The big play man of the group was Troy Williamson (PS#17) but he suffered a groin injury and missed the Florida game. He has 4.32 speed and averaged an amazing 28.9 per reception. Their possession receiver, Ryan Brewer, missed most of three games and had a streak of 32 consecutive games with a reception snapped against Arkansas. Late in the season their top receivers, Williamson, Adkisson, Matthew Thomas and Andrea Gause were all out and they used a mixture of backups and added 2 walk-ons from the track team to fill in. Early in the season Thomas did not live up to expectations and was moved to CB, but he returned to WR in the second half of the year due to injuries...In Brad Scott's final year here the unit finished #28 in my special teams rankings but they have struggled under Lou Holtz. In his 4 years they've finished #86, #79, #63 and #72. LY's rankings were even lower when you include the kicker as they finished #85 as Daniel Weaver hit just 10 of 16 FG's with a long of 38 but was 4 of 10 on FG's from 30+. Vs Florida he missed his 4th straight FG and Brown kicked the xp's. It's surprising that Josh Brown (PS#13) was not used more as he set a Maryland record with 12 FG's and a long of 53 as a junior. Weaver hit 13 of 17 FG's with a long of 43 in 2001...**S MISSISSIPPI** - While Curtis Jones hit 15 of 26 FG's with a long of 48, he missed the FG vs S Florida which would have sent the game to OT and then missed 4 FG's against Louisville including 2 FG's in OT. Jones hit his final five FG's, including three in the bowl game...Heading into August it was anybody's game between Micky D'Angelo (PS#67), Dustin Almond (PS#123) and Zac White (PS#138). It appeared the true contest would be between D'Angelo and White but White came down with mononucleosis in August, fell behind and ended up not seeing any action. As a frosh in 2000, D'Angelo reported overweight at 240 lbs, but he trimmed down to 215 and won the starting job LY. He led the team to 458 ypg in his first three starts. He suffered a minor concussion in the third game and really struggled against the ferocious Bama defense in week four hitting just 8 of 27. He was injured again vs Army and was relieved after the second series vs S Florida. Almond had his best game vs USF hitting 24 of 39 for 258 yards while also rushing for 16 and he would get his first start the next week against Cincinnati. He was the first frosh QB to start here since 1994. Almond hit just 7 of 22 for 92 yards against Cincinnati and the team had just 211 yards total offense. Then vs TCU he hit just 9 of 27 for 110 yards and the team had just 185 yards total offense. He started vs UAB but at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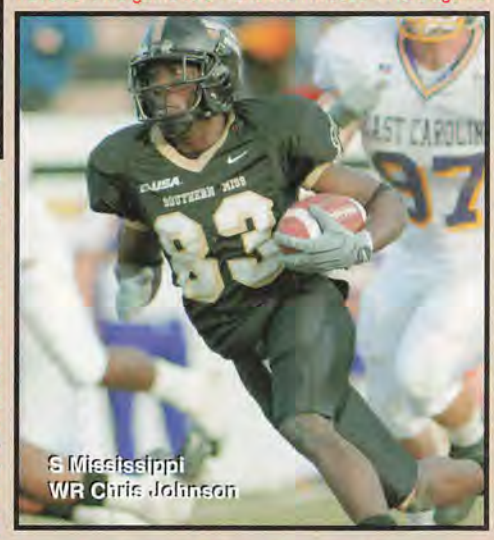
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THE AMAZING SUPER BOWL SYSTEM: 91% WINNERS!!!

I know this magazine is about college football, but I could not resist telling you about a great system for the most watched sporting event in the world...The Super Bowl. You will notice that the title of this page is the AMAZING Super Bowl System. Now that you have read my magazine, you can tell I do not throw around terms like amazing very often. The dictionary defines amazing as "to fill with astonishment." I must admit, I have seen a lot in my 21 year handicapping career and little amazes me anymore.

Back in 1990, I developed a Super Bowl System for picking pointspread winners of the big game. This system awards points for 17 different categories including things like better overall ATS record and even superior net penalty yards. The 17 categories are all weighted differently. Now, I will admit that the system was retrofitted. I played around on the computer for about a week until I found just the right combination to predict all the past Super Bowls with the least amount of losses. I fine-tuned it to give me only two losses in the history of the Super Bowl. Not too shabby. Now the big question was, would it work for future Super Bowls? The first year I did the math and it produced an easy Super Bowl winner and I began to get excited. The next year, another winner. The next year, another winner. Each year the excitement has built. It is now to the point that I will not make my Super Bowl prediction without at least consulting this amazing system. I usually figure it out during the second half of the 2nd Conference Title game so I have the result as soon as the matchups are known.

The system itself is **16-1-2 ATS over the last 19 years**. Even more amazing is that in 12 of the last 14 years it has picked the outright winner as well. Nine times in the last 14 years it has picked the favorite and they have won both SU and ATS. Once, in Super Bowl XXX, it called for Pittsburgh to stay within 10 points of Dallas and the Steelers were +13'. Amazingly the Cowboys won by exactly 10 points and the Steelers covered which was exactly what the system called for. Three time in the last 16 years it has called for an OUTRIGHT upset. Six years ago, I sat down to write Power Sweep and was torn as to which team to pick, as I could make a good case for both teams. The Super Bowl System stunned me by picking Denver to win the game outright as an 11' point dog! I took note but merely called for them to cover the spread in Power Sweep. I was amazed when, as the system said, Denver won OUTRIGHT!! Playing Denver with the Money Line would have meant a HUGE profit in Las Vegas. In 2000, I had to clarify whether the best SU record was regular season or current (including the playoffs) as it was not in the wording. By defining that element with the word current, the Super Bowl System picked Baltimore and had yet another winner. Here are the complete results of the Super Bowls and what the Super Bowl System forecasted each year.

Here is a look at all 37 Super Bowls vs the Spread with the revised Super Bowl System:

SB	SYSTEM (Pts for, Vegas line, Pts against)	Spread Diff	Outcome
I	Green Bay 50 (-14) over Kansas City 11.5	24.5	WIN 35-14
II	Green Bay 47 (-13') over Oakland 30.5	3	WIN 33-14
III	NY Jets 24 (+18) over Baltimore 35.5	6.5	WIN 16-7
IV	Kansas City 35 (+12) over Minnesota 24.5	22.5	WIN 23-7
V	Baltimore 42.5 (+2') over Dallas 22	23	WIN 16-13
VI	Dallas 54 (-6) over Miami 13.5	34.5	WIN 24-3
VII	Miami 60.5 (+1') over Washington 4	58	WIN 14-7
VIII	Miami 48.5 (-6') over Minnesota 23	19	WIN 24-7
IX	Pittsburgh 43 (-3) over Minnesota 24.5	15.5	WIN 16-6
X	Pittsburgh 32 (-7) over Dallas 16.5	38.5	Loss 21-17
XI	Oakland 44.5 (-4') over Minnesota 12	28	WIN 32-14
XII	Dallas 34.5 (-6) over Denver 22.5	6	WIN 27-10
XIII	Pittsburgh 40 (-3') over Dallas 13.5	23	WIN 35-31
XIV	Pittsburgh 57 (-10') over LA Rams 16.5	30	WIN 31-19
XV	Oakland 37 (+3) over Philadelphia 30.5	9.5	WIN 27-10
XVI	San Francisco 44.5 (E) over Cincinnati 15	29.5	WIN 26-21
XVII	Washington 34 (+3) over Miami 25.5	11.5	WIN 27-17
XVIII	Washington 38.5 (-7) over LA Raiders 14	22.5	Loss 9-38
XIX	San Francisco 57.5 (-3') over Miami 12	42	WIN 38-16
XX	Chicago 45.5 (-10) over New England 6	29.5	WIN 46-10
XXI	NY Giants 54.5 (-9') over Denver 13	32	WIN 39-20
XXII	Washington 43.5 (+3) over Denver 12	34.5	WIN 42-10
XXIII	Cincinnati 28 (+7) over San Francisco 27	8	WIN 16-20
XXIV	San Francisco 40.5 (-12) over Denver 20	8.5	WIN 55-10
XXV	NY Giants 33.5 (+7) over Buffalo 24	16.5	WIN 20-19
XXVI	Washington 53 (-7) over Buffalo 6.5	39.5	WIN 37-24
XXVII	Dallas 35.5 (-6') over Buffalo 21	8	WIN 52-17
XXVIII	Dallas 36 (-10) over Buffalo 19	7	WIN 30-13
XXIX	San Francisco 53 (-18) over San Diego 14.5	20.5	WIN 49-26
XXX	Pittsburgh 29.5 (+13') over Dallas 40	3	WIN 17-27
XXXI	Green Bay 50.5 (-14) over New England 9	27.5	Push 35-21
XXXII	Denver 35.5 (+11') over Green Bay 34	13	WIN 31-24
XXXIII	Denver 37.5 (-7) over Atlanta 26	4.5	WIN 34-19
XXXIV	St Louis 51 (-7) over Tennessee 9.5	34.5	Push 23-16
XXXV	Baltimore 38 (-3) over NY Giants 29.5	5.5	WIN 34-7
XXXVI	New England 28.5 (+14) over St Louis 41	1.5	WIN 20-17
XXXVII	Cleveland 37 (-6) Tampa Bay 30.5	15.5	Loss 21-48

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Super Bowl System Breakdown

Spread Difference	WIN	LOSS	TIE	%
0-5	4	0	0	100.0
5'-10	8	0	0	100.0
10'-15	2	0	0	100.0
15'-20	3	1	0	75.0
20'-25	5	1	0	83.3
25'-30	4	0	1	100.0
30+	6	1	1	85.7

Spread Difference	WIN	LOSS	Tie	%
0-20	17	1	0	94.4
20'+	15	2	2	88.2
OVERALL SYSTEM	**32**	**3**	**2**	**91.4**

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halftime Bower went back to D'Angelo and led the team to the win. D'Angelo started the final three regular season games of the year and threw for over 200 yards in each but he strained his oblique muscle prior to the bowl. His first pass in the bowl was intercepted and he would not return, as he was in too much pain...**TCU** - In 2001 Ricky Madison led the team in rushing in the final five games but finished with just 640 yards (3.5). Connally averaged 4.5 ypc with 444 yards. It appeared the big news LY was the addition of Kenny Hayter (PS#18) who transferred in from in Texas. Hayter had 333 yards in 23 games for the Longhorns in 1999 and in 2000 and is a rare VHT signee here. Hayter was slowed by injuries and the team used a FB more. After getting 6 starts in 2001, the FB started all 11 LY. Connally began as the starter but was injured in Week 3 and Hayter appeared to take over after rushing for 43 yards vs SMU. Unfortunately he separated his shoulder in the 3Q vs N Texas. Madison, who saw his playing time curtailed after a crucial fumble vs EC which was returned 81 yards for a TD, got just 7 carries against Memphis but in the bowl game picked up 91 yards in the 4Q when Hobbs was injured...TCU has been very special in the special teams area for the last couple of years. In 1999 they finished #14 in my rankings and had to replace their super P Joey Biasatti. He started the last three years with net punting averages of 35.4 and the 38.4 the last two years. Nick Browne, a member of the TCU soccer team, won the kicking job in 2001 and a couple of times played soccer games the night before and had to fly to the site of the football game. He hit 14 of 20 FG's with a long of 50 in his first year. They were #31 in my special teams rankings in 2001 and had everyone back last season and as expected had a top-notch unit finishing #35 in my special teams rankings without the kicker and an even higher #22 with Browne included...Shane Hudnall (PS#2K) handled the KO's in 2001 until injury and split the KO duties with Mike Wynn (PS#18) LY. Wynn has the strongest leg of all the kickers...Casey Printers (PS#34) started here for three years and despite missing 2.5 games in 2001 threw 282 passes after attempting just 169 and 198 the prior years. He opted to transfer prior to 2002 to an offense that passed more. Sean Stilley was forced to start two games in 2001 due to Printers injury and hit 63.2% for 545 yards with a 3-4 ratio while rushing for 122. Tye Gunn (PS#52) led his team to the Texas HS title in 2000 and was ready to compete as a rFr. Stilley won the job but got injured vs N Texas. While Stilley is a decent pocket passer who can bench 410 lbs, Gunn has 4.6 speed and a strong arm. In his first start Gunn passed for 172 yards and rushed for 63 vs Houston. Stilley returned to practice but Gunn held on to the starting job and hit 17 of 23 with 3 TD's vs Louisville. Gunn, however, was lost for the year vs S Miss with the team up 30-7 and Stilley would struggle. Over the final 3 games of the regular season he had just 119 ypg (49%) with a 1-6 ratio. He did lead the team on an 18 play 80 yard drive vs Memphis which put them in a bowl. In the bowl game Stilley hit 16 of 28 for 141 yards and was a solid team player, never complaining about the loss of his starting job...**TENNESSEE** - Guard Victor McClure (PS#48) moved to TE just prior to the season. The unit still appeared to be in good shape as they returned their top guy, Kelley Washington, who had 70 receptions (15.4) and opted to turn down the NFL. Unfortunately Washington suffered a neck injury and had some attitude problems and played in just four games. The unit as a whole struggled without him. Despite playing in just four games he had 23 rec's (19.3) third best on the team. After the team dropped "only" four passes against Kentucky, Phil Fulmer was asked if that showed the WR's were improving and he said yes, "we were terrible, now we're just awful."...Starting WLB Kevin Burnett got injured in the first game and was replaced by Kevin Simon (PS#2) who started three games before he was lost for the year and his replacement, Robert Peace, started five games before being lost for the year himself in early November...LY Marvin Mitchell (PS#14) was forced to burn his redshirt in the ninth game of the season against Miami, Fl due to all the injuries, and he should have a much bigger impact...Defensively despite the barrage of injuries the team went through they still finished #8 overall in my ranking despite the fact they had just 3 starters on defense. Many of the projected starters this season were starters last season until injury hit them including the LB unit where three starters went down early and were lost for the season. While the Vols must travel to The Swamp they appear to be a stronger team than Florida and capable of their second straight win there. They must replace 8 NFL draft picks which ties Miami for most of any team. The Vols have had 71 players drafted the last 10 years, more than any other school. They have tough road games at Auburn and Alabama but they do host Georgia and should be able to beat the Dogs for the first time in the last 3 years. I think Tennessee is the most talented team in the West and should have much better luck in terms of injuries than LY's squad...**TEXAS** - When Chris Simms (PS#1) was signed, he was expected to lead Texas to a National Championship. Not only did that not come to fruition, the team had zero Conference Titles with him taking the snaps. In his first three years he had to share time with Major Applewhite but LY had the job to himself. He had his best year statistically throwing for 3,207 yards (59.3%) with a 26-12 ratio and set a Texas record by accounting for 30 TD's. Simms leaves with a record of 26-6 as a starter, the school's best completion percentage and pass efficiency rating in history. While it's been said that Simms never played well in a big game, it should also be noted that games were only counted as "big games" when Simms lost. He did struggle vs OU again in 2002 but against Kan St and Texas A&M at home and on the road vs Nebraska and the bowl, he combined for an 10-3 ratio...FB Ivan Williams (PS#36) was very impressive in his first year at FB after switching over from TB with 7 starts and had 111 yards receiving against Nebraska. He became just the third player in Texas history to have 100 yards rushing and receiving games joining Eric Metcalf and Johnny "Lam" Jones. Unfortunately Williams' status is up in the air after suffering an off-field knee injury...**TULANE** - WR Nick Narcisse missed four games due to a shoulder and ankle injuries and the WR corps was so banged up heading into Memphis that Scelfo burned the redshirts on true frosh Bubba Terranova (PS#80), Damarcus Davis (PS#142) and Gary Malone (PS#410). The unit was hit hard LY by dropped passes including seven vs Army...**UCONN** - In 2001 UConn had to replace their starting QB and Keron Henry (6-2 218) was very mobile and the best runner of the UConn QB's guided the team to a TD against Virginia Tech's tough defense on their opening drive of the season and started 5 of the first 6 games. He suffered numerous injuries and missed the majority of the rest of the year completing just 38.7% with a 1-5 ratio but rushed for 279 yards...**USC** - The 2000 special teams were a major factor in the Trojans' poor play as they finished #107 (12 kicks blocked vs) despite having great talent. Practically everyone returned in 2001 and the unit moved all the way up to #41. LY practically everyone was back again, with the exception of their punter who had a solid net of 36.1 in 2001. David Davis began 2002 as the FG kicker but had three missed xp's and was 1 of 3 on FG's with a long of 37. Ryan Killeen, who handled the KO's, took over at kicker and despite struggling against Washington St remained the starter due to a Davis injury. He strengthened the position hitting 16 of 23 with a long of 48 and one of his misses was from 50+...**VANDERBILT** - LY the Commodores had to replace their top two rushers with the most experienced veteran being soph Norval McKenzie (80 yds as rFr). McKenzie, an Eric Metcalf-type, missed part of August due to a broken hand and former WR Ronald Hatcher (one of team's fastest players) took over the starting job. Hatcher, however, broke his leg vs Furman and gained just 35 yards. McKenzie took over the starting spot and would rush for 326 yards (7.8 ypc) which led the SEC at the time of his injury. McKenzie was lost for the year with a broken leg in practice prior to MTSU. Kwane Doster (PS#235) suffered a severe ankle injury as a senior in HS or he would have been a much higher rated recruit. He does have 4.33 speed, rushed for 798 yards (5.0), had 12 rec's and 616 yards in KR's. He set the all-time freshman rushing record here (old record was Carl Wood's 644 in 1983). Also in the mix at TB was FB Matthew Tant (PS#41) who at 227 lbs can bench 26 reps of 225 lbs. Doster and Tant were injured vs Kentucky and walk-on Jason Bourque (5-7 183 Sr) finished the game and had 65 yards on the year. Ian Gaines (5-11 196 Sr) was slowed by injuries and redshirted. Ron Bullock (5-11 225 rFr) was PS#225...Vandy was #44 in my special teams rankings in 2000 but lost their super K John Markham (#5DC of NYG). They also lost their top KR and dropped to #94. The numbers would have been even worse had FG accuracy been included as they hit just 4 of 10 FG's...While the team won just two games, they did have some close calls, trailing Auburn 14-6 in the 3Q in a game in which each team had 19 FD's. They trailed Ole Miss just 45-38 and had the ball in the 3Q, led S Carolina 14-10, and only lost to Florida by 4 points despite an injury riddled defense. Against Kentucky they trailed by 7 in the 4Q and had the ball...**VIRGINIA TECH** - K Carter Warley's career has been plagued by recurring back problems which contributed to two unsuccessful FG's vs Texas A&M (21 yd miss, 22 yd'r blk'd). He then sat out the next four weeks. Later against Syracuse he missed a 46 yarder in regulation and a 36 yarder in overtime (both could have won the game). Nic Schmitt, who Beamer said has "the most potential of any kicker I've seen" replaced Warley and was perfect on 14 xp's but was 0 of 4 from FG's from 30+. Jon Mollerup handled the KO's duties due to Warley's condition and also hit 1 of 2 FG's with a long of 37...**WASHINGTON** - Marques Tuiasosopo, the Pac 10 Offensive POY as a senior, set 10 school records in 2000 and broke the all-time team record for total offense with over 10,000 yards. Three players battled to replace him in 2001. Cody Pickett (PS#47), who had the strongest arm of the trio, won the job. Pickett had played in the Rose Bowl when Tuiasosopo was injured and had two crucial completions that seemed to give him confidence. He has 4.65 speed and in his first year as a starter threw for 2,696 yards (55.2%). He struggled with a 12-16 ratio...The old single regular season passing record was 2,569 yards set by Cary Conklin in 1989. Pickett shattered it by almost 2,000 yards with an amazing 4,458 yards and became UW's career passing leader, passing the likes of Sonny Sixkiller and Damon Huard...The Huskies finished #70 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and LY had to replace two starters and one backup including a fifth round DC. The unit then suffered injuries throughout the year losing CB Roc Alexander to injury after six games and the FS spot saw four different players earn starts with none starting more than five. At the end of the year WR Nate Robinson started the last six at CB after Alexander went down. The Huskies had just 7 interceptions in the first nine games LY but nine in the final three regular season games...UW did have a 26-17 FD edge against Cal and had the ball 7 times inside the Cal 30 settling for 5 FG attempts and had a Michigan incomplete pass ruled a fumble which Michigan recovered for a 1st down in their tough loss in the Big House. They also had a 31-13 FD edge against UCLA and 498-316 yard edge but somehow lost...At one point LY McLaughlin lost his job to Anderson but after he got off a 16 yard punt against OSU, McLaughlin came back in to average 41.9 on nine punts.

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WHO WILL WIN THE HEISMAN?

The best college football player of the season receives the Heisman Trophy, the most talked about trophy in college football. Every week, sports shows list which prospective candidates are rising & falling on the list to win the trophy.

Predicting who will win the Heisman is a tough task, even with a couple of weeks left in the regular season and there is always plenty of debate. With just a few weeks left in last year's race, Carson Palmer was not even in the top 5 and he still ended up winning. Naturally, it is even tougher predicting the winner four months prior to the season.

In 1998, I listed Ricky Williams of Texas as my Heisman Trophy favorite. Things did not look good for Ricky when the Longhorns were humiliated by UCLA and Kansas St in back to back weeks and he had just average games in both. It was said at the time that his Heisman chances were GONE. When the smoke cleared Ricky broke the NCAA career rushing record and was the recipient of the coveted trophy.

In 1999, I listed Ron Dayne of Wisconsin as my Heisman favorite. Much like Ricky, Ron's chances of winning the Heisman appeared to go out the window after Michigan shut him down and when he fumbled late in the Badgers' upset loss to Cincinnati. When the season was over Wisky was in the Rose Bowl and Dayne had broken Williams' career rushing mark and won the Heisman.

In 2000, I had the only preseason publication in the country to call for QB Chris Weinke to win the Heisman and he was not even on many folks' lists at the start of the year. This long shot simply delivered my THIRD straight winner despite the big odds. Michael Vick was by far the preseason favorite in 2000 but came up short.

In 2001, I missed with Chris Simms but did have Heisman winner Eric Crouch listed as #3 in the Heisman chase coming into the year. It would have been tough to pick who was going to win the Heisman that year even on the morning of the Heisman presentation as the voting was one of the closest ever.

Last year NO ONE pegged Carson Palmer to win the Heisman prior to the year and he was about a 100-1 long-shot over the summer but I did have him #7 on my list of Preseason Heisman Favorites. I missed for the 2nd time in 5 years with Casey Clausen of Tennessee being my #1 choice as he suffered through injuries and had a supporting cast also wiped out by injuries.

This year I go for FOUR OUT OF SIX. The 2003 race may be even more wide open than last year's. There are many quality contenders. Here are the top candidates for the award including my #1 selection and really for the 1st time in the 6 years, I am picking the preseason favorite.

FAVORITES

1. Maurice Clarett, Ohio St
Maurice was a Heisman candidate as a true frosh and a big part of the Buckeyes' run for the national title. He might have won it if not for a lingering shoulder injury which caused him to miss about a third of the season. He has his entire offense returning around him including an excellent offensive line and the Bucks should be favored in their first 11 games this year. If he stays healthy, he could easily top 2000 yards this year.

2. Casey Clausen, Tennessee
After a slow start in 2001, Casey hit 67% over the last 6 games, throwing for 292 ypg with a 17-3 ratio and was the Citrus Bowl MVP. Last year he was injured and his O-Line and RB's were hit hard by injuries and his top WR Kelley Washington was lost for most of the year. Look for Casey to have a vastly improved year provided he and his offensive mates do not get destroyed by injuries again.

3. Eli Manning, Mississippi
Eli looks like he will be the 1st QB taken in next year's draft. Last year he slumped a little going from 63.5% and a 31-9 ratio down to 58% with a 21-15 ratio. He has his best supporting cast yet and should have an excellent senior season. Ole Miss should also have their best season as a team in over a decade and generally the team must do well for a player to be a Heisman contender.

4. Larry Fitzgerald, Pittsburgh
I have witnessed many great catches by Randy Moss but also have seen him drop quite a few catchable balls. Fitzgerald is 6-3 with 4.4 speed and makes unbelievable catches and very few drops as he had 1005 yards receiving as a true frosh. Pitt has a shot at winning the Big East and making a run for the national title. Some big games vs Miami, ND, Virg Tech and Texas A&M would help his cause.

5. Cody Pickett, Washington
Of the top QB's this year Pickett is the most mobile and he also became the 1st Pac 10 QB to ever throw for more than 4000 yards (60%) last year and had a 28-14 ratio. He has my #4 set of receivers and #13 offensive line to aide him. Guiding a team to the Rose Bowl also helps and that is where I project the Huskies to finish this year. At 6-4 215 he is an NFL prospect as well.

6. Roy Williams, Texas
Williams is a big part of the UT offense as he is 6-4, 210 with blazing speed. He averaged 20.3 ypc as a true frosh and managed 78 receptions in 2001 despite a lingering ankle injury. He had 17.8 ypc last year with 1142 yards receiving despite being banged up again. Even with a new QB throwing to him, IF he stays healthy and IF Texas gets past Oklahoma (a BIG IF) then he has a great shot.

7. Philip Rivers, NC State
He has led many a 4Q comeback since he started as a true frosh. He completed 63% with a 20-10 ratio last year and gets 2 VHT WR's added this year who can take short passes and turn them into 60 yard TD's which look great on the stat sheet. Rivers is a 4-year starter and if he guides the team to an upset in Columbus on Sept 13th, he would move to the head of the pack.

8. Kevin Jones, Virginia Tech
Kevin has shared the snaps the last 2 years and still rushed for 1883 yards in that span. He also has my #20 offensive line in front of him and with stronger QB play from VT, teams will not be able to gang up on the run. VT is a national title contender and he is 209 lbs with 4.3 speed and benches 340.

9. Chris Rix, Florida St
In his first year as a starter Rix threw for 3060 yards (57%) with a 26-14 ratio and had 576 gross rushing yards. Last year he was surprisingly benched. He is on NO ONE's Heisman list this year but neither was Carson Palmer last season. Of the QB's this year who are capable of throwing for 3000 yards, Rix is the most dangerous runner and has 962 yards gross rushing in 2 years.

10. Ell Roberson, Kansas St
Ell is a tough player with a 378 bench and 4.5 speed as well. He is a dangerous runner and last year had 1032 net yards rushing with a 5.1 ypc and 16 TD's. He also threw for 1580 yards and should put up much more passing yards this year. Two years ago a running QB out of the Big 12 took home the Heisman in Eric Crouch and the 2003 Roberson should be even better than the 2002 version.

11. John Navarre, Michigan
Navarre got little love from Wolves fans last offseason but had a solid 2002 campaign with 2905 yards passing and a 21-7 ratio. He has my #5 rated offensive line protecting him and my #11 set of WR's to throw to. He is 6-6 228 with a good arm and Michigan has a solid shot at running the table. He could be this year's Carson Palmer.

12. Andrew Walter, Arizona St
This guy was not even a starter last year until the 5th game. He has always had a rocket for an arm and is 6-5 221. After hitting 44% in 2001 in 2 starts, he threw for 3877 yards hitting 57% with a 28-15 ratio last year and was running for his life most of the year as the team allowed 49 sacks and had very little in ways of a running game. The O-Line is now experienced and Walter has the team's confidence.

13. Cedric Benson, Texas
The Longhorns' offense got a lot stronger in 2001 when Benson emerged as a true frosh starter and he has two straight 1000 yard seasons already. The team should rely on him even more this year with an inexperienced QB. He may however end up splitting some Heisman votes with WR Williams and splitting some carries with RB Selvin Young who made quite an impression last year.

14. David Greene, Georgia
This guy has simply recorded an 8-0 record on opposing home fields. While he had a great supporting cast last year, the team went 13-1 and he threw for 2924 yards hitting 57.5% with a 22-8 ratio and was 1st team SEC. This year there are just 2 other starters back on offense with him and no returning starters on the O-Line. Coach Richt has also said that backup DJ Shockley will get more time this year.

15. Carnell Williams, Auburn
Some guy named Bo won the Heisman playing RB at this school and Carnell looks like the 2nd coming. Last year he had 745 yards but was lost to an injury at midseason. He is one of the best RB's in the country and I would have him ranked higher but he is recovering from injury. Auburn also has 3 All SEC caliber RB's so he might not see the Tigers' share of the carries.

16. Chris Gamble, Ohio St
Chris is one of the most dangerous WR's in college football. He is also one of the best defensive backs in college football and Jim Tressel said he'll see the majority of his time there this year. He is good enough to play on both sides of the ball for the majority of the game and shine in both areas. Having Clarett on the same team may cut down on his Heisman votes.

17. Rashaun Woods, Oklahoma St
If this was a Team MVP team award, Woods would have a great shot as he was a big part of OSU's 8-5 record last year. He had 107 receptions (#2 WR had 34) for 1695 yards with 17 TD's and a solid 15.8 ypc. He made QB Josh Fields look great with OVER half the total yards receiving on the team. Should they upset Oklahoma for a 3rd straight year, he would move up this list.

18. Reggie Williams, Washington
He averaged 17.3 on receptions as a true frosh. He went from 60 receptions in 2001 to 94 last year and is already the career record holder in receiving at UW. He will be one of the top WR's picked in next year's draft as he is 6-4 220 and joined the track team in the spring to improve his speed.

19. Anthony Davis, Wisconsin
Barry Alvarez loves to run the football and he has another workhorse as Davis rushed for 1466 yds in 2001 (5.0), despite missing a game with injury and has 4.36 speed. Last year he had 1555 yds (5.2) and he and Ron Dayne are the only two players in Badger history to rush for 1000 yds in both their frosh and soph seasons.

20. Greg Jones, Florida St
Jones is the top RB prospect for next year's NFL draft. He is a powerful (405 bench) 248 pounds and yet has 4.5 speed. He had 938 yards rushing last year with a 5.8 ypc but missed the last 4 games of the year due to injury. He could be the focal point of the offense and if FSU returns to the top of the polls his Heisman chances would increase.

21. Steven Jackson, Oregon St
He had three 200-yard efforts last year and rushed for 1690 yards with 5.3 ypc setting the school single season rushing record. He has good size (6-2 224), 4.47 speed and benches 325 lbs. He has a veteran offensive front and a QB who opponents must now respect. This team is capable of a 6-0 start and he has stat building games vs Sacramento St and New Mexico St early on.

22. T.A. McLendon, NC State
If not for Maurice Clarett and a midseason wrist injury, McClendon would have been THE talk of the true freshmen last year. He rushed for 1101 yards with another 354 receiving and had 18 TD's. He had another wrist surgery this spring but should be 100% by the fall.

23. Brad Smith, Missouri
Might be the best combo QB out there and is exciting to watch. Last year he threw for 2333 yards (53.6%) with a 15-6 ratio and also added 1179 yards rushing. Coach Pinkel has coached 5 QB's who have gone onto the NFL and says Smith has developed quicker than any QB he has coached. Smith is 6-2 205 with speed, durability (837 plays last year) and a nice arm.

24. Michael Turner, Northern Illinois
Michael "The Burner" Turner is the nation's leading returning rusher after compiling 1915 rush yards (5.7) last year in just 11 starts! He is 223 lbs with good speed and power. Can a MAC player win the Heisman? IF he tops 2000 yards, NI upsets both Maryland and Alabama and wins the MAC, I think he does have a legitimate shot.

25. Frank Gore, Miami, Fl
Willis McGahee was a bonafide Heisman contender last year and remember, Gore actually won the starting job over McGahee in spring 2002 before his injury. UM coaches feel that Gore has a chance to be a better back than McGahee. He participated in bowl practices last year and appears to be over the injury that cost him last season. He simply averaged 8.8 ypc as a true frosh.

26. Carlyle Holiday, Notre Dame
The Irish surprised a lot of folks last year with their great start and if they pull a surprise again and are at the tops of the polls, then Carlyle could be a candidate. He is in his 2nd year of the Willingham offense. He has rushed for 1293 yards in 2 years and last season threw for 1788 including a stretch of 126 passes without an interception.

27. Timmy Chang, Hawaii
Players who set an NCAA career record have a great shot at the Heisman so Chang is probably a 2004 contender as he could become the NCAA's all-time passing leader NEXT year. If he can stay healthy all year, he knows the pass happy offense very well and will put up some big numbers THIS year.

28. Darren Sproles, Kansas St
Darren is a speedy, exciting runner who rushed for 1465 yards with a super 6.2 ypc, added 99 yards receiving and 236 return yards on KSt's explosive offense last year. He worked very hard in the offseason improving his weight lifting numbers by 10% and coach Snyder says that while it will be hard for him to top last year, he is improved in every area. I love kids with a work ethic like that and believe the winners often get there by outworking their opponents.

29. Zack Mills, Penn St
When you have a TB like Larry Johnson rushing for 8.8 ypc last year you can't blame Paterno for taking the ball out of Mills' hands and just letting LJ take them home. This year Mills will be a much bigger part of the offense and he can hurt you both running and passing.

30. Matt Schaub, Virginia
Matt was simply the ACC's Offensive Player of the Year last season despite losing his starting job in the 2nd week of the season. He completed an amazing 68.9% of his passes for 2976 yards with a 28-7 ratio. He has a strong arm and NFL-size at 6-5 240 and Coach Groh is bringing in NFL type skill players to help him out, plus the O-Line looks much stronger.

31. Kellen Winslow, Miami, Fl
It's tough for a TE to really take home the Heisman but this guy is very talented and will have an NFL future that hopefully is half as good as his Dad's Hall of Fame career. He is getting bigger (only 233) but had 57 receptions last year and comes into the year the most established skill player on a potent offense.

32. Mike Williams, USC
Can a player from the same team take home the hardware 2 straight years? Williams was dominating as a true frosh last year with 81 receptions for 1265 yards and he only started 2 games.

33. Jared Lorenzen, Kentucky
I love watching this guy play as he is bigger than some of the defensive LINEMEN trying to tackle him. He has surprising mobility for his 275 some lbs and he does not make a lot of mistakes passing the ball as his 24-5 ratio from last year attests. He is now a Senior and has 8133 career yards passing.

34. Ben Roethlisberger, Miami, Oh
Ben is one of the top QB's in the NCAA this year with solid size at 6-5 242 and he has thrown for 6343 yards hitting 63.3% with a 47-24 ratio and 723 rush yards. If he had those kind of stats vs non MAC teams he would be one of the top 5. A perfect season for the Redhawks (must upset Iowa, Colo St, N'wstern, Cincy) and lots of yards would make him a contender.

35. Bruce Perry, Maryland
He was the ACC Offensive Player of the Year in 2001 but missed most of last year with injury. He has breakaway speed and should be close to 100% this year and has the benefit of rushing behind my #25 rated offensive line.

36. Tony Hollings, Georgia Tech
Tony was simply leading the NCAA in rushing last year with 633 yards and a super 6.9 ypc in just 4 games when he went down with an injury. He is a 215 lb back with 4.39 speed and should be the focal point of the GT offense if he returns to form.

37. Mewelde Moore, Tulane
While he does not play for a marquee team and therefore has little chance of winning, he is fun to watch. Moore is a threat not only running the ball, but as a top-notch receiver and dangerous returnman. He has over 2500 yards rushing and 1000 yards receiving in the last 2 years.

38. Cedric Houston, Tennessee
The Vols' offense should be much stronger this year and the team back to being a national title contender. Houston had 6 straight 100 yard games last year vs some tough defenses before suffering an injury. He is 215 lbs with 4.4 speed and is elusive.

39. Cedric Cobbs, Arkansas
One of the these years (or maybe not) Cobbs should be able to stay healthy and out of the coaches' doghouse. He could then live up to his vast potential which we have seen only glimpses of so far. He has trimmed down this year and was working with the track team to improve his speed this spring.

40. David Horne, Nebraska
Horne is an exciting back who could break through and lead the team in rushing with a 1000 plus season. If the Huskers can reclaim some of the national respect they have lost the last few years and have another big year, he would be a contender.

41. Jammal Lord, Nebraska
A Husker QB won the Heisman just two short years ago and last year Lord set the Husker record for single-season rushing yards by a QB. He should be able to improve on his poor passing numbers from last year which was the major emphasis of spring practices.

42. Kyle Orton, Purdue
Orton took command of the starting QB job in the spring and put up big numbers last year when he started. Purdue could be a surprise team this year in the Big 10, and if they get into the national title chase, then the starting QB enters the thick of the Heisman race.

DARKHORSES

The following players are my darkhorses to take home the trophy. They are not highly hyped preseason contenders, but they should have great seasons in 2003!!

Michael Jenkins, Ohio St
Fred Russell, Iowa
Derek Anderson, Oregon St
Michael Clayton, LSU
Fred Gibson, Georgia
Luke McCown, Louisiana Tech
Braylon Edwards, Michigan
Jermaine Green, Washington St
Rod Rutherford, Pittsburgh
Devard Darling, Washington St
Maurice Brown, Iowa
Brandon Miree, Pittsburgh
Clarence Farmer, Arizona
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Tatum Bell, Oklahoma St
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Julius Jones, Notre Dame
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Kejuan Jones, Oklahoma
Thomas Tapeh, Minnesota
Jeff Smoker, Michigan St

Think picking the Heisman Trophy winner is easy?? Here are the odds on last year's Heisman Trophy heading into the season. At the beginning of the year Carson Palmer was a darkhorse at best with 100-1 odds. Rex Grossman 3-1, Byron Leftwich 3-1, Dave Ragone 6-1, Ken Dorsey 8-1, Onterrio Smith 12-1, Jason Gesser 15-1, Charles Rogers 25-1, Casey Clausen 40-1, Eli Manning 45-1, Roy Williams 100-1, Anthony Davis 125-1, Philip Rivers 200-1.

Here is a look at this year's early odds to win the Heisman and as I previously mentioned this is the first time in 6 years that I am picking the preseason favorite to win the coveted trophy. The following odd are from collegefootballnews.com.

RB	Maurice Clarett, Ohio St	5-1
QB	Philip Rivers, NC State	5-1
RB	Frank Gore, Miami, Fl	6-1
WR	Roy Williams, Texas	7-1
RB	Kevin Jones, Virginia Tech	8-1
QB	Cody Pickett, Washington	8-1
RB	Steven Jackson, Oregon St	9-1
QB	Ell Roberson, Kansas St	10-1
RB	Anthony Davis, Wisconsin	12-1
QB	Eli Manning, Mississippi	15-1
QB	Andrew Walter, Arizona St	15-1
QB	Rod Rutherford, Pittsburgh	15-1
QB	Casey Clausen, Tennessee	17-1
QB	John Navarre, Michigan	18-1
QB	Matt Schaub, Virginia	25-1
RB	T.A. McLendon, NC State	25-1
RB	Cedric Benson, Texas	25-1
WR	Rashaun Woods, Okla St	30-1
QB	Craig Krenzel, Ohio St	30-1
QB	Jason White, Oklahoma	30-1
QB	Brock Berlin, Miami, Fl	30-1
QB	David Greene, Georgia	35-1
WR	Reggie Williams, Washington	35-1
RB	Carnell Williams, Auburn	40-1
RB	Darren Sproles, Kansas St	45-1
RB	Greg Jones, Florida St	45-1
CB/WR	Chris Gamble, Ohio St	45-1
RB	Bruce Perry, Maryland	45-1
QB	Josh Perry, Okla State	60-1
QB	Reggie McNeal, Texas A&M	60-1

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Must be 18 or Older. Northcoast Sports PO Box 35126 Cleveland, OH 44135

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Monday Night Schedule

2003 Preseason Monday Nights

Aug	4	Kansas City	vs	Green Bay
Aug	18	Tampa Bay	at	St Louis
Aug	25	Indianapolis	at	Denver

2003 Monday Night Games

Sept	4	NY Jets	at	Washington (Thur)
Sept	8	Tampa Bay	at	Philadelphia
Sept	15	Dallas	at	NY Giants
Sept	22	Oakland	at	Denver
Sept	29	Green Bay	at	Chicago
Oct	6	Indianapolis	at	Tampa Bay
Oct	13	Atlanta	at	St. Louis
Oct	20	Kansas City	at	Oakland
Oct	27	Miami	at	San Diego
Nov	3	New England	at	Denver
Nov	10	Philadelphia	at	Green Bay
Nov	17	Pittsburgh	at	San Francisco
Nov	24	NY Giants	at	Tampa Bay
Dec	1	Tennessee	at	NY Jets
Dec	8	St. Louis	at	Cleveland
Dec	15	Philadelphia	at	Miami
Dec	22	Green Bay	at	Oakland

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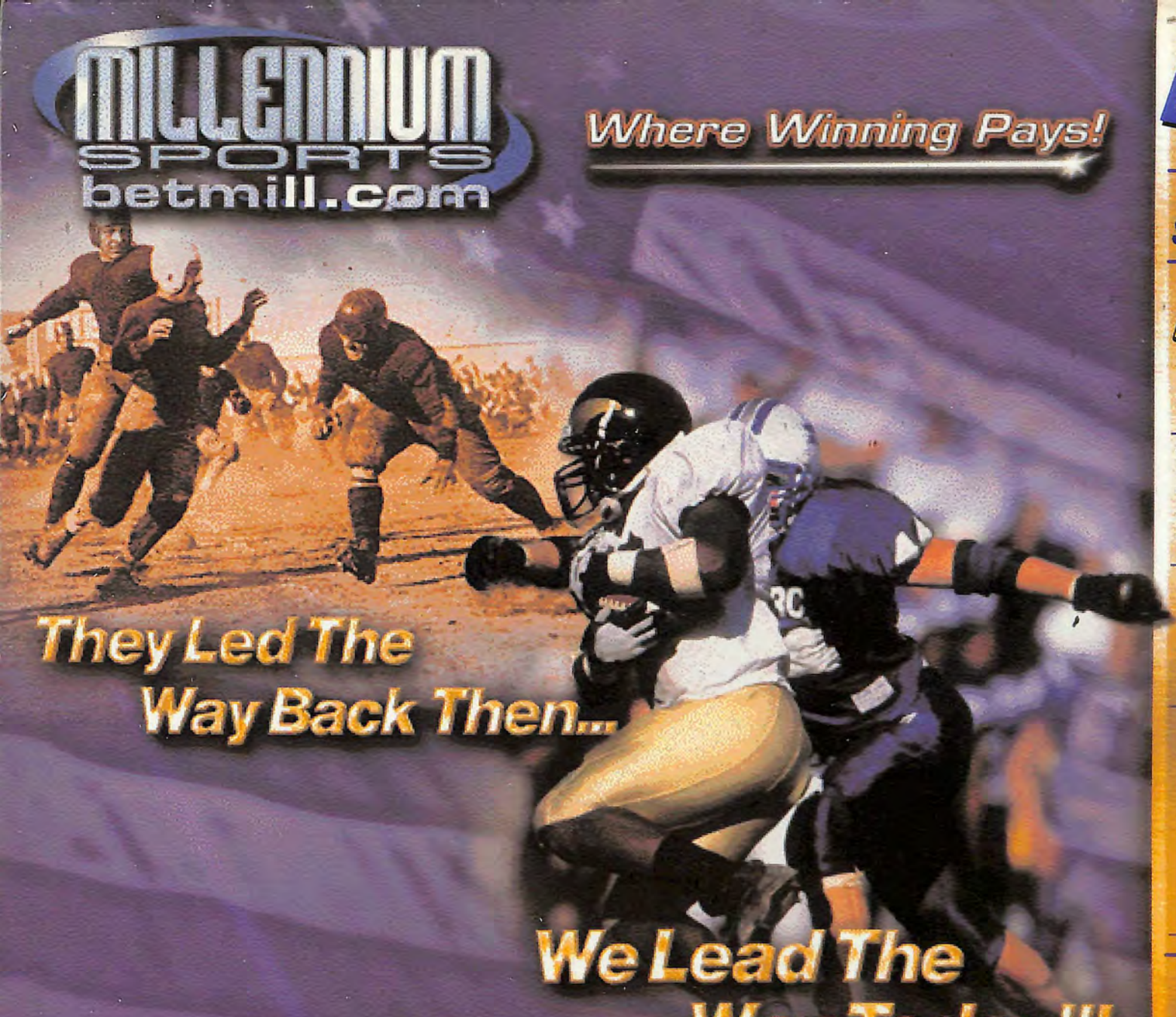

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